

WE West Erwin Church of Christ

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December 28, 2014

Volume 45 - No. 51

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song #622 Ring Out the Message Gary Ables
 Song #608 He Gave Me a Song
 Prayer Tommy McJunkins
 Song #353 One Day!
 Lord's Supper & Contribution Greg Jones
 Song #625 Zion's Call
 Scripture Luke 22:14-16 David Demic
 Song #359 I Love The Lord
 Message: **The Last Supper** Danny Snell
 Song #674 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
 Dismiss
 Song #694 Servant Song Don Crawford

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song #753 Farther Along Wayne Berryman
 Song #793 There's a Garden
 Prayer Gaylan Seagler
 Scripture Romans 6:1-4 James Sublette
 Song #786 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
 Song #759 Shall We Gather at the River
 Message: **I Resolve** Eric Thornton
 Song #902 Nothing But the Blood
 Song #813 Jesus, Meek and Gentle
 Dismiss Davy Carter

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.

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 Tuesday Lunch Bunch 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
 Clothing Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.

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 Kenneth Muncy Larry Murphey
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 Shaun Stamps Gene Chandler

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Nursery PM: Elizabeth Granberry

Toddlers PM: Dolores Kennedy

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Worship a.m.	498	654
Worship p.m.	249	423
Wed. p.m.	NC	298
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2 Cor. 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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Family Ideas

The Christmas break is a wonderful time together for most families! Lots of opportunities to spend some memorable time together. Why not make this break an extra special one by making some intentional memories!

Parents... don't underestimate how valuable this experience can be!

1. Serve together... Karing Kitchen (West Erwin Hosts on Dec. 29), Volunteer at Food Bank, Do something special for a needy family, Rake the leaves for an elderly person or someone who can't do it.
3. Visit somebody that has been sick or has recently lost a loved one.
4. Cook a meal together and take to somebody who could use it.
5. Have a devotional together and share these family memories.

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Consider the following from 1 Kings 21:25-26 "There was never a man like Ahab, who sold himself to do evil in the eyes of the Lord, urged on by Jezebel his wife. He behaved in the vilest manner by going after idols, like the Amorites the Lord drove out before Israel."

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Holiday Office Hours



The church office will be closed at noon on December 31st through January 1st. The Benevolence Center will be closed through January 5.

LTC Bible Quiz

LTC Bible Quiz will be starting on January 18th. Clifton and Christy Lindsey will be coaching this event.

Prayer & Care

Updates

Linda McClenny has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Kim Frick had a biopsy done on her lung Tuesday.

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WHAT'S IT GONNA COST ME?

Before we think about the purchase, before we tell our spouse, and before we sign on the dotted line; we all want to know what it will cost. We want to know the bottom dollar, the real deal, and the fine print, and that is the way it should be. Jesus agreed with that thought and in Luke 14:25-33, he tells the crowds and us, that following Jesus does come with a price. Here are four things we must be willing to give if we want to be a disciple of Jesus. They are: **An unrivaled love.** *If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple (14:26).* **An unceasing dying to self:** *Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple (14:27).* **An honest accounting:** *For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it (14:28)?* **A total surrender:** *So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple (14:33).* With Jesus, it is not how low you can get the cost, but rather how much are you willing to give to be one of His. It comes at a great cost, he demands your all; but the blessings he offers can't be beat. It is the deal of a lifetime!

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Kim Frick will be having a biopsy on her lung Tuesday at ETMC.

David Hannah, son of Ruth Bell, is now home.

Jodie Walko, daughter of Jo Ann Wilkinson, is having issues with recovery from surgery.

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Brayden Reeder, Wesley Smith, Ethan Stone, Logan Stone, Nathan Turner

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Jonathan Stone & Terry Frick

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM: Jennie Ables & Lesly Sandoval

Toddler AM: Melanie Benson
Guadalupe Saucedo

Nursery PM: Cayla Ables

Toddlers PM: Jessica Diller

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Song #1018 Joy to the World Gary Ables
Song #997 O Come, All Ye Faithful
Song #995 It Came upon the Midnight Clear
Prayer Dick Higginbotham
Song #1001 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Scripture *Matthew 17:14-20* Frank Debenport
Song #354 I Gave My Life for Thee
Lord's Supper & Contribution Don Durham
Song #1002 Angels We Have Heard on High
Message: **The Faith of a Mustard Seed** Donnie Carnathan
Song #943 Do You Know My Jesus?
Dismiss Jay Bynum
Song #1005 Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Danny Snell
Song Lance Yarema
Song #197 O 'Twas Wonderful Love
Prayer Larry Murphey
Scripture *Matthew 2:1-12* Jimmie Philpot
Song #230 Worthy Art Thou
Song #998 What Child is This?
Message: **The Story of Two Kings** Don Crawford
Song Who at the Door is Standing?
Song
Dismiss Wade Weathers

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"Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

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Thanks!

Thanks to all the Staff for helping with the Banquet this past Sunday night. It was a fun evening of food and fellowship! A special thanks to Jay Bynum, Carolyn Philpot and Connie Sublette for helping with the food.

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Special Contribution

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Thank You

A special thanks for the 40 carolers who came on Sunday to sing Christmas carols for the residents at Waterton. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
Davy Carter – Phil Barrows

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Karing Kitchen

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A DESOLATE HOUSE!

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" (Matt.23:37-39). In Matthew 22-23, we see some direct confrontations between Jesus and the religious rulers. It ended with this sad lament of Jesus over the spiritual condition of Jerusalem. There are some lessons to be learned here for those that don't accept Christ for who he is. **Past blessings do not guarantee future blessings.** God blessed Israel in the past, but their unbelief toward Jesus damaged their relationship with God. Israel's past did not obligate God to bless them in the present. **Faithfulness is the guarantee of blessedness.** If I am faithful, if I walk in the light, if I am obedient and merciful; then I will be blessed. If not, I face judgment. **When God judges, it is severe.** Scripture tells us that when God brings judgment; even upon his chosen, it is desolating, absolute, and complete. God wants us to learn from the mistakes of others because he loves us and he wants all to be saved. What shape is your house in?

Frances

Danny

Eric

Sharon

Donnie

Davy

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Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to the family of Mary McFadden. She passed away Thursday morning. Services are today at Burks Walker Tippett at 2:30. Visitation will be from 1:30-2:30 preceding the service. Burial at Cathedral in the Pines.

Our sympathy is extended to Sandra Park in the death of her mother.

Updates

Jo Ann Wilkinson's daughter, Jodie Walko, had surgery on Friday.

Mother Frances:

David Hannah, son of Ruth Bell, is receiving "wound care" in Continued Care.

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Song #797 Lord, We Come Before Thee Now
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Song #383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
Lord's Supper & Contribution Jim Boyd
Song #226 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Tom Cook
Scripture Ephesians 5:25-27
Song #250 The Great Redeemer
Message: **You Can't Love Jesus AND Hate the Church** Eric Thornton
Song #904 Have You Been to Jesus? Fred Wingate
Dismiss
Song #867 To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Danny Snell
Song #147 I Stand Amazed Davy Carter
Song #681 More Holiness Give Me
Prayer Chris Conder
Scripture 2 Chronicles 1:14-15 Ernie Gordon
Song #133 The Love of God
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Message: **The Greatness of Solomon** Don Crawford
Song #907 Hark the Gentle Voice
Song #650 Send the Light Charles Melville
Dismiss

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WINTERFEST INTEREST

The annual churches of Christ Winterfest youth convention is quickly coming upon us, and this year is the weekend of Jan. 16-18, in Arlington. Before beginning signups, we want to gauge and see if there is interest from our families here in going to the convention again, so if you are a high school student or parent of a high school student, and would like to attend this year's convention, please talk to Eric and let him know. If there is interest, we will begin signups and make hotel reservations right after Christmas.



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Consider the following from 1 Kings 14:7-8

Go, tell Jeroboam that this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'I raised you up from among the people and made you a leader over my people Israel. I tore the kingdom away from the house of David and gave it to you, but you have not been like my servant David, who kept my commands and followed me with all his heart, doing only what was right in my eyes.'

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Iron Men Breakfast

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Holiday Banquet

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Thank You

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent to Dad's funeral. He loved the West Erwin family and you were so helpful to him.

Thank you and God bless you,

The Robert Stokes Family

Thanks again for every expression of love and concern shown during the loss of my dear sister. John & I feel very blessed to be a part of this loving family!

John & Virginia Pike

I'll always remember the day my dear sister passed away and I'll always remember the many beautiful cards and the comforting words that came from you. Thank you for thinking of me.

In Christian love, Helen Boyd

Several notes were received from Boles Home thanking our group for decorating their campus for Christmas.

Last Saturday, December 6, a good number of our young people, elementary through high school, brought joy into the lives of those ladies who attended the annual Widow's Luncheon in the Family Life Center. The kids entertained by singing a number of Christmas carols. They did such a great job. Thank you so much for taking time to be a part of this wonderful occasion. Also, a huge thanks to the ladies that decorated, prepared food, and served the meal. Everything was just perfect. Thank you, David Hammond, for organizing, once again, the delivery of the beautiful poinsettias for our shut-ins, as well as providing poinsettias for the ladies that attended the luncheon. Lastly, for the men that came and delivered the poinsettias, thank you for your servant hearts. We are blessed to be a part of such a caring family here at West Erwin!!! Davy Carter

Benevolence Center

The Benevolence Center is in need of sheets, bedspreads, blankets, sleeping bags, coats and winter clothing.

New Members

We welcome Josh and Meagan Hays from Longview and Bill and Gene Perkins from Richardson to the West Erwin family.

Wednesday Night Ladies' Class

Bring your thoughts on "Wisdom" this Wednesday in the junior high classroom in the annex.

Prayer Request

Please pray for our search committee and our eldership during the process of finding the man God has prepared to be our pulpit minister.

This Week

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	P.M. Worship	5:00
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Wednesday Night Meal

Join us at 5:30 this Wednesday in the Family Life Center for our Wednesday night meal. This week we are serving **Bruno's Italian**. Adult dinners are \$5.00 and children eat for \$3.00. Sign up by indicating on your attendance card how many will eat with us.

Special Contribution

Our annual special contribution will be today. Be prayerful about our giving hearts and the impact of our donation.

Holiday Hours

The church office will be closed at noon on December 24 thru Friday, December 26. The Benevolence Center will be closed December 22 through January 5.

Holiday Banquet

Tonight we will have the holiday banquet after evening services. If you are able to help set up chairs after this morning's service please meet in the Family Life Center.

Holiday Schedule

There will be no Wednesday night services on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.



THE DANGERS OF JUST DRIFTING ALONG!

There was a story about a couple on vacation. The wife decided to get in a boat and just drift along and catch some sun. Her husband saw the tide carry her too far from shore, so he tried to swim out and bring her back to safety. Instead of rescuing her, he got himself in trouble. Luckily, a lifeguard managed to save them both. This story shows how just drifting along in life can get us into trouble. If we are not careful, we can drift away from God. Here are 5 things that can cause us to drift from God. **Out of control schedules;** how many people do you know that complain how busy their families are, yet they never do anything about it? **Misplaced affections;** the bible warns us about our priorities in life (1 Jo.2:15). If it does not improve our relationship with God, we need to be careful of it! **Being discontented;** looking for the positives takes a positive attitude. A positive attitude comes from a solid relationship with God. **Abundance;** we are blessed beyond compare. We all have more than we know what to do with. We can't let our "things" rule our life. **Growth hindering sin;** we need to be honest with ourselves and get rid of the things that are hurt our spiritual maturity (Heb.12:1). Remember, when we start drifting; we don't always see the danger!

Happy 60th Anniversary | Congratulations to Don and Wanda Weathers who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married at West Erwin on December 18, 1954.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Helen Boyd**. Her sister, Jewell Wilkins, passed away on December 1 in Lapeer, Michigan.

Our sympathy is with the **family of Evelyn Alme**. Services are planned for a later date.

Our sympathy is extended to **Brian Wells** in the death of his grandmother.

Updates

Nell Beard is under hospice care at Azalea Place.

Alison Hardaway, granddaughter-in-law of Janice Hardaway, is in hospice in Mississippi. She has brain cancer.

Karen Roberts, daughter of Bud and Charlotte Cawyer, suffered a fall and sustained several injuries.

George Daugherty is undergoing radiation.

Kalli Huff is home now.

Esther Wilson is home after having surgery to replace dialysis tubing.

Mother Frances:

David Hannah, son of Ruth Bell, is receiving "wound care" in Continued Care #438.

West Erwin Family

Bill Mullins | Louis Jones | Nettie Potts | Reta Bridges | Marjorie Ethridge | Charles Harris | Charles Rachui | George Daugherty | Aubrey Morman | Nell Beard

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Sermon Notes

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Brett Hone Jeff Horton
James Hughes Greg Jones
Matt Kelly Odie Kennedy

GREETERS

Info Center: Davy & Sonja Carter
Main Doors: Wayne & Bitsy Berryman
East Doors: Keith & Shirley Chandler
W. Erwin Doors: Helen Boyd

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Logan Metcalf, Luke Metcalf, Clay Mitcham, Jackson Parker, Wyatt Parker

SOUND BOOTH

Cal Wilkinson & Terry Frick

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM: Freida Starr & Litsy Villasenor

Toddler AM: Laurie Stone & Dennise Alas

Nursery PM: Stacy Turner

Toddlers PM: Sharon Beaver

Our Records	Nov. 30	Year Ago
Bible Class	382	456
Worship a.m.	517	644
Worship p.m.	238	278
Wed. p.m.	281	337
Contribution	\$21,683.16	\$21,484.65
Weekly Budget	\$26,651.00	

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
Song #162 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Gary Ables
Song #4 To God Be the Glory
Prayer Don Durham
Song #324 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?
Lord's Supper & Contribution Tom Hale
Song #587 Sing and Be Happy Gary Elrod
Scripture *Matthew 7:21*
Song #464 Because He Lives Danny Snell
Message: **Don't Forget What You Look Like**
Song #420 Cleanse Me Leon Welborn
Dismiss
Song #716 Sing to Me of Heaven

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
Song #596 In the Desert of Sorrow and Sin Wayne Berryman
Song #601 My God and I
Prayer David Hammond
Scripture *Revelation 20:11-12* Myron Granberry
Song 604 I Want to Be Ready to Meet Him
Song #620 Sunlight
Message: **Jude** Don Crawford
Song #605 I Will Serve You
Song #618 All Day Long
Dismiss Ralph Henderson

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LTC SIGNUPS - TONIGHT

Tonight is our annual LTC signups night in the Family Life Center, immediately following our evening worship services. Please make plans to join us so that we can get a count for space that will be needed for the weekend in April, as well as so that we can start recruiting coaches for events (we may need you!) We should be done in 45 minutes, so it won't be a late night. If you are coming to LTC, please plan on being at the meeting.

"SPECIAL LADIES" LUNCHEON SINGING - THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our teens and parents who came to the brunch for our ladies yesterday morning. It was very encouraging, both for me, and I know for all the ladies who came, that you gave up part of your Saturday to be there with them. Who cares what we sounded like!

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Consider the following from 1 Kings 14:22: *Judah did evil in the eyes of the Lord. By the sins they committed they stirred up his jealous anger more than their fathers had done.*

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Iron Men Breakfast

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Thank You

There are no words to express the depth of our love and appreciation for all your care. We have been encouraged by your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards and food. Thank you. Please continue to pray for my full recovery.

Charles and Phyllis Rachui

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The Benevolence Center is in need of sheets, bedspreads, blankets, sleeping bags, coats and winter clothing for all ages. They also need 12-oz jars of peanut butter.

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Leadership Training for Christ is for kids in 3rd-12th grades and their families. The LTC signup meeting will be in the FLC tonight after evening services.

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	Distribution	
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	Distribution	
	Young at Heart Christmas Dinner	6:00

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PROTECTING WHAT WE HOLD DEAR

We go to great lengths to protect what is precious to us. We take precautions with our children, our valuables, and our money. Peter adds an item to that list in 2 Peter 1:1-4; our faith. *"To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours..."(1:1)*. Our faith comes through the righteousness of God. Whatever blessings God offers, he offers them to all who make the choice to partake of them. **Guard your righteousness.** *"Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus..."(1:2)*. Knowledge is more than facts; it is a loving submission to things we don't understand in scripture, knowing them to be true because they come from God. **Increase your knowledge.** *"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him..."(1:3)*. We have the assurance of God's power and provision in our lives. Because of his power, we can live godly lives. **Use your power.** *"Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises...(1:4)*. God always keeps his promises. He has promised us the ability to escape the destructive nature of the world. **Receive your promise.** Is your faith precious to you? Are you doing all you can to protect it?

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Ernest Bradley** in the death of Ella Bradley last Sunday.

Hospice of East Texas
Evelyn Alme - Room 108

Children's Medical Center - Dallas
Kalli Huff

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Charlotte Caywer
East Doors: Gene &
Gwen Chandler
W. Erwin Doors: Ruth Bell

PICK UP CARDS

Logan Metcalf, Luke Metcalf,
Clay Mitcham, Jackson Parker,
Wyatt Parker

SOUND BOOTH

Cal Wilkinson &
Clifton Lindsey

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM: Lisa Snell &
Hannah Metcalf

Toddler AM: Mary Scarborough
& Jaci Philpot

Nursery PM: Shannon Snell

Toddlers PM: Sara Scarborough

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Bible Class	375	454
Worship a.m.	504	638
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Contribution	\$24,908.55	\$23,592.36
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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship
Song #63 I Will Call upon the Lord
Song #134 The Lord's My Shepherd
Prayer
Song #896 Ivory Palaces
Lord's Supper & Contribution
Song #611 Heavenly Sunlight
Scripture James 3:7-12
Song #895 I'll Live in Glory
Message: **"Be Careful How You Swing Your Sword"**
Song #662 All to Jesus I Surrender
Dismiss
Song #550 I Walk with the King

Donnie Carnathan
Gary Ables

Tom Cook

Chris Conder

Donald Cullum

Eric Thornton

Gaylean Seagler

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship
Song #4 To God be the Glory
Song #290 Shine, Jesus, Shine
Prayer
Scripture Genesis 4:1-5
Song I Want to be a Worker
Song #147 I Stand Amazed
Message: **Jude**
Song #945 Kneel at the Cross
Song #414 Anywhere with Jesus
Dismiss

Lance Yarema

Frank Debenport
Howard Dickson

Don Crawford

Tyler Dibble

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BOLES HOME SERVICE DAY – TODAY

West Erwin's Family Ministry will once again be participating in a service day at Boles Home for Children, and today is the day! As we did last year, any youth ministry students are welcome to come and help put up Christmas decorations whether or not your families choose to come. We will be leaving right after our morning assembly, so bring money for lunch and then, for those riding the bus, returning to West Erwin about 7:30pm.

"SPECIAL LADIES" LUNCHEON SINGING – DEC. 6TH

West Erwin church is full of special women, but once a year around Christmas, a luncheon is hosted for a group of "Special Ladies". **This year, the children as well as youth ministry will be singing Christmas carols as part of the entertainment at the event.** So teens, please plan on coming this Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 10:30am, to the FLC to help us share this event together. We will have a practice night to go over the songs this Wednesday, Dec. 3rd in the Heritage Room.

ZEW RETREAT FINAL THOUGHTS

Our theme for our junior high area-wide retreat this year was "Collide: When Heaven and Earth Meet". Steven Smith, the new youth minister at Glenwood, spoke at our retreat this year, and shared with us a lot of different thoughts. He spoke about not focusing so hard on heaven being the only reason we're Christians, but on what being a follower of Christ offers us today. We talked about putting others needs before our own, and how when we do, it actually benefits us as well. And at our last group devo with just our West Erwin teens, I asked the teens a question. If there is one thing you could change in your life that would make this Earth be more like a "heaven on Earth" place, what would it be? The same question can be asked of all of us. What can you change to make your own world look more like the one God desires for us?



Sunday Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes will be studying the Prison Epistles. The title of our study is "Flourish." The lesson this week... *Brotherly Love* ... from Philemon... More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us! Consider the following from Philemon 1:9
"yet I appeal to you on the basis of love."

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Boles Home Family Service Project

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Holiday Banquet

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LTC

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All Church Dinner

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Youth Singing

Our elementary-age kids through high school will sing at our Special Ladies' Luncheon on December 6th in the Family Life Center. Be there from 10:30 until 11:00.

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SOMETIMES THE NEWS GETS ME DOWN!

Two news stories caught my attention this morning as I woke up. The first was the reaction to the Grand Jury decision not to indict the police officer in Ferguson, Missouri for the shooting of Michael Brown. As a result, rioting, looting, and fires swept the city. Businesses were burned, shots were fired, and by the grace of God, no one was killed that night. The second story that caught my eye was a story of how to avoid the stress of the holidays. In that story, a poll was taken and only 51% of the people polled were looking forward to seeing their families for the holidays. In my mind, both of these stories speak to where our society is at today. While the shooting of Michael Brown was indeed a tragedy, how is destroying businesses in the community going to help the problem? Has the fabric of our families eroded to the point where we no longer want to get together? I take us back to something Moses told the Israelites before they went into the promised land, *Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who keep his commandment, to a thousand generations (Deut.7:9).* We live in a society that for the most part has forgotten God. I believe today that we need him more than ever.

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Prayer & Care

Alison Hardaway, granddaughter-in-law of Janice Hardaway, is now in hospice in Mississippi. She has brain cancer.

Sympathy:

Our sympathy is extended to **Jeremiah Moore** in the death of his grandfather, Robert Moore.

Our sympathy is with **Keith Hodges** in the death of his father this last Friday.

Mother Frances:

Beau Lewis suffered a heart attack. He is in the Louis and Peaches Owen Heart Hospital.

Pat Lewis was admitted to Mother Frances because they are having difficulty regulating her blood pressure. **The Lewises** request no visitors at this time but have asked for our prayers.

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Updates:

George Daugherty is now home and will be undergoing radiation.

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Bible Class	369	442
Worship a.m.	503	589
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Wed. p.m.	279	337
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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship

Song #608 He Gave Me a Song.

Song #794 Unto Thee, O Lord

Prayer

Song #332 Lead Me to Calvary

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Song #221 Jesus, Name Above All Names

Scripture Romans 5:1-5

Song #76 How Great Thou Art

Message: **What Does Jesus Say About Our ATTITUDE?**

Song #940 Only a Step

Dismiss

Song #915 Trust and Obey

Danny Snell

Gary Ables

Larry Bridges

Michael Carnathan

Scott Albritton

Donnie Carnathan

Phil Marts

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship

Song #548 The Lily of the Valley

Song #549 There Is Sunshine in My Soul

Prayer

Scripture Acts 10:28-32

Song #550 I Walk with the King

Song #546 Til the Storm Passes By

Message: **Jude**

Song #553 I'll Live for Him

Song #565 Sweeter As the Years Go By

Dismiss

Danny Snell

Wayne Berryman

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Tom Clark

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NO DEVO TONIGHT – ZEW WEEKEND

After a weekend of very little sleep with bunk rooms full of junior high students, we want to encourage all of our youth group families to spend today catching up on rest, homework, and even some sleep tonight after church.

ZEW RETREAT – “COLLIDE”

A big thank you goes out to Marc and Ginger Philpot for volunteering to be our adult leaders this weekend in Lone Star at our “Zealous Everyday Warriors” junior high retreat. Ask one of our junior high students wearing this logo shirt what it was all about!



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Iron Men Breakfast

Our Iron Men’s Breakfast has been a really great time together this year. We are planning to take the month of December off and meet again on Jan. 15. A special thanks to all the men who have attended & helped cook each month. A special “Thanks” to Chad Chauncey for leading our discussions. “As Iron Sharpens Iron, So One Sharpens Another.”

Boles Home Family Service Project

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WHEELCHAIRS!

Owen and Beau spent the night with us this past Saturday. That night, I lay down with Owen so he could say his prayers. Now Owen likes to pray, and he covers a lot of ground with his prayers. Right in the middle of his prayer, he asked God to take care of all the “people in wheelchairs”! I don’t know what prompted that, but in my mind I figured Owen looked at people in wheelchairs as someone who needed to be prayed for. That is a pretty good heart for a five year old, wouldn’t you say? If we want to be like Jesus, we need to care for people the way that Jesus did. Here are some examples. In Luke 7, Jesus raised the son of a widow woman from Nain. This was a woman in dire need and after he raised the young man, he “gave him to his mother”. In Matt. 8, we read of where Jesus healed the leper. Matthew said that Jesus “stretched out his hand and touched him”. How long do you think it had been since the leper had felt the touch of another? In Mark 5, Jesus healed the woman who had been bleeding for 12 years. She knew that she would be better if she just “touched his garment”. Jesus cared for the “untouchables”, those in deep sorrow, and those who had suffered for many years. Jesus cared for the ones that most people passed by. Who will you care for?

Benevolence Center

The Benevolence Center is in need of sheets, bedspreads, blankets, sleeping bags, coats and winter clothing for all ages. They also need 12-oz jars of peanut butter.

Wednesday Night Teachers

Thank you to those who volunteered to take over the teaching for those wanting to attend “Growing Kids God’s Way” classes.

LTC

The LTC signup meeting will be in the Family Life Center on December 7th. Kids 3rd-12th grades are welcome.

Thanksgiving Devotional

Services will be held in the Family Life Center this Wednesday night. Pie, coffee and hot chocolate will be served. Our regular classes for children and adults will not be meeting.

All Church Dinner

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 14th! We will have an all-church dinner after evening services at the Family Life Center.

Special Contribution

Our annual special contribution will be Sunday, Dec. 14. Be prayerful about our giving hearts and the impact of our donation.

Youth Singing

Our elementary-age kids through high school will sing at our Special Ladies’ Luncheon on December 6th in the Family Life Center. Be there from 10:30 until 11:00.

You are invited to celebrate
the “Hitchin’” of
Rob and Candace Hilliard
who were married on November 21.

Where:
West Erwin Church of Christ
Family Life Center
421 West Erwin, Tyler, TX

When:
November 29, 2014 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Come and Go/Casual Attire
No Presents, only your presence.

~ Carolyn Womack
Mother of the Bride

This Week

Sun. 11/23	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00
	A.M. Worship	10:00
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Mon. 11/24	West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen	5-7
Tues. 11/25	Benev. Ctr will be closed.	
Wed. 11/26	Benev. Ctr will be closed.	
	Church office closes at noon.	
	Thanksgiving Devotional-FLC	7:00
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Prayer & Care

With Sympathy:

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Our sympathy is with Jayson Cody in the death of his mother, Ann Sullivan, in California.

Mother Frances:

- **George Daugherty** had a severe loss of blood. He will be in the hospital a little while.
- **David Hannah**, son of Ruth Bell, is receiving "wound care" in Continued Care #438.

Updates:

Charles Rachui is now home.

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Song #718 We Shall Assemble Gary Ables
Song #18 Faithful Love
Prayer Wayne Berryman
Song #361 Nailed to the Cross
Lord's Supper & Contribution Fred Wingate
Song #634 We'll Work Till Jesus Comes
Scripture 1 Corinthians 13:13 Chris Ables
Song #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
Message: **But the Greatest of These Is ...** Danny Snell
Song #904 Have You Been to Jesus? Bill Mullins
Dismiss
Song #1007 America the Beautiful

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
Song #514 Redeemed Davy Carter
Song #682 Purer Yet and Purer
Prayer Jim Boyd
Scripture Matthew 23:11-12 Dale White
Song #610 I Love My Savior
Song #375 Oh, The Depths and the Riches
Message: **Jude** Don Crawford
Song #909 There's A Fountain Free
Song #469 Faith is The Victory
Dismiss Bud Cawyer

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Thank You

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To Our West Erwin Family (We love you), We want to thank you for the candy, calls, cards, visits, meals and also the ones that sit with me.

Thank you very much!

We love y'all,
Clinton and Louise Culpepper

Used Eyeglasses Needed

H. D. Simmons, a preacher in Portland, TX, is gathering used eyeglasses to take to Jamaica where he takes annual mission trips. If you have eyeglasses at home you aren't using and would like to donate them, place them in the box at the Information Center in the foyer. They will be put to good use.

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- Benjamin Franklin



CONTENTMENT; IT'S A CHOICE

Many people associate wealth with contentment but headlines show us that the wealthy can suffer with life also. I have seen a lack of contentment in the wealthy along with the poor, so there has to be something else to contentment in life. Paul said that he had learned the secret to contentment no matter what the situation was in life and that the key to his strength was because of his relationship with Christ (Phil. 4:11-13). I believe that our spiritual strength has more to do with contentment than our financial strength. What can we learn from scripture about contentment? **We can learn to give thanks in all things.** Thanksgiving is a command and also a trait of those that lead a life that is controlled by the Spirit (Eph.5:18-20). **We can learn to live in God's promises.** Paul tells us that if we love the Lord, trust in him, and have faith; things will work out for the better (Rom. 8:28). **We can learn to live above our circumstances.** When we are at our poorest, our weakest, and most afflicted and we still can praise and serve God, we bring glory to God (2 Cor. 12:9-10). **We can learn to be concerned with the well-being of others.** *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves (Phil. 2:3).* Amen!

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Prayer & Care

Updates

Mother Frances:

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Bailey Hammond

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Bible Class	388	462
Worship a.m.	520	628
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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song #881 Mansion over the Hilltop	Gary Ables
Song #8 Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing	
Prayer	J.R. Tharpe
Song #364 Come, Share the Lord	
Lord's Supper & Contribution	James Sublette
Song #139 In Heavenly Love Abiding	
Scripture Luke 6:43-45	Wade Weathers
Song #895 I'll Live in Glory	
Message: I Think (or Hope) I'm a Grape?	Eric Thornton
Song #672 Give Me Thy Heart	
Dismiss	Greg Jones
Song #2 We Praise Thee, O God	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song #957 This World is Not My Home	Lance Yarema
Song Where Could I Go?	
Prayer	Leon Welborn
Scripture Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17	Randy Turner
Song #574 Oh, How I Love Jesus	
Song #524 I Know Whom I Have Believed	
Message: Why Did He Do It?	Donnie Carnathan
Song #666 I Am Thine, O Lord	
Song #867 To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way	
Dismiss	Jonathan Stone

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FALL FESTIVAL THANK YOU'S

There was not room in last week's section for this due to so much going on, but there is in this week's. This year's Fall Festival would not have been possible without some folks, and they need to know how valued and loved they are. First, our youth ministry students, who setup and create the entire environment for the night. They spend hours decorating and then running their booths, all for the children of this church. They gain nothing personal from all their hard work, it is simply one for others. I pray that your children and those that visited that night were blessed by our teens. Secondly, to David Hammond, who spent hours helping the teens setup, and along with Sharon, prepared food, kept it stocked, all behind the scenes, and I am indebted to them. And thirdly, to Mark Philpot, who cooked our hot dogs for the night, and then stuck around late after everyone else left to help clean. Without servants, something done strictly for others doesn't happen. I am thankful for those who choose to serve joyfully in this church, and pray our church family can be filled with hearts like them.



THE RIGHT BREAD; THE WRONG REASONS

In John 6:35, Jesus said, "I am the bread of life". Jesus made this statement to a large crowd that was seeking him out after He had fed the 5,000. Even though they were seeking the right thing; Jesus told them that their attitude was wrong. Learning from their mistakes can help us in the way we are seeking Jesus today. Jesus said they had **wrong motives**. They were looking for the daily physical bread for their bodies and not the spiritual bread they needed. By seeking the physical, they missed the true meaning of the miracle; Jesus is the supplier of much more than just physical life. They also had the **wrong method**. They wanted a list of rules and regulations in order to gain favor with God. They felt that meeting certain requirements would then put God in obligation to them. Our key to obedience lies in the fact of accepting Jesus as the Son of God and trusting in his promises. They also had a **wrong request**. Even though they had the Son of God standing before them, and had just witnessed a great miracle; they still demanded another sign. We can see evidences of God all around us if we look in faith. Jesus is the "bread of life". He gives and sustains spiritual life; lives of faith, trust, and love. It is only possible with Jesus. Is that the bread you are seeking?



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Consider the following from Phil 4:11-13...

"I am not saying this because I am in need, for 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 in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

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Iron Men Breakfast

Our next Iron Men's Breakfast will be Thursday, Nov. 20 at the Family Life Center at 6:00 a.m. Sign up at the Information Center if you plan to attend! "As Iron Sharpens Iron, So One Sharpens Another."

Boles Home Family Service Project

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Nov. 30 for our Family Service Day at Boles Home. More details to come but put it on your calendar!

Thank You

Dear West Erwin Family,
Thank you for the prayers and calls after my blackout at church Sunday. I especially want to thank Laurie Hartwig, Brett Hone, Ken Culpepper and others for taking care of me til the ambulance came. I also thank Ken for taking care of Dolores and getting her to the hospital. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.

In Christian Love,
Odie & Dolores Kennedy

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Prayer & Care

Hospitalized:

ETMC:

Linda Llano, a worker at the Benevolent Center, had a heart attack.

With Sympathy:

Shirley Stevens, former member of West Erwin and sister-in-law of Bettye Price, died in Alabama from cancer.

Updates

Debbie Jones' mother is having surgery for stage 1 uterine cancer | Evelyn Messer's great grandson, **Carson Underwood**, is 4 years old and has suffered 2 seizures recently | Freida Starr's niece, **Terri Carter**, is having health issues. | **Morgan Evans**, 29 year old granddaughter of Nancy Lunceford and daughter of Laurie Hartwig, has been diagnosed with tongue cancer. More tests will be done, but the doctor at the cancer center found cancer only on the tongue and not in the lymph glands. Surgery will be required and "rebuilding" of the tongue will be done. There will also be radiation.

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Bible Class	408	471
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WE West Erwin Church of Christ

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Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
Song #96 I Stand in Awe Gary Ables
Song #608 He Gave Me a Song
Prayer Gaylan Seagler
Song # 314 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Lord's Supper & Contribution Shaun Stamps
Song #538 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Scripture *Philippians 4:4-8* James Sublette
Song #266 Majesty
Message: **What Does Jesus Say About the Heart?** Donnie Carnathan
Song #625 Zion's Call Jay Bynum
Dismiss
Song #694 Servant Song

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
Song #797 Lord, We Come Before Thee Davy Carter
Song #51 Father of Mercies
Prayer Chris Reynolds
Scripture *Malachi 1:6-9* Billy Terrell
Song #587 Sing and Be Happy
Song #112 Wonderful Grace of Jesus
Message: **My "Best"?** Eric Thornton
Song #943 Do You Know My Jesus
Song #660 People Need the Lord
Dismiss Dennis Stansbury

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HARDING BLACK & GOLD DINNER - NOV. 6TH

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The entire Mink Family
Matthew 19:26

Dear West Erwin Family, Thank each of you for the love and concern extended to Sue and me because of the death of my sister, Mildred Barfoot. We appreciate the flowers sent for her funeral and we are grateful for all the kind words, calls, and cards you sent. We are very pleased to be part of this loving church.
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Brant Prestidge

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Phone Lost

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OH HOW HE LOVES US AGAIN!

I wanted to continue on with the theme of last week's article on how much God loves us. Here are a few more scriptures for your consideration. *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved (Eph.2:4-5).* We need to love with a merciful love that overlooks wrongs and faults of others. It is all a part of living gracefully. *In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another (1 Jo.4:9-11).* God expects us to love as He loved. Loving with the love of God is more than vocalizing; it is shown with our actions. *Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you (1 Peter 5:6-7).* I am amazed that our powerful God of creation, who daily takes care of his countless children around the world, who constantly battles Satan on our behalf, yet he also calms our anxieties. Oh how He loves us!

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Hospitalized

Mother Frances: Charles Rachui had surgery Thursday. It went well.

Morgan Evans, 29 year old granddaughter of Nancy Lunceford and daughter of Laurie Hartwig, has been diagnosed with aggressive oral cancer. She lives in Michigan and will receive treatment there at a cancer hospital.

With Sympathy:

Mildred Barfoot, sister of Danny Skipper passed away Wednesday in Memphis, TN.

Updates

Terry Frick had successful back surgery last Thursday and is home now. | **Clinton Culpepper** was moved to The Clairmont. | **Charles Harris** is moving to Sterling House #127 on Tuesday. | **Betty Bray** had a total hip replacement recently. She is doing well and is at home. | **Michael Carnathan** is suffering from shingles.

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Worship a.m.	559	660
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Welcome/Call to Worship

Song #745 Humble Yourself

Song #484 You Are My All in All

Prayer

Song # 395 Follow Me

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Song #117 God Is the Fountain Whence

Scripture Matthew 5:3-11

Song #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Message: **To "Be" Like Jesus**

Song #420 Cleanse Me

Dismiss

Song #38 Awesome God

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship

Song #19 Come, Thou Almighty King

Song #43 All Things Praise Thee

Prayer

Scripture Romans 12:9-18

Song #69 God Holds the Future in His Hands

Song #70 Ah, Lord God

Message: **Edification**

Song #71 As The Deer

Song #13 Day Is Dying in the West

Dismiss

Donnie Carnathan
Gary Ables

Larry Murphey

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Sunday Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes will be studying the Prison Epistles. The title of our study is "Flourish." The lesson this week... **Humility**... from Philippians 1-2 ... More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following from Phil 2:3-5...

"3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. 4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus..."

Growing Kids God's Way

We are having a special class for parents on Wednesday nights called - Growing Kids God's Way. We will begin on Wednesday Nov. 5. There is a sign up list at the Welcome Center. Each couple will need a workbook and the cost is \$10. Please sign up by Sunday Nov. 2.

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Thank You

To my Christian family,
Thank you for the many cards, prayers, phone calls, beautiful flower basket and delicious food served to us after the funeral. The singing was so beautiful.
In Christian Love,
The Willis Family

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, visits and cards while in the hospital. Your love and concern is greatly appreciated.
Reta Bridges

Thank you for the birthday cards-
Each card was very beautiful and I am grateful to each of you for remembering my birthday.
Love,
Mozelle Brown

Prayer Request

Please pray for the search committee and eldership as they are in the process of finding the right man who God has prepared to be our pulpit minister.

Bridal Shower

Ladies, you are invited to attend a bridal shower honoring Chelsea Willis, bride-elect of Jared Jordan, son of Kurt and Kimberly Jordan, November 9th from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Selections are at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Ladies' Day

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Welcome New Members

Louise and Barbara Caskey placed membership last week. Please make them feel welcomed.

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Gospel Meeting

You are invited to attend a Gospel Meeting at University Church of Christ November 2-5. The speaker will be Mike Vestal from Midland. For times see the flyer at the information center.



OH HOW HE LOVES US!

Monday morning as I was coming to work, I heard a song on the radio that lifted my spirits. The chorus of the song repeats the phrase of "Oh How He Loves Us". You probably hear that phrase a dozen times throughout the song. It speaks volumes of what God has done for us and why he does them. This morning it has made me go in search of scripture that speaks of God's love for us. Meditate on these today: *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Ro. 8: 37-39).* Unlike us, God does not pick and choose who He loves, and when He loves, He loves without stopping. *God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Ro.5:8).* Even when wronged, even when taken advantage of, and even when the sacrifice of His own son was ignored, God still loved. *But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness (Psa.86:15).* God's love is full of grace and mercy; it is constant and he loves in spite of our faults. Oh how He loves us!

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship

Song #517 Heaven Came Down Gary Ables

Song #134 The Lord's My Shepherd Prayer Dick Higginbotham

Song # 376 He Paid a Debt

Lord's Supper & Contribution Clifton Lindsey

Song #615 He Keeps Me Singing

Scripture Luke 6:12-16 Brett Hone

Song #448 The Greatest Commands

Message: **Why Were They "Called"?** Eric Thornton

Song #903 There Is Power in the Blood

Dismiss

Song #874 Walking Alone at Eve Fred Wingate

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship

Song #578 We Will Glorify Lance Yarema

Song #189 Master The Tempest is Raging

Prayer

Scripture Mark 16:15-16

Song Where Could I Go?

Song#650 Send the Light

Message: **The Primary Plan**

Song #417 Where He Leads I'll Follow

Song #749 The Battle Belongs to the Lord

Dismiss

Charles Melville

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NO DEVO THIS WEEK – SMALL GROUPS

Today is the 3rd Sunday of October, and that means West Erwin's Small Groups are tonight after the evening assembly. Please make plans for your family to be at your small group and have a great evening together!

WEYM FAMILY DAY – THANK YOU

A huge thank you goes out to Wade and Diane Weathers for hosting the youth group at their home last night for our first WEYM Family Day. We had a great afternoon/evening together, and hope this will be the-start of many more family opportunities together! And thank you also to those who helped with food.

FALL FESTIVAL SETUP DAY – OCT. 25TH

This coming Saturday, Oct. 25th, from 11:30-2pm, the FLC will be open for our teens to come and setup their booths for the Fall Festival the next day. There needs to be AT LEAST part of your group that comes and sets up, don't plan on doing it all on Sunday right before it starts!

FALL FESTIVAL – OCT. 26TH

West Erwin's annual Fall Festival for kids from birth through the 5th grade is one week from today. As always, we will have a bounce house and an abundance of fun booths for our children to enjoy, all run and manned by our teenagers. There will be contests for best costumes by age groups, and LOTS of candy to give away. So please make plans to stick around after our evening assembly on the 26th. Wear regular clothes to worship, and then CHANGE INTO YOUR COSTUMES!



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Family Day @ Brookshires Park

Rain, Rain, Go Away... In spite of the un-forecasted deluge of rain this past Sunday, we still had a wonderful day at Brookshires Park! about 150 brave souls turned out for the afternoon of Food, Fellowship & Fun. We ended the day with a very special time of worship. It is a blessing to worship with God's people. We look forward to the next time! A very special "Thanks" to all of those who made it happen: Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot, Mark & Ginger Philpot, Keith & Jennifer Skender, James & Connie Sublette, Davy Carter, Jonathan & Laurie Stone and many others!

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A lot has happened over these six years, yet in number of baptisms or attendance of the church it may not look like it. We have grown greatly in the knowledge of Scripture, none more than me. We have studied deeply and greatly, had special meetings such as with Kyle Butt from Apologetics Correspondence Course, church websites, and many other endeavors. We have had baptisms, marriages, people asking for prayers, and such, just like all other churches in the brotherhood.

Valentina and I are especially thankful for the support, both monetarily and spiritually, that our loving family in Tyler has so selflessly given to us over the years. We have tried to make sure that it was used for the furtherance of the word of God. The church here is standing for the cause of God in this area because of your love. While it was here before we came and, of course, could have been without us, for right now you are here with us spreading the Gospel to the part of America and doing the job God expects of His people.

Thank you so much for all you have done for us.

Sincerely in the work set before us,

GW and Valentina Cliver
Seaford Church of Christ, Seaford, Delaware

House Parents Needed

Cherokee Home for Children is seeking a qualified, Christian couple as house parents at their facility. They are now offering one-week or two-week paid internships to learn more about the job before becoming full time. See the flyer at the Info Center for more details.

Houseparents are also needed at Tipton Children's Home in Tipton, Oklahoma. See the office for more information.

Area Events

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Lost and Found

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Save the Date

The North Jefferson Church of Christ in Mt. Pleasant is hosting a Partnership Dinner for Heritage Christian University on November 6th. More information to follow.



WHY SHOULD I HOLD HER BACK?

The other day, I was outside playing with three of my Tyler grandchildren, Davis, Reed, and Mikah. We were around the corner playing football when the sky darkened, it thundered, and in no time, we were in a downpour. We screamed like little girls and took off running for our house. Of course the boys couldn't wait on their PaPaw or their 3 year old sister, so I picked Mikah up and took off after them. I quickly realized that by carrying Mikah, I was getting her wetter, because she is much faster than me. Why should I hold her back? I meant well, but it was the wrong thing to do. I put her down and we both made faster time to the porch. As I was sitting there gasping for breath, all three wanted to go back out and run through the rain again! I look back on the experience and laugh, but it also made me think of how we do that in the church sometimes. I have seen young Christians that were "held back" in their journey to spiritual maturity by an ill-timed criticism, a sharp rebuke, or a bad spiritual example from someone. We mean well, but sometimes we can be too harsh with our corrections or act to rashly. Our goal should be the encouragement to mature, not to prove our own point. Just like my grandchildren and I; we're all just trying to "get out of the storm".

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Bible Class	420	450
Worship a.m.	540	667
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October 12, 2014

Volume 45 - No. 40

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Welcome/Call to Worship
Song #180 Jesus Is Lord
Song #121 Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing
Prayer
Song #313 The Old Rugged Cross
Lord's Supper & Contribution
Song #766 Open Our Eyes, Lord
Scripture John 8:23-30
Song #412 Jesus, Hold My Hand
Message: **From the Water to the Fire**
Song #943 Do You Know My Jesus?
Dismiss
Song #885 How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

Danny Snell
Gary Ables

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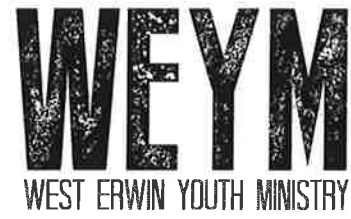
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Men's Night @ Lock-N-Load

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BREAKFAST WITH BERTIE!

Last Saturday, Suzie and I went to one of our favorite restaurants in Lindale for breakfast. The name of the restaurant is *Simply Bertie's* and a neat thing happened during our meal. It seems that they now offer a new service. That morning, Bertie (the owner) stood up and got everybody's attention. Standing beside her was a young man that was getting married that afternoon. She told everyone in the restaurant that they were going to pray for the couple and anybody could join in if they wanted. The group went into the back dining room and that is just what they did. I have to admit, that was a first for me. I don't know his background, but it must have made an impression on that young man to find out that a group of strangers were willing to stop their meal and pray for him and his future wife. We are blessed to live in an area where so many people realize the need for God's blessings in their lives. As the church, we need to embrace those opportunities as they present themselves and be willing to show others our love for Christ and our love for our fellow man. Prayer is an excellent way to introduce someone to Jesus and that is what God wants from his church. Don't be afraid to show people your faith; you never know how you might touch them!

Thank You

To the West Erwin family, Thank you so much for the love and concern showed to me when I was having health issues recently. Your visits, cards, and phone calls, were greatly appreciated. Sandra and I are so blessed to be a part of this church family. In Christian love,
Fred and Sandra Wingate

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you so much for the visits, calls, cards and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. It is such a joy to have such a caring family. In Christian love,

Suzie Roden

Thanks to all the families who brought me food. My family is very grateful! Also, thank you for each family who sent me cards. I am thankful to God for blessing me with our church family.

Blanca Ortiz

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Thurs. 10/16	Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution	8:30-10:30

New Staff Member

We want to welcome **Sharon Hammond** to the West Erwin office staff! Sharon will be taking Lindsay's place as the Communication Administrative Assistant. Lindsay has taken a job with Lindale High School teaching English. Thank you to Lindsay for serving West Erwin so well for the past five years! Lindsay's last day will be Friday, and she and Sharon will work together this week. Please make a point to encourage Sharon and welcome her to our staff! Her email address is sharonh@westerwin.org.

Fun Night Out!

If you are looking to have a fun night out with entertainment, go see **Davy Carter** at the Gladewater Opry! He will be performing Sat., Oct. 18 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

Volunteers Needed

The family of **Louise Culpepper** is looking for some help for a couple of days a week. If you would be able to sit with Louise to relieve Cathy at the Culpepper's home, please let the church office know so we can begin compiling a list. Call 903-592-0809 or email office@westerwin.org.

Thank You

A big thank you to Danny, Don, Donnie & Eric who are filling in preaching during our preaching minister search. We are so blessed at West Erwin to have these men who are not only able to preach, but willing to do so and do such a good job! Also, thank you to others who have filled in when asked. You all make a great team!

Lost & Found/Dishes

Please go by the Lost & Found cabinet in the main foyer to see if any items there belong to you. Also, if you took a meal to the Ortiz family, your dishes are in the church office.

Congratulations

A big CONGRATS to **Barrett Carter**! He was accepted into Harding University School of Pharmacy! Way to go, Barrett! Continue to keep him in your prayers as he starts this new journey.

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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.

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 **2-4** are invited to our Children's Worship during Sunday morning service that meets in the 3-year-old classroom and **grades K-3rd** meet in the Heritage Room. They will be dismissed from the worship service before the sermon. During Sunday evening services, children age **3-5** meet in the Heritage Room and **grades K-3rd** meet in the Small Auditorium.

Prayer & Care

Hospitalized

Mother Frances: Charles Rachui | **Clinton Culpepper**, moved to Continued Care, room 436. Visitors appreciated! | **Hospice of East Texas: Robert Stokes**

Updates

Suzie Roden had carotid artery surgery on Thursday at ETMC. | **Diane Denman** has been diagnosed with chronic hives. | **Kalli Huff** is now home.

With Sympathy

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
Song #794 Unto Thee, O Lord Gary Ables
Song #797 Lord, We Come Before Thee Now
Prayer Gary Elrod
Song # 383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
Lord's Supper & Contribution Don Crawford
Song #226 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Scripture Luke 2:52 Myron Granberry
Song #490 It Is Well with My Soul
Message: **The Child King** Danny Snell
Song #915 Trust and Obey Gaylan Seagler
Dismiss
Song #859 When All of God's Singers Get Home

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
Song #287 There Is a Redeemer Davy Carter
Song #801 Where No One Stands Alone
Prayer Tom Hale
Scripture Matt. 24:36-44 Wyatt Gruver
Song #864 Where The Gates Swing Outward Never
Song #1005 Beautiful Star of Bethlehem
Message: **Yes. I am Coming Soon** Don Crawford
Song #940 Only a Step
Song #736 To Christ Be True
Dismiss David Hammond

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WEYM

WEST ERWIN YOUTH MINISTRY

GATHERING AREA WIDE – TONIGHT

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And The Survey Says...

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The Elders

World Bible School

There will be an introduction meeting for anyone interested in helping with World Bible School on Sunday, October 5 from 4:15-4:45 p.m. in room 112. The topics include plans for the future, how to logon and how to sign up as a teacher. There will also be time for questions. Please bring your electronic devices for hands on experience. See Jim Boyd for more details.

K-5th Fun Night

All K-5th graders & parents are invited to a night of food, fun & fellowship in the FLC on Sunday, October 5, after PM services. Please bring \$3 per person for food. Please sign up at the Information Center in the foyer if you plan to come!

EEM

Last week was Eastern European Mission's Million Dollar Sunday. In an effort to put Bibles in schools in the Ukraine, churches all over the world gave to EEM. The West Erwin church is giving \$15,000! We are thankful to God for giving our church such giving hearts!

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WATCH HOW YOU WALK!

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-3). In this passage, Paul is giving the church in Ephesus some qualities that they should be showing in their lives. He describes these qualities as a "worthy walk" and they are characteristics that all churches should be known for. Christians **need to walk in humility**; our exalted status with God is not a product of our own performance. **We need to walk gently**; we need to be careful of becoming too prideful or arrogant in our dealings with others. **We need to walk in patience**; we need to show patience with our fellow Christians and also to those outside of the church. We need to be patient when we are working with those that are outside of Christ. Remember what you were without Christ! **We need to walk with loving forbearance.** It is hard to keep a positive attitude when we are dealing with those that exhibit immature actions and take advantage of us, but God calls us to that standard. It does matter how we walk in life; we are representing Christ to the world!

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Updates

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With Sympathy

Services for **Joe McBee** were Wednesday at West Erwin Church of Christ. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with Frances & the family.

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Song #622 Ring Out the Message Gary Ables
Song #624 Seeking the Lost
Prayer Will Christian
Song # 324 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed? Tom Cook
Lord's Supper & Contribution
Song #831 Let Me Live Close to Thee Donald Cullum
Scripture Eph. 2:1-3
Song #895 I'll Live in Glory
Message: **You Can't Make It Without Him** Eric Thornton
Song #922 Jesus Paid It All Bill Mullins
Dismiss
Song #528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Danny Snell
Song #493 It Is No Secret Wayne Berryman
Song #387 Tell Me the Story of Jesus
Scripture 1 Cor. 13:7
Prayer Rick Fedell
Song #581 I'd Rather Have Jesus Tyler Dibble
Song # 353 One Day!
Message: **A Cloak of Love** Chris White
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WEYM FAMILY DAY AT THE WEATHERS – OCT. 18TH

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World Bible School

There will be an introduction meeting for anyone interested in helping with World Bible School on Sunday, October 5 from 4:15-4:45 p.m. in room 112. The topics include plans for the future, how to logon and how to sign up as a teacher. There will also be time for questions. Please bring your electronic devices for hands on experience. See Jim Boyd for more details.

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New Members!

Lauro Serrano

2914 Tanglewood, Tyler, TX 75701
903-920-6898 | kimogladiador@email.com

Jesse Quinones

2112 Pinkerton Dr., Tyler, TX 75701
903-539-1469

Roberto & Dalia Espinoza were baptized Sept. 17! Their address is 18799 CR 1293, Tyler, TX 75703. 615-689-0464.

Juan Guzman was baptized last week! His address is 18799 CR 1293, Tyler, TX 75703.

Welcome to the family!

K-5th Fun Night

All K-5th graders & parents are invited to a night of food, fun & fellowship in the FLC on Sunday, October 5, after PM services. Please bring \$3 per person for food. Please sign up at the Information Center in the foyer if you plan to come!

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Thank You

Once again our West Erwin family has shown its love and caring. Thank you to Don, Donnie & Danny for their special tribute to Joe. Thank you to Wayne with the singing, to Cal on the sound, to Davy for special help, to "Class Reunion" quartet, and for the pallbearers who had served with Joe in the eldership. The cards, the calls, flowers, the prayers, your presence at visitation and the funeral, and the wonderful food that was prepared were appreciated. This was a great remembrance for Joe.

Frances McBee, Howard, Cindi & Brennan Galletly

Thank you so much for all the visits, especially the ladies who sit with me in the afternoons. Most of all, I appreciate all the prayers offered on my behalf. In God's love,

Marjorie Ethridge

To my friends and family at West Erwin, The kindness that was shown to our family during the days before and after Mother's death will always be remembered. The hugs and kisses, the beautiful meal that was prepared and the lovely flowers will always be remembered in our hearts. I have now returned home to Tyler, but more importantly am home under the loving care of the Elders at West Erwin. Know this was the fulfillment of my mother's lifetime prayer.

Judy Venable-Grogan

New Books in the Library

There are two new books in the Adult Library. Look on the "New Books" shelf for *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor and *The Case for Christianity* by Lee Strobel.

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KEEPING IN STEP!

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another (Gal.5:22-26). There is no better way to imitate Christ than to walk in the way of his Spirit. We should let God set the pace and direction our life should go. This can be difficult for us especially when we want to be in control. When we ignore the Spirit's leading in our lives, we become like not-believers who live in a constant state of disconnect from God. We need to be sensitive to the Spirit, and be aware when God is trying to lead us. Keeping in step with the Spirit is more than showing the fruit of the Spirit as described above; it is also dealing with our ego and living in humility. Selfish ambition is contrary to the mind of Christ (Phil.2:3-5). Keeping in step with the Spirit is also not provoking others while showing them love and kindness instead. Keeping in step with the Spirit is not envying the success of others, but receiving their good fortune with joy and celebration. Are you keeping in step?

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Updates

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Family & Friends

David Seaberry, son of Louise | **Leo Stewart**, 3-month-old great grandson of Louise Seaberry | **Connie Fielden**, sister-in-law of Phil Marts | **Ceely Stout**, baby relative of Phil Marts | **Twila Nations**, daughter of Gene and Gwen Chandler | **Sara Laminack**, daughter of Daniel & Carol Morgan (niece of Rachuis) | **Reid Adrian**, friend of Larry & Reta Bridges | **Maddie Villareal**, niece of Chris & Barbara White | **Alice Hale**, friend of the Tharpes, broken hip | **Anna Diller**, relative of Jonathan & Jessica Diller brain tumor surgery | **Red Hardin**, cousin of Davy Carter, cancer | **Justin Lee**, son of Mandy Sherrrod

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Song #539 Higher Ground
Song # 683 I Am Mine No More
Prayer Michael Carnathan
Song # 354 I Gave My Life for Thee
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Song #71 As the Deer Scott Albritton
Scripture Matt. 28:18-20
Song #464 Because He Lives Dale Mitchell
Message: **Eastern European Mission**
Song #940 Only a Step Phil Marts
Dismiss
Song #567 Restore My Soul

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Danny Snell
Song #381 Years I Spent in Vanity Lance Yarema
Song #396 No Not One Gene Chandler
Prayer
Song There's a Stirring
Scripture Phil. 4:10-17 Chris Conder
Song Angels Are Singing
Message: **I Can!** Donnie Carnathan
Song God is Calling the Prodigal
Song #991 This Is My Father's World
Dismiss Tom Clark

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Donnie's
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FOR THE COST OF A MEAL

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Arms of Hope

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Ladies Night Out

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Kid's Schedules

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Updates

Blanca Ortiz is now home after surgery on her ankle and will be on bed rest for 3 months. | **Leo Stewart**, 3-month-old great grandson of Louise Seaberry, will have eye surgery Wednesday, 9/10. | **David Seaberry**, son of Louise, has been diagnosed with West Nile Virus. | **Fred Wingate** underwent surgery over the weekend and is now home & doing well. | **Cal Wilkinson** will have prostate surgery Monday at Mother Frances. | **Charles Rachui** will enter Mother Frances on Sunday morning. They will do "spacers" on his knee, and he will be hospitalized for 6-8 weeks getting IVs for infection. Later there will be additional surgery on his knee.

West Erwin Family

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Our Records	Sept	Year Ago
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Worship a.m.	551	674
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Song #470 Victory in Jesus
Song #508 A Wonderful Savior
Prayer
Song # 527 He Touched Me
Song # 530 Majestic Sweetness
Lord's Supper & Contribution
Song #543 Wonderful Words of Life
Scripture Phil. 4:8-9
Song #528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Message: **Only From God**
Song #911 Bring Christ Your Broken Life
Dismiss
Song #752 God Bless You, Go With God

Donnie Carnathan
Wayne Berryman

J.R. Tharpe

Lance Yarema

David Wicks

Danny Snell

Greg Jones

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship
Song Heaven Road
Song Into Our Hands
Prayer
Song # 874 Walking Alone at Eve
Scripture John 3:1-8
Song #509 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
Message: **Testing For New Birth**
Song #948 I Am Resolved
Song #988 I'll Be Listening
Dismiss

Danny Snell
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JUNIOR HIGH DEVO – TONIGHT

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THE FEELING OF BEING "ENOUGH"

Last week during the sermon, I mentioned that sometimes I miss the life of the farm. Not the "simpler time" some people think of when they think of the farm, but that feeling of accomplishment in one's work. You can see the fruits of your labor in a field. In ministry, it's difficult to see the fruits of your labor. Because even if someone completely agrees with what you've taught, said, or shown them through your own service, it's hard to know whether they just agree with their mind, or if it was enough to cause a change in their heart. Do we simply agree in thought with the information within the scriptures, rather than allowing it to truly and completely change our lives? And in those moments where I feel completely inadequate as a minister because those "life changes" aren't always visible, or in those moments for you when you've poured your heart out to someone that you've drenched in prayer, praying for a heart change for them, I believe we can all be comforted by the words of Paul. You and I can plant and even water the seed, but in the end, it is not US that have to be enough, only God. If the people we are trying to reach are willing to soften their hearts to the Lord, then it's "God that makes them grow." I'm completely grateful that he's already "enough".



Sunday Bible Class

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God's Not Dead

What a great time we had last Sunday watching the movie God's Not Dead. We had around 300 folks including a lot of visitors. Thanks to all who helped with food and setup as well as clean up. God's Not Dead is a great movie and while we may not agree with every theological aspect, the premise is a great inspiration to many of us.

Family Day @ Brookshires Park

Sunday, Oct 12 is the date for our Family Day. Our plan is to leave after church on Sunday morning and go to the Brookshires Park on Lake Palestine. We have lots of activities planned for the afternoon. About 5:30 we will supper together followed by a Worship Service under the Pavillion. You will need to bring a lawn chair and your favorite outdoor games as well as your own lunch. There will be a Worship Service at the West Erwin building for those not wishing to participate with the group.



DON'T FALL!

I visited with Clinton Culpepper a few days after his fall and surgery. He was in obvious pain, and looked at me and said, "I'll tell you one thing, don't fall!" That's good advice, especially when it comes to our spiritual life. Here are some things that we need to be careful with because of how they can make us fall. **Our temptations;** *they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away (Luke 8:13).* Every time we give in to trials and temptations it weakens our faith. The mark of a mature Christian is their ability to remain steady. **Our fears;** *for you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons... (Ro. 8:15).* Anything involving an attitude or spirit of fear and bondage is either from our own hearts or temptations from Satan. As sons of God, His spirit gives us a sound mind, soberness, and strength. That is the power of the Spirit. **Our pride;** *Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall (1 Cor.10:12).* Our confidence in life comes from our relationship with the Lord, not in anything we do. Pride and arrogance are not traits of the Christian who serves in humility. **Our unbelief;** *Take care brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God (Heb.3:12).* Many Christians have had their moments of weakness and doubt. Unbelief can harden the heart and that can lead us away from God. **Our honesty;** *...let your "yes" be yes and you "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation (James 5:12).* It is hard to reclaim someone's broken trust in you. Take care, it's easier "to fall" than you think!

Ladies Night Out

Ladies: today is the LAST day to pay for the Ladies Night Out at Pinot's Palette! Make checks to West Erwin Church of Christ and you can pay Lisa Snell or Lindsay Kelly.

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Gospel Meeting in Mineola

The Mineola Church of Christ invites you to their Fall Gospel Meeting September 21-24 with Wes McAdams from Baker Heights Church of Christ. The title is "Nehemiah: Working with God To Do a Great Work." See the flyer at the information Center for more details.

Moved Away

To all my friends at West Erwin, I finally made it to my new home in Paris. I like my location really well and I am sure I am really going to enjoy my new neighbors and friends. My new address is available in the church office for anyone wanting it. I miss so many people I have known so many years. God bless you each and all and thank you for being my friends. You are loved by many, I am one.

Sallyann Pickle

This Week

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	P.M. Worship	5:00
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Tues. 9/16	Lunch Bunch	
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Wed. 9/17	Benev Ctr: Food Distribution	8:30-10:30
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Thank You

Thank you for prayers and cards! I am blessed to have such a large, caring church family. I feel so thankful for everything. I am feeling great, I am just unable to walk. Thank you for caring for us!

Blanca Ortiz



It's back! DA! Not Duh. But "DA," which means "Yes." While everybody else is saying "No," Ukraine is saying "Yes!" DA! Regions all across Ukraine are asking for the Bible in thousands of public schools with hundreds of thousands of students. And now, public universities. Join churches and individuals all across the nation on September 28, 2014, to place Bibles in public schools and universities in Ukraine. Now, more than ever, let's say "Yes!" Just say "DA!" All money given over our regular budget on Sept. 28 will be given to EEM. Prayerfully consider how much your family can give. Visit www.milliondollarsunday.org for more info. Dale Mitchell with EEM will be speaking to us Sunday Sept. 21. Make plans to be present!

For Those With Children

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.

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 and they will be dismissed from the worship service before the sermon. During Sunday evening services, children age 3-5 meet in the Heritage Room and grades K-3rd meet in the Small Auditorium.

Prayer & Care

Hospitalized

ETMC: Blanca Ortiz | **Mother Frances: Clinton Culpepper**, recovering from surgery but is dealing with post op issues. | **Providence Park: Mary Ruth Cox** | **The Heights: Mary McFadden**

Updates

Kalli Huff is now home. | **Connie Fielden**, sister-in-law of Phil Marts, will be in Baylor for two weeks following surgery. The entire tumor was removed; however, it is cancer. She's awaiting pathology report for further evaluation. | **Evelyn Alme** was diagnosed with lung cancer. She is under hospice care at her daughter's house.

With Sympathy

Services were Thursday at Stewart Funeral Home for **Dovie Anderson Perry**, sister of Mary McFadden.

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song #535 The Glory-Land Way	Gary Ables
Song #18 Faithful Love	
Prayer	Jonathan Stone
Song # 361 Nailed to the Cross	
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Fred Wingate
Song #611 Heavenly Sunlight	
Scripture Phil. 1:4-6	Billy Terrell
Song #15 Step By Step	
Message: Not Done Yet	Eric Thornton
Song #940 Only a Step	
Dismiss	Don Crawford
Song #712 Jesus Is Coming Soon	

P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song #381 Years I Spent in Vanity	Wayne Berryman
Song #386 He Loves Me	
Scripture Deut. 31:6	Ethan Stone
Prayer	Larry Bridges
Song #445 Out of the Depths	
Message: God's Not Dead	Danny Snell
Song #389 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	
Song #474 Thank You, Lord	
Dismiss	Jim Boyd

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NO DEVO TONIGHT – GOD’S NOT DEAD HELP

Tonight, immediately following our PM assembly at West Erwin, EVERYONE is invited over to the FLC for our showing of "God's Not Dead". There will be hot dogs, chips, drinks, and popcorn. For any of our high school students who came to Nebraska this summer, and would be willing to help with the 3-5 year olds tonight during the movie, please see Eric this morning or before 5pm tonight. We could really use your help!

LAST CALL - SCHEDULES

If you are playing any sports this fall, or are on drill team, band, or any other extra-curricular activities, PLEASE get your schedules to Eric so that he can do his best to make it to some of your events to support you (I've only received ONE so far)!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES

This is the last week in our Wednesday night series called "The 7 Daily Sins", a view of each of the 7 Deadly Sins, which have been used since early Christian times to educate and instruct Christians concerning fallen humanity's tendency to sin, and 7 sins that we all still seem to struggle with in one way or another. This week, we finish the series looking at the sin of "envy", or otherwise defined as jealousy or resentment. We'll pick up where we left off last week.

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"God's Not Dead" Movie Night

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Baptism

We rejoice with **Emma Stamps** who was baptized this weekend by her dad, Shaun Stamps, at Lake Catherine in Arkansas! Emma is the daughter of Shaun & Joanna Stamps and is in the 9th grade at Whitehouse High School. Her address is (607 Oxford, Tyler TX 75703). Welcome to the family, Emma!

Ladies Night Out

Ladies: Mark your calendars! All ladies are invited to a "painting party" at Pinot's Palette on Tuesday, Sept. 23 from 6-8:30 PM. The cost is \$35. Sign up today at the Info Center! **The deadline to sign up & pay is Sept. 9.** You can pay Lisa Snell or Lindsay Kelly, and make checks to West Erwin Church of Christ. There are only a few spots left!

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Young At Heart

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New Member

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Open House

You are invited to an open house at The Christian Campus Center at Kilgore College on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 3:00 p.m. Join them as they celebrate 55 years of ministry at Kilgore College! This open house will give everyone a chance to see the renovations to the TriC and will include a dedication ceremony of their "Legacy Garden." Light food & drinks will be served. See the postcard at the Information Center for more details.

Kids' Programs

J.A.M. (ages 3-5) will meet in the Heritage Room on Sunday nights. It will start Sept. 21.
Kids In Action (grades K-3rd) will meet on Sunday nights in the Small Auditorium beginning tonight.



THAT'S THE POWER OF LOVE!

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable, or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends ... So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13). In this passage Paul is telling the church at Corinth that the solution to their problems lies in the way they love each other. He talks of the **importance of love** in that all they do, say, and know is worthless without love. He talks of the **behavior of love** with its kindness, humility, patience, and sincerity. He talks of the strength **of love** in that it allows us to bear with all things. He talks about the **permanence of love** in that love never fails us. He talks about the **superiority of love** and that love is the more excellent way. Do you live with the power?

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Updates

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Song #881 Mansion over the Hilltop Gary Ables
Song # 31 Be Still and Know
Prayer Jonathan Stone
Song # 364 Come, Share the Lord
Lord's Supper & Contribution James Sublette
Song #705 A Common Love Gaylan Seagler
Scripture Psalm 51:10-17
Song #464 Because He Lives
Message: **What We Have to Deal With** Donnie Carnathan
Song #662 All to Jesus I Surrender
Dismiss Jay Bynum
Song #15 Step by Step

P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
Song #400 There's a Light Shining Wayne Berryman
Song #458 Redeemed
Scripture Matt. 13:4-51
Prayer Ethan Stone
Song #461 Be Not Dismayed Whate're Betide Leon Welborn
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Anywhere Is Home
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THE FIRST DAY JITTERS

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Sunday Time Change

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Arms of Hope Gala & Auction

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Church Directory Updates

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Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58

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Thank You

Thank you all brothers and sisters for all of the cards, calls, food, prayers, flowers, and support after the recent passing of my sister and mother. You have made this difficult time much easier. Thanks mostly for the love you have shown our family. Sincerely,

Rhonda Haws and family

I suffered a fall at the church building last week, and I am ok, but I wanted to thank everyone who helped me up. Several people came over to help and I was not able to see who all helped me. So if you did, thank you!

Clint Culpepper

Thanks for all your prayers while dealing with the infection in my leg. Love,

Reta Bridges

Many thanks to Glenwood Blind & Awning for donating their time & services by replacing the guttering on our drive through cover on our main building!

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Lord's Supper & Contribution
Song #642 Let the Lower Lights Be Burning
Scripture Philippians 1:27
Song #448 The Greatest Commands
Message: **Standing**
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August 27: Doug Page
Kaufman Church of Christ



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Neil Beard

Thank you for your financial contribution! Your congregation's gift for World Bible School's Impact Sunday is helping us reach and teach more truth-seekers worldwide. In fact, WBS is you...sharing Jesus. Thank you for partnership in the Gospel!

John Reese
President, World Bible School

Dear church family, Thank you so much for the calls, cards and most of all the prayers for our brother Richard. Also, thank you for the food. In Christian love,

Howard & Linda Dickson



IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU

One of the things I enjoy about visiting Joe McBee is to hear him pray. As you know, Joe has suffered a stroke and his thoughts sometimes get a little scattered. But when he prays, it is easy to see that prayer has always played a big part in his life. Last week, Joe was rambling a bit during his prayer, but then he stopped, and said, "If there is anything I can do for you Lord, just let me know". I thought to myself, what a great attitude to have when it comes to serving God. I think we sometimes forget that we are God's tools for His work here on earth. To do God's work, we need to have the right attitudes. I believe the first thing we need to realize is what a **privilege and honor** it is for God to give us the opportunity to do that work. God's work will be done on this earth, and who knows if you were not put here "for such a time as this?" (Est. 4:14). We need to be grateful for the chance and not consider it a burden. Doing God's work requires **love**; love for God and love for our fellow man (Matt. 22:37-39). Love is essential in our service to God. We also need **humility**. Jesus was not afraid to take up the towel (Jo. 13) to serve his disciples. Jesus should have been on the receiving end instead of on his knees, so we should never think we are too good to do anything for the Lord. In doing God's work, we also need to show some **initiative**. When we see something that needs to be done, or see a need somewhere, don't be afraid to do it yourself. I heard someone once say, *don't criticize, energize!* We also need **persistence** to do God's work. Take the example of Jesus, finish what you start! Is there anything you could be doing for God?

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Prayer & Care

Hospitalized

ETMC: Nettie Potts, doing well after surgery

Updates

Reta Bridges is home after being hospitalized with an infection in her leg. | **Art Rowland** is now home. | **Terry Frick** is now home. | **Charles Rachui** is now home. | **David Reynolds**, father of Chris Reynolds, will have knee replacement surgery Tuesday (8/19) at Spine & Joint.

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Rhonda Haws on the loss of her mother, **Martha Moore**. Our love & prayers are with the family. | Our deepest sympathy is extended to Patrick & Jaci Luebbert on the death of Patrick's grandmother, **Jean Luebbert**.

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Fennell/Bailey Hammond
Toddler AM: Emily
Moore/Cate Kimball
Nursery PM: Kim Frick
Toddler PM: Danielle Rousseau
Children's Worship: Rebekah Carnathan

Our Records	Aug 10	Year Ago
Bible Class	400	457
Worship a.m.	583	680
Worship p.m.	NC	326
Wed. p.m.	275	329
Contribution	\$19,577.40	\$21,569.39
Weekly Budget	\$26,651.00	

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Song #8 Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing
Song #47 Holy, Holy, Holy
Prayer
Song # 366 By Christ Redeemed
Lord's Supper & Contribution
Song #117 God Is the Fountain Whence
Scripture Philippians 4:8-9
Song #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
Message: **Does Your Life Imprison You?**
Song #122 The Love of God
Dismiss
Song #38 Awesome God

Danny Snell
Gary Ables
Tommy McJunkins
Eric Moseley
Ron Parish
Eric Thornton
Leon Welborn

P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship
Song #794 Unto thee O Lord
Song #180 Jesus Is Lord
Prayer
Song # 446 Hear O Israel
Song # 214 Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?
Scripture
Song #745 Humble Yourself
Message: **Summer Youth Presentation**
Song #376 He Paid a Debt
Song #96 I Stand in Awe
Dismiss

Danny Snell
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WEYM

WEST ERWIN YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER YOUTH PRESENTATION - TONIGHT

During West Erwin's PM assembly tonight, we will have our summer presentation. Without the support of the church, all of the things that our youth group is involved in throughout the summer would not be possible. Tonight, the church will get to see what the youth group has been doing all summer, and hear why we do it, so please join us for this special once-a-year night. **AND, if you came on our Nebraska trip, please wear your shirt tonight!**

NO DEVO TONIGHT - SMALL GROUPS

With tonight being the 3rd Sunday of the month, all of our students are asking to join their families in their small groups tonight after church. Next Sunday night will be a high school devo night.

FC DALLAS GAME - AUG. 22ND

This coming Friday night, we will be taking a group to FC Dallas take on Real Salt Lake in Frisco. Signups will go through this Wednesday night in the youth classes. The cost is \$15 and is due by Wednesday in order to secure a ticket. We will leave at 4:30pm and you will need money for a fast food dinner.

SCHEDULES

If you are playing any sports this fall, or are on drill team, band, or any other extra-curricular activities, please get you schedules to Eric so that he can do his best to make it to some of your events to support you!



Sunday Bible Class

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Back To School Prayer

What a blessing it was to be a part of the Back 2 School With Prayer this past Wednesday night. A very special thank you to all the adults who took the challenge to pray for our students this year. Thank you for showing all our kids how much you care for them! And then to celebrate with such an abundance of Homemade Ice Cream in some amazing flavors! Thanks to all who brought that delicious ice cream!

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Family Picnic @ Brookshires Recreation Park

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A WHOLE NEW WORLD!

Last weekend we took our Houston grandsons home. We had to watch them during the day Friday, so I took them swimming. Logan, the oldest, is on the verge of breaking out and swimming without any assistance. I consider him a swimmer, he does not. In fact, he told us that he swam in Florida on their vacation, but he could not swim back home in Texas. Now he is a smart kiddo, but I think he is a little off on that one. Anyway, I managed to convince him to try and swim underwater. It took awhile, but he finally tried. I told him it was a whole new world underwater compared with top swimming. Once he conquered his fear, he turned into a submarine; he thought it was the coolest thing. In fact, I had a hard time getting him to leave the pool. It is the same way in our work for the Lord. There are probably many things we could do for the Lord if we only had the courage to try. God's message to his people has always been "fear not". With God on our side, what have we to fear? Paul wrote, *for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control (2 Tim. 1:7)*. The bible gives us many instances where His people stepped out in faith and not away in fear. For example, it took a lot of courage for David to face Goliath. As a slave, it took courage for Joseph to reject the advances of Potiphar's wife. The early church resisted their fear by putting their faith in God as they faced death and persecution every day. The prophet Isaiah said it best, *Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come, ... He will come and save you (Isa. 35:3-4)*.

New Baby

Lyla Ann Ables was born to Cody & Cayla Ables on 8/4/14 and was 7 lb 4 oz. The proud big sister is Brynn! Lyla was also welcomed by grandparents Gary & Julie Ables and great-grandparents Arnold & Agnes Ables. Congratulations to the entire Ables family!

All Church Luncheon

Next Sunday, August 24, we will have an all-church luncheon after morning worship service. We will not have evening services that day. Please make plans to come and fellowship together!

Ladies Night Out

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Thank You

To our West Erwin Family, We would like to express our gratitude for all of your support during our sweet mama, Dorothy Kennedy's, illness and our family's heartbreak at her passing. Each visit, card, prayer spoken on our behalf, were all such an encouragement to her and us! The plant is a beautiful reminder of West Erwin's love! Thank You!

Rick and Karen Fedell

Table Shower

There will be a baby table shower for Cayla & Cody Ables and their new baby girl, **Lyla Ann**, on the next two Sundays, August 24 & 31. Selections are at Babies R Us.

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Arms of Hope

The Arms of Hope truck will be here soon! Please bring items to your Sunday morning Bible classrooms. They suggest: Lysol spray, fruit juice, coffee & filters, boxed potatoes, shampoo.

Iron Men's Breakfast

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Congratulations

On August 8, 2014, **Andres Saucedo** graduated from Abilene Christian University with a Bachelor's degree in both Biochemistry and Bible. Andres has been the youth minister at Buffalo Gap Church of Christ near Abilene for the last year and plans to continue in that position while working on his graduate degree in Biochemistry at the Abilene campus of Texas Tech University. Several members of West Erwin attended his graduation, including his mother, Alma Flores, his brothers Luis and Erick, and sister Guadalupe. On several occasions, Andres has served as both English and Spanish interpreter when West Erwin has had combined services of the two groups. If you would like to send him a card of congratulations his address is: 1225 Cedar Crest Dr., Abilene TX 79601.

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Updates

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With Sympathy

Services for **Richard Dickson**, brother of Howard, were today in Baird, Texas. | Visitation for **Melissa Hill**, sister of Rhonda Haws, was at Cottle Funeral Home in Troup Thursday.

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McAuley/Litzy Villasenor
Nursery PM: Jessica Diller
Toddler PM: Candace
Montgomery
Children's Worship: Gail
Vannoy

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Song #624 Seeking the Lost
Prayer Brett Hone
Song # 383 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross
Lord's Supper & Contribution Greg Jones
Song #417 Where He Leads I'll Follow
Scripture Rom. 12:9-13 Odie Kennedy
Song #412 Jesus, Hold My Hand
Message: **The Challenges of Being Church** Donnie Carnathan
Song #420 Cleanse Me Phil Marts
Dismiss
Song #23 Our God, He is Alive

P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
Song # 528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives Davy Carter
Prayer Charles Melville
Song # 768 Jesus Let Us Come
Message: World Bible School
Song # 922 Jesus Paid it All
Song # 23 Our God, He is Alive
Dismiss Larry Murphey

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COMBINED DEVO- TONIGHT

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BACK TO SCHOOL W/ PRAYER

Wed. night, Aug. 13, we will meet at the FLC for class time. We will spend some time in worship and prayer for each other for the coming school year! Head to the Family Life Center that night and be encouraged!

SUMMER WRAP UP PRESENTATION- AUG. 17

During our PM service on Aug. 17, we will have our WEYM Summer Wrap Up Presentation. Please make plans to come if you participated in any of our trips this summer (whether you are a teenager or an adult) and hear about everything our youth group has been up to this summer!

FC DALLAS GAME- Aug. 22

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HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD!

*I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of you power (Psa. 145:1-11). You have heard the question, "What do you give someone who has everything?" In dealing with God, you ask, "What do you give someone who gives everything?" There is one thing God can never get too much of from us; that is our praise! God's greatness may be beyond our human comprehension, but it is our responsibility to commend God's works and his mighty acts to the generation that will follow us. It is our responsibility to tell those around us about God's abundant goodness, his mercy, and his steadfast love. It is still our responsibility to daily praise his name for the salvation he offers us. It is still our responsibility to bless God with our obedience and serve his with joy and gladness in our hearts! We can truly say *How Great Is Our God!**

Wedding Shower

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Young At Heart

Young At Heart will be meeting at Shiloh Rd. Church of Christ on Friday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m. Sign up at the information Center.

Family Day at Rangers Game

We are excited about our family day at the ballpark on August 16! If you are going, please pay Danny by Wednesday (8/13). Be sure you bring a lawn chair! The group riding the bus will be leaving the church building Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Update Your Pictures

We are constantly updating our church directory with new addresses and phone numbers, but a lot of our pictures are outdated. If you have a recent snap shot, please email it to Lindsay at lkelly@westerwin.org or text a phone picture to her (her number is listed in the directory). Or, if you need someone to take it for you, visit the sound booth at the end of services or visit Lindsay at the office during the week.

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Updates

Ruby Cliver is now home. | **Nettie Potts** has asked for our prayers. She suffered a fall and injured her back and is in pain. On Tuesday she will see her doctor as to whether she will have balloon surgery or surgery requiring an incision.

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Bible Class	376	444
Worship a.m.	680	702
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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship
Song #539 Higher Ground
Song #527 He Touched Me
Prayer
Song # 791 On Bended Knee
Song # 344 Low in the Grave He Lay
Lord's Supper & Contribution
Song #694 Servant Song
Scripture Ephesians 3:20-21
Song #63 I Will Call upon the Lord
Message: **His Way**
Song #552 Have Thine Own Way
Dismiss
Song #96 I Stand in Awe

Donnie Carnathan
Gary Ables

Dick Higginbotham

Ralph Henderson

Myron Granberry

Danny Snell

Bill Mullins

P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship
Song # 666 I Am Thine, O Lord
Song # 129 Amazing Grace
Prayer
Song #643 Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom
Song # 524 I know Whom I Have Believed
Scripture John 8:28-30
Song # 628 Will You Not Tell It Today?
Song # 676 Living For Jesus
Message: **Pleasing GOD**
Song # 902 Nothing But the Blood
Song # 711 Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Dismiss

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Wyatt Gruver

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COMBINED DEVO

Next Sunday night, Junior High & High Schoolers are invited to the devo! Bring \$3 for food and wear closed toed shoes. We will be finished at 9 PM.

BACK TO SCHOOL W/ PRAYER

Sunday night, Aug. 13, we will meet at the FLC for class time. We will spend some time in worship and prayer for each other for the coming school year! Head to the Family Life Center that night and be encouraged!

SUMMER WRAP UP PRESENTATION- AUG. 17

During our PM service on Aug. 17, we will have our WEYM Summer Wrap Up Presentation. Please make plans to come if you participated in any of our trips this summer (whether you are a teenager or an adult) and hear about everything our youth group has been up to this summer!

FC DALLAS GAME- Aug. 22

Mark your calendars for Friday night, Aug. 22 for a trip to the FC Dallas game! There will be sign ups in class. Cost is \$15. We will leave the church building at 4:30 that afternoon.



Sunday Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes will be studying 1 & 2 Corinthians. The title of our study is "Ancient Church, Modern Challenges." The lesson this week... **More Than A Verb**... from 1 Corinthians 13... More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us! Consider the following from 1 Corinthians 13:13... "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.."

Back To School Prayer

Join us Wednesday night, Aug. 13 for a special time of prayer for all our school age young people. We will be meeting in the FLC. There are more details to follow. We need your help making 25 freezers of Homemade Ice Cream for this special night. There is a sign-up list at the Information Center.

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WHAT'S THAT SQUEAK?

Last Sunday morning I had the Crock Pot in the floorboard of my truck. I kept hearing this loud squeaking. I started trying to diagnose all kind of problems with my truck as I was driving in. I just knew it was an AC fan blower or something that was coming loose under my dash. At one point, I even thought a bird had gotten in my truck and had taken up roost in my truck. When I got to the church building, I took the Crock Pot out to plug it in, and as I set it down, it squeaked. All that time it was the rubber pads underneath the pot that were squeaking. I felt like a fool! I failed to look at the obvious and let my imagination run wild. We do that in life too. From this story, I see two things that can help us deal with problems. First, sometimes the problem is not near as big as we think it is. Don't be afraid of the unknown. Secondly, we need to make sure that **we** are not the problem. We sometimes are a little to hasty to try and place blame where it does not belong. It is not in our nature to accept blame. Paul urged the church at Ephesus to *walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph.4:1-3)*. When we live out this passage, we go from making a statement of "this is your fault" to making statements like "I may be wrong", "I'm willing to listen, and change", "I'll love you even when we disagree", and "I really want this to work out". Unity and peace do not come easy. It takes effort, good spiritual living, and the willingness to maintain peace. Are you a peacemaker or a squeaker?

Baby Shower

Ladies are invited to a baby girl shower for **Tyler & Beth Dibble** and baby girl on the way, **Olivia**, today from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at FLC. Selections are at Babies R Us.

Young At Heart

Young At Heart will be meeting at Shiloh Rd. Church of Christ on Friday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m. Sign up at the information Center.

Update Your Pictures

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Little People's School

Little People's School is looking for loving, part-time teachers for the 2014-2015 school year. For more information, contact Cathy Howell at lps@glenwoodchurch.com.

Wedding Shower

Ladies are invited to a wedding shower for **Jonathan & Mikayla (Gallegly) Baker** on Sunday, August 10 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at FLC. Selections at Bed Bath & Beyond.

Baptism

Cate Kimball was baptized Sunday afternoon! Cate is the daughter of Laurie Kimball and niece of Jon & Melanie Murry. Her address is 1313 Graham Dr., Tyler TX 75701. Welcome to the family, Cate!

Thank You

Thank you to all those participating in the singing at Waterton Inn last Wednesday. We had over 30 people to sing! You were a blessing to the residents there. Thank you!

Phil Barrows

Ladies Night Out

Ladies: Mark your calendars! All ladies are invited to a "painting party" at Pinot's Palette on Tuesday, Sept. 23 from 6-8:30 PM. The cost is \$35. Sign up today at the Info Center! The deadline to sign up & pay is Sept. 9. You can pay Lisa Snell or Lindsay Kelly, and make checks to West Erwin Church of Christ.

Leadership Meeting

There will be an elders, deacons & ministers meeting Monday, August 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center. to come.

This Week

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Back to School with Prayer

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 13! All adults and kids going into kindergarten & up will meet in the Family Life Center at 7:00 p.m. We will have a special time of prayer for the students, teachers, administrators, parents & everyone involved with going back to school. We will end the evening with homemade ice cream! Please make plans to be a part of this! Sign up at the Information Center if you can bring a freezer of any flavor of homemade ice cream.

Family Day @ Rangers Game

If you are signed up to go to the Family Day at the Rangers game, please let Danny Snell know if you intend to take your own car or ride the church bus.

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August 6: Don Crawford



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Song # 121	Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing	Gary Ables
Song # 63	I Will Call upon the Lord	
Prayer		Gene Chandler
Song # 768	Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You	
Song # 316	Jesus Paid It All	
Lord's Supper & Contribution		Tom Cook
Song # 705	A Common Love	
Scripture	Psalm 27:1-5	Donald Cullum
Song # 555	Seek Ye First	
Message:	reCenter	Jason Reeves
Song # 672	Give Me Thy Heart	
Dismiss		Greg Jones
Song # 406	Just a Closer Walk with Thee	
	P.M. Assembly	

Welcome/Call to Worship		Donnie Carnathan
Song	Wonderful	Lance Yarema
Song # 719	Angry Words	
Prayer		Tyler Dibble
Song	Wonderful, Merciful Savior	
Scripture	1 Kings 15:1-5	Gary Elrod
Song # 878	Sweet By and By	
Message:	The Patience of God	Davy Carter
Song	Come to Jesus	
Song # 744	God's Family	
Dismiss		Don Durham

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 Thompson/Jaci Philpot
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 Nursery PM: Stacy Turner
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REEVES' RHETORIC

As We've Ministered Together

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

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

I began my first bulletin article with these words three years ago, as Tiersa and I anticipated our move to Tyler to serve this congregation.

The Apostle Paul writes to the church at Rome, a church he anticipates coming to and ministering to, "I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong - that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by one another's faith" (Romans 1:11-12).

My hope and prayer are that as we've ministered together these past few years, God has been honored, the overwhelming greatness of knowing Jesus Christ as Lord has been made known among us, and that you and I have indeed been mutually encouraged by one another's faith.

In saying "goodbye" these words of comfort and validation from Paul's letter to the church at Philippi seem appropriate, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:3-6).

Glory to God!

Jason

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JH/HS LOCKIN – FRIDAY AUG. 1ST

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BackCountry Trek

The BackCountry Trek group made it to the top! Thank you for praying for us!



GROWING Faithful Families

By Danny Snell

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Karing Kitchen

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From selected passages in Psalm 118.

Join us for our Summer Speaker Series on Wednesday nights at 7!



July 30:
Rick Ross
Decatur
Church of Christ

New Baby

Norah Gail Hone was born Wednesday, July 23 to Brett & Nicole Hone. She was 9 lb. 6 oz. and was 19 inches long. The proud big sister is Bella. Congratulations, Hone family!

Singing Group

If you like to sing, join our singing group on the last Wednesday of every month to sing at Waterton Inn Assisted Living Facility! The address is 2885 Shiloh Rd., Tyler. The group will be singing for the residents there from 6:00-6:30 p.m., thereby giving all who come to sing time to make the 7:00 p.m. service at our building. The next singing will be Wednesday, July 30. If you are interested, sign up at the information center in the foyer. See Phil Barrows for more info!

Ladies Bible Study

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Baptism

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Sermon Notes

AM: reCenter
Psalm 27:1-5

AM: The Patience of God
1 Kings 15:1-5

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 Song #517 Heaven Came Down Donnie Carnathan
 Song #31 Be Still and Know Gary Ables
 Prayer Scott Albritton
 Song # 176 Lamb of God
 Song # 66 Doxology
 Lord's Supper & Contribution Wayne Berryman
 Song #226 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
 Scripture Mark 6:45-51 Jim Boyd
 Song #895 I'll Live in Glory
 Message: **Jesus in Your Boat** Jason Reeves
 Song #945 Kneel at the Cross
 Dismiss Jay Bynum
 Song #15 Step by Step
 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
 Song #839 In His Time Corey Coleman
 Song # 2 We Praise Thee, O God
 Prayer Larry Bridges
 Song #19 Come, Thou Almighty King
 Scripture Romans 15:1-4 Tom Clark
 Song # 337 Hallelujah! What a Savior
 Message: **Strong in the Lord** Jason Reeves
 Song #904 Have You Been to Jesus?
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With Sympathy

Services for Dorothy Kennedy, mother of Karen Fedell, were Thursday at Stewart Family Funeral Home.

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Toddler AM: Laurie Stone/Hannah M.

Nursery PM: Lynda Terrell
 Toddler PM: Marisa Suggs
 Children's Worship: Sharon Beaver

Our Records	July 13	Year Ago
Bible Class	402	431
Worship a.m.	542	646
Worship p.m.	245	363
Wed. p.m.	276	NC
Contribution	\$20,535.10	\$21,134.19
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REEVES' RHETORIC

Two Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Glory to God!

Jason

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BACKCOUNTRY TREK

A group of 15 of us left early this morning for BackCountry Trek. We are headed to Colorado to tackle one of the 14ers, specifically Humboldt Peak, at 14,065'. It will be the first time in many years that West Erwin has tackled a 14er, so we're really excited. Please be in prayer for us, both as we travel, as we make our trip up and down the mountain, but more than all of that, for the relationships our teenagers strengthen with their Creator. There is something that cannot be explained about being in the high mountains, away from social networking, cell phones, and all the distractions of life. Our group this year consists of **Kyler Whatley, Matthew Kimball, Zack Skender, Ruger Stocking, Adan Martinez, Samuel Meneses, Jacob Reeves, Reagan Whatley, Emma Stamps, Jennifer Skender, Charity Stocking, Shaun Stamps, Keith Skender, Cody Mitcham, and Eric Thornton**. We will return this Saturday night late.

JH/HS LOCKIN - FRIDAY AUG. 1ST

Friday night, August 1st, West Erwin will be joining Pine Tree, Chandler St., and Eastern Hills for a lock-in here in Tyler. The location is secret, but the cost is only \$5. We will be done at 7am on Saturday morning the 2nd. Bring a change of clothes, a swimsuit, towel, toiletries if you'd like, close-toed shoes, and clothes to get sweaty in. It's going to be a great night!



We have some upcoming events we want you to be a part of! Mark your calendars for the following:

Rangers Family Day

Join us on Saturday, Aug. 16 for the West Erwin Family Day with the Texas Rangers. We will be going on the bus from the church parking lot and having a Tailgate Party at the Stadium prior to the game which starts at 7:05. Everyone is invited to join us! We will have a sign up out soon as well as ticket prices.

"God's Not Dead" Movie Event

West Erwin will be hosting the movie "God's Not Dead" on Sunday night, Sept. 7, for any & all who are interested in coming. More details to come!

Family Picnic @ Brookshire's Recreation Park

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 5 for an afternoon @ Brookshire's Recreation Park on Lake Palestine. We are planning a fun filled day including outdoor games, dinner together followed by a worship time together.



WHAT I NEED TO BRING!

Last weekend, I had the chance to go swimming with some of my grandsons. Caden came up to me and said, "I need my goggles but I didn't bring them to the pool. They're at home". Needless to say, he had to finish his swim without his goggles. While he had a good swim, it would have been much better with his goggles. It's the same with our spiritual lives too. Just think how better our lives would be if we would "bring" all the blessings God has provided into our everyday life. Here are some things we need to bring to the world. **We need to bring help not hurt:** *I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints. For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem (Ro.15:25-26)*. Serving each other in love will help us overcome our social, cultural, and economic differences. It is the way of Christ. **We need to bring our holiness:** *Let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of the Lord (2 Cor.7:1)*. Everyday we need to show the world that we are like God. The world needs to see us love each other, bear with one another, and sacrifice for each other. The world needs to see God in us! **We need to bring our joy:** *The hope of the righteous brings joy (Pro.10:28)*. How can we not be joyous with our salvation? People will be drawn to joyous people; it's contagious. **We need to bring a healing:** *the tongue of the wise brings healing (Pro.12:28)*. Soothing, healing words are such a blessing. Help, holiness, joy, and healing are things God brings to the world through us. The world needs them, and West Erwin does too!

Join us for our Summer Speaker Series on Wednesday nights at 7!



July 23:
Davy Carter
West Erwin
Church of Christ

Informational Meeting

All members are asked to please attend an informational meeting today at 5:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center.

Baby Shower

Ladies are invited to a baby shower and to meet baby **James Kai Wilkinson**, son of Brett & Jamie Wilkinson and grandson of Ruth Ellis today from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center. Selections at Walmart & Babies R Us.

Singing Group

If you like to sing, join our singing group on the last Wednesday of every month to sing at Waterton Inn Assisted Living Facility! The address is 2885 Shiloh Rd., Tyler. The group will be singing for the residents there from 6:00-6:30 p.m., thereby giving all who come to sing time to make the 7:00 p.m. service at our building. The next singing will be Wednesday, July 30. If you are interested, sign up at the information center in the foyer. See Phil Barrows for more info!

Ladies Bible Study

Come be a part of the Summer Ladies Bible study! They are currently meeting at the Office Complex in room 403. The study is on Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

Kids For Christ

KFC will not be meeting tonight (4th & 5th grades).

Baby Table Shower

Today is the last day for the baby girl table shower honoring **James & Michelle Marks** and baby **Hannah**. Selections are at Babies R Us.

Thank You

Thank you for the cards, calls, visits and food when I fell, and at the time my sister passed away. I really appreciate and love my church family.

Alice Thompson

We are so very thankful for the prayers, cards, calls, and visits for Davy's recent heart surgery. A special thanks to the Bynums and Marts for the delicious meal, our small group for the What-a-Burger gift card and \$50 cash, and the Lewises for the pillow. Recovery is going remarkably well. God continues to bless us each day. We love you all very much.

Davy & Sonja Carter & family

Dear Brethren, Just a note to say Ernest would like to express his appreciation for the greeting cards, birthday ones and the good wishes for other occasions. A special thank to the special delivery made by a couple of very special people, the Welborns. Thank you all for your prayers. Always love,

Ella Bradley

Update Your Pictures

We are constantly updating our church directory with new addresses and phone numbers, but a lot of our pictures are outdated. If you have a recent snap shot, please email it to Lindsay at lkelly@westerwin.org. Or, if you need someone to take it for you, visit the sound booth at the end of services or visit Lindsay at the office during the week.

Little People's School

Little People's School is looking for loving, part-time teachers for the 2014-2015 school year. For more information, contact Cathy Howell at lps@glenwoodchurch.com.

Upcoming Showers

Sun., August 3- Baby girl shower for Tyler & Beth Dibble and baby Olivia, 3:30-4:30 p.m. at FLC, selections at Babies R Us

Sun., August 10- Wedding shower for Jonathan & Mikayla (Gallegly) Baker, 3:30-4:30 p.m. at FLC.

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	P.M. Worship	6:00
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Thurs. 7/24	Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution	8:30-10:30

Sermon Notes

AM: **Jesus in Your Boat**
Mark 6:45-51

PM: **Strong in the Lord**
Romans 15:1-4

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song #167 Hosanna Donnie Carnathan
 Song # 238 You Are the Song That I Sing Gary Ables
 Song # 768 Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You
 Prayer Greg Jones
 Song # 315 When I Surevey the Wondrous Cross
 Lord's Supper & Contribution Lance Yarema
 Song #694 Servant Song
 Scripture 2 Cor. 1:12-14 Cal Wilkinson
 Song #490 It Is Well with My Soul
 Message: **The Promises of God** Jason Reeves
 Song #940 Only a Step
 Dismiss Don Crawford
 Song #539 Higher Ground

P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
 Song #137 Unto the Hills Wayne Berryman
 Song #139 In Heavenly Love Abiding
 Scripture Genesis 50:18-21 Tony Adams
 Prayer Wyatt Gruver
 Song #140 Love Divine
 Song # 138 Our Heavenly Father Understands
 Message: **The Will of God** Jason Reeves
 Song #625 Zion's Call
 Song # 722 Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen
 Dismiss Gene Chandler

For Those With Children

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.

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. B.L.A.S.T. is a program for **1st-3rd graders** that meets in the Heritage Room. Children who attend Little Church, Children's Worship & B.L.A.S.T. will be dismissed from the worship service before the sermon.

Prayer & Care

Hospitalized

Good Shepherd in Longview: Leo Stewart, NICU, great grandson of Louise Seaberry.

Updates

Gary Broome is recovering after knee replacement surgery. | **Aubrey Morman** is in New York City having tests and undergoing treatments. | **Emily Moore** is getting around on crutches after surgery but still having some difficulties. | **Twila Nations**, daughter of Gene & Gwen Chandler & sister of Donni Cook, suffered a stroke & is now at the home of Gene & Gwen after being dismissed from the hospital.

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 McAuley/Kayla G.
 Toddler AM: Rita Sifton/Bailey
 Hammond
 Nursery PM: Lisa Snell
 Toddler PM: Joanna Stamps
 Children's Worship: Brian &
 Ashley Wells

Our Records	July 6	Year Ago
Bible Class	366	360
Worship a.m.	554	574
Worship p.m.	275	295
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REEVES' RHETORIC

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).

Glory to God!

Jason

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NEBRASKA MISSION

This week was a very encouraging week in West Point, NE. We took 40 people from West Erwin for our 24th consecutive youth mission trip there. Our theme of "SonTreasure Island" this year focused on the themes of God's Love, Forgiveness, and Desire for our Lives. We had about 100 kids each day, peaking at 113 VBS attendees on Wednesday. Monday afternoon we gathered trash out of home lots and fields that were affected in the disaster area of the Pilger, NE tornado. Tuesday night we screened the movie "God's Not Dead" at the Community Theatre and had our largest crowd ever for a movie event, over 245! On Wednesday, we had a "singing/open house" for the parents of the kids attending our VBS, and we wrapped up VBS on Thursday. Thank you so much to our church family for supporting the teens of this church in this mission effort. As Ray Maxwell always says, the impact of West Erwin here in West Point is larger than any of us could ever imagine. And a HUGE special thanks to all of our adults who made this trip possible. Our kitchen crew of **Debbie Bynum, Judy Mitcham, Veronica Meneses, and Charity Stocking** kept us well fed all week, and that's a tireless effort that can easily go less noticed. And our other adults, **Jay Bynum, Ken Culpepper, Blanca Ortiz, Danielle Rousseau, and Jean Thornton** helped our VBS run smoothly and drove our busses all week. Thank you to everyone. I know without a shadow of a doubt that God's name was glorified this past week in a tiny town in East Central Nebraska and that's thanks to this group of teens and adults.

BACKCOUNTRY GEAR CHECKOUT - MONDAY

Tomorrow, Monday the 14th, everyone going on BackCountry Trek needs to meet at the main building to check our your packs, sleeping bags, bedrolls, water bottles, and get your packing lists. That way you can begin packing your other gear throughout the week.

BACKCOUNTRY REI TRIP - TUESDAY

This Tuesday, the 15th, if there are any final supplies that you need for our backpacking trip that you cannot get here in Tyler at Academy or Gander Mountain, we will be heading over to Dallas for a trip to REI to pick those up. We will leave West Erwin at 9am.



By Danny Snell

Sunday Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes will be studying 1 & 2 Corinthians. The title of our study is "Ancient Church, Modern Challenges." The lesson this week...**Beating Temptation**... from 1 Corinthians 10... More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us! Consider the following from 1 Corinthians 10:13... "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it..." What a blessing to be reminded of... God gives us what we need to make it! HE is Faithful!

Iron Men Breakfast

Our next Iron Men's Breakfast will be Thursday, July 17 at the Family Life Center at 6:00 a.m. Sign up at the Information Center if you plan to attend! "As Iron Sharpens Iron, So One Man Sharpens Another." Proverbs 27:17.

Rangers Family Day

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YOU ARE THE LIVING GOD

The following was written by Tom Norvell as a weekly prayer for the congregation he ministers to. It is a good prayer for any congregation. *Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forever more! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised! The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord (Psa.113).* Father, you are the living God. You created the heavens and the earth. You spoke and darkness became light and light became darkness. You spoke and the earth was filled with life and stars began to shine. You are the living God, more powerful and wiser than we can imagine. You are more loving than we can fathom. Your thoughts and your ways are higher than ours, You are the living God. You came to be with us, to have a relationship with us, to treat us with living kindness, and give us mercy. You are the living God. You notice when we are ill, you notice our struggles with life's decisions, and you notice when our families are hurting. You hear our calls and you give us wisdom, hope, strength, and peace. You are the living God. You know what we need long before we realize it. Thank you for loving us. It is you we worship. Through your Son, we have life.

Summer Series

Our Wednesday night Summer Series has been great! The speaker for July 16 is Keith Hodges from Eastern Hills Church of Christ. Please make plans to join us at 7 on Wednesday nights!

Singing Group

The next singing at the Waterton Inn Assisted Living Facility will be July 30. The Waterton Inn entrance faces North (not to be confused with the 2 story rest home next door). There is parking behind the facility. Please sign up at the Information Center in the foyer. Singing begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to be there at 5:45 p.m. to visit with the residents. For more info, see Phil Barrows.

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Room to Rent

If anyone has a room or apartment that is available to rent for one of our members, please let the church office know by calling Donnie at 903-592-0809.

Thank You

To our West Erwin family, Thank you! Thank you for all your prayers, calls, visits and beautiful cards sent to us expressing your love and support. It means so much to know we are in your prayers and thoughts. In Christian love,

Harold & Shirley Denman

With Sympathy

Services for **Lorene Venable**, former West Erwin member, were Thursday at West Erwin Church of Christ. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with the family.

VBS at Shiloh Road

Shiloh Rd. Church of Christ invites kiddos to their VBS July 13th - 16th from 6:00-8:30 p.m. It will be for ages 3 years old to 5th grade. There will be a free dinner at 5:20 p.m. (14th-16th). Register at www.shilohroad.com. Their address is 1801 Shiloh Road, Tyler, Texas 75703. They have a separate preschool VBS set up just for the little ones as well.

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Genesis 50:18-21

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 Lord's Supper & Contribution Mike Watts
 Song #221 Jesus, Name Above All Names
 Scripture Proverbs 8:1-11 J.R. Tharpe
 Song #23 Our God, He Is Alive
 Message: **True Wisdom** Jason Reeves
 Song #943 Do You Know My Jesus?
 Dismiss Leon Welborn
 Song #1007 America the Beautiful
 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
 Song #296 We Have Come Into His House Phil Barrows
 Prayer Phil Marts
 Song #634 We'll Work Til Jesus Comes
 Scripture Colossians 1:16-20 Chris Ables
 Song # 624 Seeking the Lost
 Song # 577 We Bow Down
 Message: **Magnified Presence** Jason Reeves
 Song #679 Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
 Song # 567 Restore My Soul
 Dismiss Bud Cawyer

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM: Lindsay Kelly,
 Guadalupe S.
 Toddler AM: Danielle
 Rousseau, Dennise A.
 Nursery PM: Evelyn Muncy
 Toddler PM: Mary Scarborough
 Children's Worship: Wynn
 Admire

Our Records	June 29	Year Ago
Bible Class	422	459
Worship a.m.	625	668
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REEVES' RHETORIC

Explaining Why

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NEBRASKA MISSION - THIS WEEK

A group of 33 left Thursday night from West Erwin at 8pm for our annual pilgrimage to West Point, NE to work with the church there. We will be doing a VBS for the community all week with the theme of "Treasure Island". Today we are leading and worshipping with the West Point Church. One Monday afternoon as a group we'll head over to Pilger, NE and help in the ongoing tornado relief effort there, something West Erwin is very familiar with. On Tuesday afternoon we'll be doing a service project there in West Point, and that night we'll be providing a free screening of the movie "God's Not Dead" for the whole community (they are anticipating a sell-out). Wednesday evening is the VBS "Open House", where we ask parents to come and see what their kids have been up to all week, and then have a good ole ice cream social afterwards. And finally on Thursday, we wrap up our last day VBS and begin our trip home, stopping in Kansas City for a fun day on Friday. It's a very long, but rewarding trip. You cannot imagine, if you've never been, how encouraging this week is to the very small church that is there. It is truly the highlight of their church year. Please be praying for our drivers on the road, as well as that our teens can communicate the message of Christ to their students at VBS!

BACKCOUNTRY GEAR CHECKOUT - NEXT MONDAY

Next Monday at 4pm, everyone going on BackCountry Trek is asked to meet at the main building to check out your packs, sleeping bags, bedrolls, and water bottles. That way you can begin packing your other gear throughout the week.

BACKCOUNTRY REI TRIP - NEXT TUESDAY

Next Tuesday at 9am, if there are any final supplies that you need for our backpacking trip that you cannot get here in Tyler, we will be heading over to Dallas for a trip to REI to pick those up.



By Danny Snell

Sunday Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes will be studying 1 & 2 Corinthians. The title of our study is "Ancient Church, Modern Challenges." The lesson this week...Giving Up Our Rights... from 1 Corinthians 8 & 9... More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us! Consider the following from 1 Corinthians 8:19... "9 Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak.."

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Rangers Family Day

Join us on Saturday, Aug. 16 for the West Erwin Family Day with the Texas Rangers. We will be going on the bus from the church parking lot and having a Tailgate Party at the Stadium prior to the game which starts at 7:05. Everyone is invited to join us! We will have a sign up out soon as well as ticket prices.

"God's Not Dead" Movie Event

West Erwin will be hosting the movie "God's Not Dead" on Sunday night, Sept. 7, for any & all who are interested in coming. More details to come!

Family Picnic @ Brookshire's Recreation Park

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 5 for an afternoon @ Brookshire's Recreation Park on Lake Palestine. We are planning a fun filled day including outdoor games, dinner together followed by a worship time together.



THE VALUE OF THE KINGDOM

The most valuable thing my parents ever gave me was the fact that they raised me in the church. Like you, I have met many saints that have played a big part in my life. I've had great bible school teachers. I have been spiritually fed by many great preachers, and I have served under Godly elders. They were men and women that loved God and God's people, but the church has given me more than just good Christian examples to follow. The church has given me a life. The church is still needed today and has much to offer the world. Here are some valuable things the church offers to the world today. **The church is a place of righteousness, peace, and joy.** For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy-Spirit (Ro.14:17). **The church is a place of refuge from the darkness.** Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves (Col. 1:12-13). **The church is a place where you can be free from the control of sin.** But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness (Ro. 6:17-18). **The church is a place of stability.** Therefore since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe. God has made us part of something very valuable and precious. It needs to be shared!

Join us for our Summer Speaker Series on Wednesday nights at 7!



July 9:

Chris Vidacovich
Chandler Street
Church of Christ

Retirement

Nancy Crawford will be retiring at the end of August from her position as Children's Education Coordinator. On behalf of the elders, staff and the church, we want to thank Nancy for the tireless work she has done for our children. We appreciate the many hours of service weekly; her love of our children, her ability and willingness to serve them and her great leadership of those involved in our children's education. We are thankful that Nancy will continue to teach and be an active part of our children's ministry. Congratulations on a job well done and a retirement that is well deserved, Nancy!

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Thank You

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you for the Bible and for your prayers as I start my college journey. Sincerely,

Jerrod Wilson

A special thanks to the "Cut & Paste Ladies" for all their hard work for VBS! We had many chores to do to get ready and those ladies helped many hours and with servant hearts! Thank you, Cut & Paste!

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Baby Table Shower

We will have a baby girl table shower honoring **Michelle Marks** on July 13 & 20. Selections are at Babies R Us. **Hannah Michelle Marks** was born to Michelle & James Marks on June 23 and was 7 lbs. 15 oz. The proud big brother is Wesley. Congratulations to the Marks family!

Spirituality & Spaceflight

The Chandler St. Church of Christ invites you to "Spirituality & Spaceflight" with Michael O'Neal, Deputy Director of the Space Shuttle and Space Station. Michael will give the listeners a look into the role spirituality has played in human space flight, how astronauts practiced their faith while in space and how space has profoundly impacted their spirituality. See the flyer at the info center.

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Tues. 7/8	Lunch Bunch	
	Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution, Diaper Shirts & Quilt Making & Bandage Rolling	8:30-10:30
Wed. 7/9	Benev Ctr: Food Distribution	8:30-10:30
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Thurs. 7/10	Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution	8:30-10:30
	Young At Heart	6:00

Sermon Notes

AM: **True Wisdom**
Proverbs 8:1-11

PM: **Magnified Presence**
Colossians 1:16-20

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song #779 I Love You Lord Danny Snell
 Song #881 Mansion Over the Hilltop Gary Ables
 Song #31 Be Still and Know
 Prayer Wade Weathers
 Song #364 Come Share the Lord
 Lord's Supper & Contribution Ray Vannoy
 Song #705 A Common Love
 Scripture Romans 6:11-14 Billy Terrell
 Song #464 Because He Lives
 Message: **Choosing Slavery** Jason Reeves
 Song #662 All to Jesus I Surrender
 Dismiss Gaylan Seagler
 Song #15 Step by Step
 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Danny Snell
 Song #26 God Moves in a Mysterious Way Wayne Berryman
 Song #112 Wonderful Grace of Jesus
 Scripture Hebrews 4:14-16 Fred Wingate
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 Song #900 The Sands of Time
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 Song #948 I Am Resolved
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ETMC: Davy Carter had surgery at ETMC Wednesday to replace his aortic valve and repair his mitral valve. He is now in Room 5834

UPDATES

Charles Rachui, home after knee replacement surgery | **Gerl Moore** is recovering from rotator cuff surgery. | **Harold Denman** is home after colon surgery. | **Shiley Denman** is improving from her shingles | | **Gary Broome** had cataract surgery on both eyes in the past two weeks. All went well. Will have total right knee replacement: 7/10. | **Brock Poston**, cousin of Suzie Camathan, suffered a stroke | **Trina Dickey**, friend of Linda Marts has been moved to Hospice | **Dianne Rex**, friend of the Sublettes is battling cancer.

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 Luke Metcalf, Clay Mitchum,
 John Park
SOUND BOOTH
 Clifton Lindsey & Corey
 Coleman
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
 Nursery a.m.: Dolores Kennedy
 & Kim Lemons
 Toddlers a.m.: Camille Mink &
 DeAnna Rainer
 Nursery p.m.: Cristy Lindsey
 Toddlers p.m.: Lisa Snell
 Children's Worship: Tiersa
 Reeves & Laurie Stone

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REEVES' RHETORIC

The Gratitude We Embrace

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NO HIGH SCHOOL DEVO TONIGHT

This is the last Sunday night before our Nebraska trip. For High Schoolers making that trip, tonight will be an opportunity to work on class decorations and lessons. This can be done tonight between 7 - 8:30 pm.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

We thank God for the blessings of this year's Middle School Mystery trip to Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Our topic was "Everyone Matters." Ask any Middle School student what that means.

NEBRASKA MISSION INFORMATION

Our Nebraska Mission is less than a week away! We leave on Thursday, July 3 at 8 PM and will return on Saturday, July 12. Make sure you finalize all of your class preparation this week. The building will be open this afternoon as well as this evening for that specific purpose. And secondly, don't forget about your 20 service hours you need for the trip!

WEGC (WEST ERWIN GRUB CLUB) - JULY 3

The Grub Club will meet this Thursday, July 3 at Raisin' Cane at 11:30 a.m. All interested High Schoolers are invited.

BACKCOUNTRY TREK MEETING - TODAY

This morning immediately following our AM assembly, we will have a meeting in our high school room for students and sponsors who are planning on coming on our BackCountry Trek July 20-26. This will be a short but important meeting, so be there!



MORE, MORE, MORE!!!!

Today, many people are working to get more and more things in their lives. I am afraid that they measure their success in life by how much they have accumulated. While we need to be careful of that attitude, there are times when we do need "more" in life. Look at what Paul says about that: *Now the law came in to increase that trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more (Ro.5:20).* We need to appreciate God's gift of grace **more** in our lives. We should never lose that dependence upon God for our salvation. It is not about what we do, but about what He has done. No, in all these things we are **more than conquerors** through him



Wonderful Day!

VBS was a huge success! Thanks to all the teachers, helpers & Actors! A special thanks to Nancy Crawford for putting together a wonderful day for our kids!

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Consider the following from 1 Corinthians 7:17... "Nevertheless, each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them." The overall message in 1 Cor. 7 is that true contentment can only be found in Christ. Our marriages & friendships would be better if the question asked is always, "Is it about honoring me... or is it about honoring God?"

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who loved us (Ro.8:37). Our faith has the ability to carry us through some terrible valleys in our lives. It is a great comfort knowing that we can and will overcome. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you **not to think of himself more highly** than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned (Ro.12:3). When it comes to spiritual matters, humility is what we need **more** of. All we possess and all we have become are due to the kindness of God. We need to have an attitude of gratitude and use our blessings in His service. For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win **more of them** (1 Cor. 9:19). We must always look for ways to get the lost exposed to the word of God! God saves us so we can go help others find their way to Jesus. When it comes to saving souls, Jesus is in the **more** business. We need more spiritual blessings than physical. What do you want more of?

Singing Group

We had a great turn-out for our first "singing" at Waterton. Over 35 singers joined our voices together to praise God and to uplift the residents at this facility. It was a great blessing to everyone involved. If you like to sing, join this group on the last Wednesday of every month to sing at Waterton Inn Assisted Living Facility! The address is 2885 Shiloh Rd., Tyler. The group will be singing for the residents there from 6:00-6:30 p.m., thereby giving all who come to sing time to make the 7:00 p.m service at our building. The next singing will be Wednesday, July 30. If you are interested, sign up at the information center in the foyer. See Phil Barrows for more info!

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Congratulations

Congratulations Glynn and Fran Starnes on July 3 **Golden Wedding Anniversary** **Fifty years of wedded bliss!**

Address Correction

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Baptism

Justin Montes was baptized on Tuesday by Israel Sandoval. He is the son of Carla & Eraquio Montes. His address is 3400 NNE Loop 323, #83, Tyler, TX 75708. We rejoice with you, Justin!

This Week

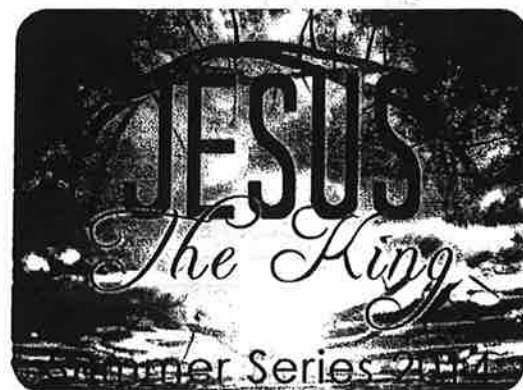
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Sermon Notes

AM: **Choosing Slavery**
Romans 6:11-14

PM: **Deincarnation**
Hebrews 4:14-16

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July 2:
INDEPENDENCE DAY SERVICE

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song # 622 Ring Out the Message
 Song # 624 Seeking the Lost
 Prayer
 Song # 324 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?
 Lord's Supper & Contribution
 Song # 831 Let Me Live Close to Thee
 Scripture Deut. 31:7-8
 Song # 895 I'll Love in Glory
 Message: **God Finishes What He Starts**
 Song # 922 Jesus Paid It All
 Dismiss
 Song # 528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives
 P.M. Assembly

Danny Snell
 Gary Ables
 Dannie Skipper
 Shaun Stamps
 Chris Reynolds
 Jason Reeves
 Bill Mullins

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song #683 I Am Mine No More
 Prayer
 Song #304 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
 Scripture Acts 2:36-39
 Song #837 I Need Thee Every Hour
 Message: **Asking the Right Questions**
 Song #800 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
 Song #716 Sing to Me of Heaven
 Dismiss

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 Philpot
 Toddlers a.m.: Jacob Reeves
 & Beverly Hale
 Nursery p.m.: Donella Jackson
 Toddlers p.m.: Debbie Jones
 Children's Worship: Melanie
 Benson/Mollie Mink

Our Records	June 15	Year Ago
Bible Class	382	414
Worship a.m.	568	668
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Wed. p.m.	254	332
Contribution	\$20,778.66	\$21,520.44
Weekly Budget	\$26,651.00	

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Straining at the Oars

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Glory to God!

Jason

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JUNIOR HIGH DEVO - TONIGHT

Tonight, there will be a junior high devo from 7-9pm. Please wear close-toed shoes and bring \$3 for dinner.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY - THIS WEEK!!

We will leave West Erwin tomorrow morning at 9am for our week of mystery, fun, and growing together, and we're excited! If you are coming, make sure you bring all the items on the packing list we've handed out in class. And if you've made special arrangements with me on payment, please remember to do that as well!

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WEGC (WEST ERWIN GRUB CLUB) - JUNE 26TH

Even though I will be out of town on Middle School Mystery, our first WEGC was such a hit they want to meet this week anyway! So, for all interested high schoolers, a group will be meeting at 11:30am Thursday at Rusty Taco on 5th and Beckham.

BACKCOUNTRY TREK MEETING - NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, June 29th, immediately following our AM assembly, we will have a meeting in our high school room for students and sponsors who are planning on coming on our BackCountry Trek June 20-26. This will be a short but important meeting, so be there!



Sunday Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes will be studying 1 & 2 Corinthians. The title of our study is "Ancient Church, Modern Challenges." The lesson this week...Christian Conduct from 1 Corinthians 6...More on this in class this Sunday morning...Join us!

Consider the following from 1 Corinthians 6:11... "And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

What an amazing God we serve! He takes us from wherever we are and brings us to Him... He paid the price that we cannot pay... That is unconditional love... Let us live as those who are washed and sanctified.

Iron Men Breakfast

Our next Iron Men's Breakfast will be Thursday, July 17 at the Family Life Center at 6:00 a.m. Sign up at the Information Center if you plan to attend! "As Iron Sharpens Iron, So One Man Sharpens Another." Proverbs 27:17.

VBS

A special Thanks to Nancy Crawford for putting her all into the VBS for our kids!

New Members

Imo & Erika Udosen

Semira (5th grade)

8282 Stonebridge Way

Tyler, TX 75703

903-581-8896 erika_udosen@yahoo.com

Welcome to the West Erwin family!

Singing Group Forming

If you like to sing, join a group on the last Wednesday of every month to sing at Waterton Inn Assisted Living Facility! The address is 2885 Shiloh Rd., Tyler. The group will be singing for the residents there from 6:00-6:30 p.m., thereby giving all who come to sing time to make the 7:00 p.m service at our building. The first singing will be Wednesday, June 25. If you are interested, sign up at the information center in the foyer. See Phil Barrows for more info!

Ladies Bible Study

A ladies Bible study is being planned for this summer! The study will be titled "The Joy of Discipleship." It will be held in the home of Jamie Metcalf (19789 CR 2171, Whitehouse, TX 75791). The study will be on Fridays at 1:00 p.m. and the first one was June 20. Please contact Jamie at 903-312-4306 so she can know how many to plan for.

New Address

Charles Harris

Atria Copeland, Room 122

5317 New Copeland Rd.

Tyler, TX 75703

(903) 570-6378

Thank You

Thank you to all of our Vacation Bible School volunteers. What a blessing for God's people to work together to achieve a common goal for our children and to God's glory!

Resignation

Mark Frick recently resigned as a deacon at West Erwin. We are thankful to Mark for his years of service.

Sympathy

Services for **Bernice Melton**, sister of Alice Thompson, were Saturday at Stewart Funeral Home.

This Week

Sun. 6/22	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00
	A.M. Worship	10:00
	P.M. Worship	6:00
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Sermon Notes

AM: **God Finishes What He Starts**

Deuteronomy 31:7-8

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Acts 2:36-39



TAKING CARE OF OUR CHILDREN

There have been many disturbing events happening in our world lately, but one that has especially touched me is the story of the number of children that have been sent to this country from South America. Many of these children have been sent by their parents with the hope of a better life for their child; even though the journey is illegal, risky, and very dangerous. I have read that "people smugglers" are encouraging this in order to boost their profits. Many adults have died trying to come to America, so it is easy to see the risk to an unaccompanied child. It saddens me to see that once again, we see a case of someone taking advantage of our children in order to "make a buck" or fill some sick desire. Our society is plagued with child predators, child molesters, sex offenders, and even those that attack the child before they even leave the womb. I believe that many of the woes of our society have come from issues that arise when children are raised in broken homes, unstable environments, and not having a strong father influence. I'm not saying a single mom cannot raise a great child, I just believe it is easier when a child has the strong spiritual influence of a father in their life. What environment do children prosper in? Children need a family that puts God as their first priority. Children need to see a husband and wife that work together to maintain their love for each other. Children need to be in a family that spends time together. That is such a challenge to our families today! Children need to be in a family that sets a priority on developing the traits that will strengthen their family for generations to come. Please pray for our children!

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June 25:

Robby Arrington

Rusk

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship		Danny Snell
Song # 535	The Glory-Land Way	Gary Ables
Song # 18	Faithful Love	
Prayer		Stan Mallory
Song # 361	Nailed to the Cross	
Lord's Supper & Contribution		Tommy McJunkins
Song # 611	Heavenly Sunlight	
Scripture	Luke 5:37-39	Curtis Martine
Song # 15	Step By Step	
Message:	A Crippled Church	Jason Reeves
Song # 940	Only a Step	
Dismiss		Phil Marts
Song # 712	Jesus Is Coming Soon	

P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship		Danny Snell
Song #2	We Praise Thee, O God	Tres Lowrance
Song #3	Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah	
Prayer		Larry Murpehy
Song #213	He is Able	
Scripture	2 Corinthians 12:16-21	Jimmie Philpot
Song #4	To God Be the Glory	
Message	Fools for Christ	Jason Reeves
Song #915	Trust and Obey	
Song # 792	My Eyes Are Dry	
Dismiss		Scotty Rouse

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Crowder
Toddlers p.m.: Karen Fedell
Children's Worship: Jean
Thornton

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REEVES' RHETORIC

A Radical Change of Mind

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Glory to God!

Jason

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INTERLINK - THIS WEEK!!

We had a great time at Interlink! We talked about exchanging our lives for the lives God has planned for us. If you see one of our teens wearing an Exchange shirt, ask them what it's all about.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVO- TONIGHT!

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GOOFY GAME DAY - JUNE 17th

Our first Goofy Game Day of the summer will be on Tue., June 17th. We will go from 1-3pm at the FLC. Make sure you wear closed toed shoes!

HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH BUNCH - JUNE 19th

It's just what it sounds like, a high school lunch get-together! On June 19th, it'll be at Jason's Deli, so if you're in high school, come share lunch with us at 11:30!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY - JUNE 23RD-26TH

Signups end today! Cost will be \$75. So if you're an incoming 6th grader or current middle school student, sign up and make plans to join us! Money is due Wednesday.



Sunday Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes will be studying 1 & 2 Corinthians. The title of our study is "Ancient Church, Modern Challenges." The lesson this week... **One Bad Apple**... from 1 Corinthians... More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us! Consider the following from 1 Corinthians 5:6b... "Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch- as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

Iron Men Breakfast

Our next Iron Men's Breakfast will be Thursday, June 19 at the Family Life Center at 6:00 a.m. Sign up at the Information Center if you plan to attend! "As Iron Sharpens Iron, So One Man Sharpens Another." Proverbs 27:17.

Being Faithful Fathers

"My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."

"A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty."

"Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, story-tellers & singers of songs."



I WANT THAT PAPA!

Last Monday I had the chance to take three of my Tyler grandsons to the movies. I managed to get them there on time, in spite of a run-in with a mud puddle. As we got to our seats, we had to first watch a few pre-movie ads for some upcoming toys and electronic games for children. All I could hear from my row was "I want that PaPaw" or "Awesome! Can I get one of those?" Those commercials got them so excited; they forgot all about Rio 2. It made me think of how easy it is for our adult minds to stray from the important things too. Satan knows how to take our minds away from where they need to be. Here are some "matters" for your consideration. **It matters what we think.** *Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things (Phil.4:8).* **It matters what we say.** *Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person (Col.4:6). My lips will pour forth praise... my tongue will sing of your word, for your commandments are right (Psa.119:171-172).* **It matters who we listen to.** *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked... but his delight is in the law of the Lord (Psa.1:1-2).* **It matters who we copy.** *Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus (Phil.2:4-5).* Following Jesus requires us to focus on all our everyday activities. What we do, and how we do it matters to the kingdom!

Vacation Bible School

Our VBS is THIS Saturday, June 21! Kids entering 1st grade-entering 5th grade are invited to attend! The title is *Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God!* Please register your children, friends or relatives by filling out the registration form & returning to the table in the foyer. VBS starts at 9:00 a.m. and the kids will be served hot dogs for lunch. They will end the day at 3:00 p.m. with Kona Ice!

If you have signed up to help with VBS (either on an involvement form or you have spoken to Nancy) but don't yet know your assignment, visit the table in the foyer to find out!

Our VBS team needs 16 or 20 oz. water or soft drink bottles and empty plastic baby food containers (with the lids). Please get these items to Nancy by Wednesday night!

Baptism

Matthew Christian was baptized Sunday! He is the son of Stephanie & Will Christian. His dad baptized him at Lake Cherokee. His address is 3014 Tower Dr., Tyler, TX 75701. Welcome to the family, Matthew!

Thank You

Dear West Erwin, Thank you so much for thinking of me during this exciting time. I will use the Bible as I continue to grow as a Christian. Thank you for blessing me in so many ways over the last years. Thanks for the all the prayers as I start the next journey in my life. Love,
Kinsey Lockhart

We are very grateful to our church family for taking the time to see to our needs during and after Louis' surgeries. You have warmed our hearts with your actions of love. Your prayers have given us strength and comfort. It is with love and appreciation that we thank you.
Jane and Louis Jones

New Address

Dorothy & Mike Watts: 15606 A FM 849, Lindale, TX 75771.

Singing Group Forming

If you like to sing, join a group on the last Wednesday of every month to sing at Waterton Inn Assisted Living Facility! The address is 2885 Shiloh Rd., Tyler. The group will be singing for the residents there from 6:00-6:30 p.m., thereby giving all who come to sing time to make the 7:00 p.m service at our building. The first singing will be Wednesday, June 25. If you are interested, sign up at the information center in the foyer. See Phil Barrows for more info!

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New Babies

Maddox Tyler Chandler was born to Anna & Colby Chandler on May 29. He was 8 lb. and 4 oz. The proud grandparents are Shirley & Keith Chandler & great grandparents are Gwen & Gene Chandler.

Ralph Jackson Worley was born June 12 to Caitlin & Austin Worley. He was 8 lbs. 7 oz. The proud grandparents are Donni & Tom Cook and great grandparents are Gwen & Gene Chandler.

Karing Kitchen

West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen tomorrow night. Be there by 5:00 p.m. to help. Make plans to serve our community!

This Week

Sun. 6/15	Bible Classes for all ages A.M. Worship P.M. Worship	9:00 10:00 6:00
Mon. 6/16	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen	5:00-7:00
Tues. 6/17	Lunch Bunch Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution, Diaper Shirts & Quilt Making & Bandage Rolling	8:30-10:30
Wed. 6/18	Benev Ctr: Food Distribution Bible Classes for all ages Benev Ctr: Food Distribution	8:30-10:30 7:00 6:30-7:30
Thurs. 6/19	Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution	8:30-10:30
Sat. 6/21	Vacation Bible School	9:00-3:00

Sermon Notes

AM: **A Crippled Church**
Luke 5:37-39

PM: **Fools for Christ**
- 2 Corinthians 12:16-21

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Order of Worship

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 Hebrews 5:11-14
 Song # 587 Sing and Be Happy
 Message: **What'll It Be, Sugar?**
 Song # 904 Have You Been to Jesus?
 Dismiss
 Song # 867 To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way
 P.M. Assembly

Danny Snell
 Gary Ables
 Clifton Lindsey
 Jon Murry
 Odie Kennedy
 Eric Thornton
 Greg Jones

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
 Song #134 The Lord's My Shepherd
 Prayer
 Song #417 Where He Leads I'll Follow
 Song #121 God Is Love
 Scripture 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
 Song #587 Sing and Be Happy
 Message: **Preventative Maintenance**
 Song #903 There is Power in the Blood
 Dismiss
 Song #867 To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way

Danny Snell
 Corey Coleman
 Charles Melville
 Ron Parish
 Donnie Carnathan
 Lee Mink

Serving Today
COMMUNION
 Stan Mallory Curtis Martine
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 Lee Mink Kenneth Muncy
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 Brayden Reeder, Wesley
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
 Nursery a.m.: Stacey Turner &
 Kayla Gallegly
 Toddlers a.m.: Carolyn
 Welborn & Bailey Hammond
 Nursery p.m.: Cayla Ables
 Toddlers p.m.: Julie Ables
 Children's Worship: Jean
 Thornton

Our Records	June 1	Year Ago
Bible Class	441	450
Worship a.m.	594	656
Worship p.m.	NC	310
Wed. p.m.	NC	370
Contribution	\$23,045.76	\$38,816.60
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REEVES' RHETORIC

Victorious In Our Salvation

In Luke chapter 4 we are given insight into the human and divine nature of our Savior as Jesus is led into the desert by the Spirit. During forty days of fasting (or at the conclusion of them depending upon your understanding of the text) Jesus is tempted by Satan. "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Jesus answered, "Man does not live on bread alone." The devil then led Him up to a high place and showed Him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to Him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'" The devil led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written: 'He will command His angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left Him until an opportune time" (Luke 4:3-13).

Much could be said about this event in Jesus' life and ministry. The fact that it occurred (when you consider Matthew's account) immediately following the baptism of Jesus is significant. Jesus' discipline and complete and total reliance upon God in fasting during this time powerfully speaks to us. Jesus' response to each test while abiding in God's Word is crucial. Certainly Satan's distortion of Scripture in Jesus' testing is something that should be emphasized. But what I'd like for us to consider are the reasons behind the specific ways in which Jesus is tempted/tested.

"If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Notice Satan's condescension: "If...." Did Satan know that Jesus was God's Son? Absolutely. Did Jesus know? You better believe it! Was there anyone else present for this conversation besides the two of them? No. So why begin with question? He's testing Jesus' character! And why bread? Because of Jesus' hunger? Yes. But even more so, if ever there was going to be a moment where Jesus was susceptible and fragile in His humanity this would have been it. Our Lord, however, stood firm. And why the temptation of the kingdoms of the world? Power. Prestige. Authority. Ego. The temptation of salvation while falling from the pinnacle of the temple? Along those same lines: Pride. Arrogance. Ability. Worth. The writer of Hebrews acknowledges that Jesus was "tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). And we see this reality clearly lived out in our Lord's life in His testing. But in doing so, do we to see our own humanness as we are tempted by Satan every day as well?

John the Apostle writes, "For everything in the world - the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes, and the boasting of what he has and does - comes not from the Father but from the world" (1 John 2:16). Precisely the three areas in which our Savior was tempted.

We are in such dire need of salvation. So God sent us Jesus. But He sent Christ not only to save us, but to show us. To show us how to live victorious in our salvation.

Glory to God!
 Jason

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Prayer & Care

Hospitalized

ETMC: Charles Harris Room 2502 | **Mother Frances: Charles Rachui's** infection is resistant to oral antibiotics so he will be hospitalized for 7 days with IV antibiotics. If the infection clears up, they will schedule the surgery. There is a chance that it won't clear up, at which point he will have to be on IV antibiotics for 3 months. | **Children's in Dallas: Kalli Huff** | **Good Shepherd in Longview: Leo Stewart**, NICU, great grandson of Louise Seaberry

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INTERLINK - THIS WEEK!!

We leave today at 1pm for our week of camp at Interlink. We will be joining several other youth groups from our east Texas area churches. Please keep our group in your prayers this week. We will be focusing on our theme of "EXCHANGE," as we encourage our teens to exchange the selfishness of our lives we all live with, with the life God intends for us. We will return Friday afternoon!

NEBRASKA MISSION INFORMATION

Our Nebraska Mission is now less than one month away! So we'll be giving weekly reminders about everything ahead of us. Make sure you are meeting with your teaching team members WEEKLY (or more often than that for some of you) to get your room decorations prep done, as well as all the activities you'll be doing in your classes. And secondly, don't forget about your 20 service hours you need for the trip!

GOOFY GAME DAY - JUNE 10TH

Our first Goofy Game Day of the summer will be on Tue., June 10th. We will go from 1-3pm at the FLC. Make sure you wear closed toed shoes!

HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH BUNCH - JUNE 12TH

It's just what it sounds like, a high school lunch get-together! On June 12th, it'll be at Jason's Deli, so if you're in high school, come share lunch with us at 11:30!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY - JUNE 23RD-26TH

Signups are still open in Bible class for our Middle School Mystery trip, and the deadline for signing up is June 18th. Cost will be \$75. So if you're an incoming 6th grader or current middle school student, sign up and make plans to join us!



Thoughts from the week...

What an amazing day last Sunday was! So many people turned out for lunch together and then spent a lot of time checking out the Ministry Fair. Many folks saw for the first time some great opportunities where they can Connect & Serve. Thanks to all of those 30+ ministries who put together some wonderful displays. It is good to be a part of this church family! May God be glorified in all we do.

Sunday Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes will be studying 1 & 2 Corinthians. The title of our study is "Ancient Church, Modern Challenges." The lesson this week...*Spiritual Maturity*... from 1 Corinthians 3:1-23... More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us! Consider the following from 1 Corinthians 3:16-17... "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple."

Iron Men Breakfast

Our next Iron Men Breakfast will be on June 19. As Iron Sharpens Iron, So One Man Sharpens Another." Proverbs 27:17



WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH....

Isn't it amazing when you come across people in the church that seem to just get stronger when their situation in life is at its worst? How do they do it? What do they have going for them when others struggle at easier situations in life? I want to pass on four things a preacher shared with me on this same topic. They have a **secure root**. Remember the soils in the Parable of the Sower. Having a grounded faith helps us when we face trials, persecution and suffering, and the pull of the world. The deeper the roots, the stronger the tree! They have a **solid foundation**. Remember the lesson from the wise man who built his house on the rock! Foundations are not built to be seen by others, but the results are obvious when the storms come. Likewise, it is the times of tribulation that reveal a solid faith. They have a **strong faith**. Someone doubts only when they are unsure. James describes it as someone who is "driven and tossed by the wind" (James 1:6). We conquer trials when we are confident. Faith is the "assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things unseen" (Heb.11:1). They have a **sharp focus**. Remember what happened to Peter when he took his eyes off Jesus; he sank! Paul told the church at Colossae to "seek the things that are above, where Christ is" (Col.3:1). We give up when we have lost our direction. We are defeated when we lose sight of our purpose. When the going gets tough; what do you do? Do you dig in and hold to what got you to that spot or do you try to find something new and untried? Remember your roots, your foundation, your faith, and your focus!

Baby Shower

Ladies are invited to a baby shower honoring Nicole & Brett Hone today from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center. Selections are at Target & Babies R Us. It's a girl!

Time Change

Tonight, Sunday evening services will start at 6:00 p.m.

VBS Workers

We are in need of VBS workers! Our VBS is planned for Saturday, June 21. Please see Nancy Crawford if you can help!

New Baby

Leo Gabriel Stewart was born June 3 & weighed 2 lbs. 9 oz. Proud parents are Samantha and Abram Stewart and the proud great grandmother is Louise Seaberry.

Thank You

Dear West Erwin Church of Christ, Thank you so much for the Bible, it will help me grow in my faith for many years to come. I would also like to thank the entire West Erwin Church of Christ, for your constant support and prayer. This church has shaped my character and beliefs that I will hold for the rest of my life. Thanks, **Kyler Whatley**

I want to thank those in the church who visited me in the hospital, sent cards, and provided meals. Your prayers and acts of kindness were very much appreciated by Lydia and I. We love you all. **Jim Gipson**

Wednesday Night Summer Series

Our Wednesday night Summer Series titled, "Jesus the King" has begun! We have a great list of speakers and we are excited to hear from them over the summer. Pick up a schedule at the Information Center.

Lost & Found

The Lost & Found cabinet in the main foyer will be cleaned out June 28. All items left in the cabinet will be donated to the Benevolence Center.

Graduations

The Weathers families are proud to announce three college graduations! **Wendy**, daughter of Wynne and Kristi Weathers, graduated from Texas Christian University with a Bachelor of Science in nursing. **Grace**, daughter of Rhonda and the late Walker Weathers, graduated with honors from the University of Texas in Austin with a Bachelor of Science in education. **Caroline**, daughter of Wade and Diane Weathers, graduated from Mays Business School at Texas A&M in College Station with a Master of Real Estate. Congratulations!

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Resignations

In the last few weeks, the following deacons have resigned: Mike Harris, Blake Lockhart, Jeff Parrish, John Shaw & Melvin Maples. We appreciate the years they served as deacons and their contribution to the Lord's church.

This Week

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	Cut & Paste Club	1:00-3:00
	Young At Heart	6:00

Sermon Notes

AM: **What'll It Be, Sugar?**
Hebrews 5:11-14

PM: **Preventative Maintenance**
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song # 121 Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing
 Song # 63 I Will Call upon the Lord
 Song # 768 Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You
 Prayer
 Song # 342 We Saw Thee Not
 Lord's Supper & Contribution
 Song # 779 I Love You, Lord
 Scripture Romans 12:1-5
 Song # 555 Seek Ye First
 Message: **Plugged In**
 Song # 672 Give Me Thy Heart
 Dismiss
 Song # 406 Just a Closer Walk with Thee
 P.M. Assembly

Danny Snell
 Gary Ables

Dick Higginbotham

Dannie Skipper

Jeff Horton

Jason Reeves

Jay Bynum

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song # 648 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
 Song # 652 We Have Heard the Joyful Sound
 Scripture John 15:5-8
 Prayer
 Song How Long Has It Been
 Song Anywhere is Home
 Message: **Out On a Limb**
 Song # 664 Take My Life, and Let It Be
 Song # 736 To Christ Be Loyal & Be True
 Dismiss

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Prayer & Care

Hospitalized
Olympic Plaza: Gladys Williams
Updates

Charles Rachui will have double knee replacement on June 2. | **Tommy Price** had a heart cath & two stents implanted and is now home. | **Arnold Ables** is now home. | **Louis Jones** is now home. **Samantha Stewart**, granddaughter of Louise Seaberry, is on bed rest until birth of her son in August. | **Winnie Bell** is having knee problems.

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Is the Cross Enough?

For the next three months our congregation will be investing into a study of 1st and 2nd Corinthians. Both Sunday morning classes and sermons will be pursuing these two wonderful texts. As a church we will be pouring ourselves into these letters and striving for a willingness and openness that would allow our Father to pour Himself into us as His holy people. "Ancient Church, Modern Challenges" is the general theme we'll be working under. I cannot imagine a more timely, unifying study for us to engage in together.

The Corinthian letters center upon effective ministry. How is the church to be effective in a culture that is so very contrary to the God we serve? How might the relevance of the Gospel of Christ be communicated in a world that sees no need for faith? How can those who are followers of the Way of Jesus be united with one another, when while we've chosen to follow Christ, we did not choose one another? How do we as Christ's Church today serve as a powerful, effective witness for the Kingdom? Unabashed. Unashamed. And unhindered

These are questions that the Corinthian letters will address.

Chapter 1 sets the stage: "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you **agree with one another** in what you say and that there be **no divisions among you**, but that you be **perfectly united in mind and thought**. My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that **there are quarrels among you**. What I mean is this: One of you says, 'I follow Paul'; another, 'I follow Apollos'; another, 'I follow Cephas'; still another, 'I follow Christ.'

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) **For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Gospel - not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. 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**" (vv10-18).

Are we sharing the fullness of the Gospel message or are we simply speaking with "wisdom and eloquence" emptying the cross of its God-designed, God-designated power? Is the message of the cross enough for us? Is the cross, and the cross alone, truly the power for we who believe and are being saved?

It all begins with the question: "Is Christ divided?"

It all begins with the decision: "I follow Christ."

And it all begins this week!

Glory to God!

Jason

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NO DEVO TONIGHT - MEMORIAL DAY

With many of our families either out of town, or having family in town (like ours), we will not be having a devo tonight. Next week will be a high school devo after our PM service, but we encourage you to make tonight a family night.

YOUTH GROUP 101

All 5th Grade **students and their parents** are invited to a special series of classes designed to prepare and excite you for the WEYM. We will meet in the Jr. High Classroom this Wednesday, May 28th, and June 4th from 7:00-8:00. It is very important for you to plan to attend!

INTERLINK - JUNE 8TH-13TH

Our first trip of the summer, INTERLINK, is only two short weeks away. This is a camp, directed by several East Texas churches of Christ area youth ministers, held in Hitchcock, TX. We go as a youth group to a single session, together! It is open to 6th-12th graders, it's not too late to sign up! There are info and signups sheets in class!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY - JUNE 23RD-26TH

The only thing that's NOT a mystery about our trip this year is this... we're not heading back down to Galveston. Other than that, keep guessing! Signups are open in Bible class, and the deadline for signing up is June 18th. Cost will be \$75. So if you're an incoming 6th grader or current middle school student, sign up and make plans to join us!

NEBRASKA MEETING - NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST

High Schoolers, our Nebraska trip will be here before you know it. All of those who are currently in high school and those who are going into the 9th grade this summer are eligible to participate. You will need 20 service hours before we leave so look for opportunities to serve! All of those planning on going to Nebraska will need to meet next Sunday @ 4:15 to split into classes and begin working on their lessons. The dates for this year's trip are July 3rd-12th.



Sunday Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter, many of our adult classes are studying in the Gospels looking specifically at the Parables of Jesus and His "I Am" statements. The title of the study is "Words that Changed the World." The lesson this week... **Abiding in Christ...** from John 15:1-27...

More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following from John 15:5... "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Iron Men Breakfast

A special THANKS to Chad Chauncey, Morris Hallman & Wynne Weathers for cooking breakfast this past week! Our next Iron Men Breakfast will be on June 19. "As Iron Sharpens Iron, So One Man Sharpens Another." *Proverbs 27:17*

All Church Luncheon & Ministry Fair

Join us next Sunday, June 1 for our All Church Lunch followed by a Ministry Fair. This will be a great opportunity for you to see all the different ministry opportunities available at West Erwin. Join us!

Baby Shower

Ladies are invited to a baby shower honoring Nicole & Brett Hone on Sunday, June 8 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center. Selections are at Target & Babies R Us. It's a girl!

Time Change

Beginning June 8, Sunday evening services will start at 6:00 p.m.

VBS Workers

We are in need of VBS workers! Our VBS is planned for Saturday, June 21. Please see Nancy Crawford if you can help!

Wednesday Night Meals

Our last Wednesday night meal was May 21. A big THANK YOU to all the people who helped organize, serve and/or prepare the meals this year!

Office Closed

The church office will be closed tomorrow for Memorial Day.

Thank You

Dear West Erwin Family, Thank you so much for the Bible for graduation. It will help me as I continue to grow and study God's word. I am truly grateful for the love, support and encouragement my church family has always shown to me. Please continue to pray for me as I begin this new chapter of my life in college. Love,
Justin Parrish

I will never be able to thank all of you for the prayers, cards and all the well wishes that you give me during my time in the hospital. Thanks to all of you and God bless all of you.
Marjorie Ethridge

Thanks for the prayers, the calls and also the cards while Arnold was having his procedure. We appreciate all of you.
Agnes & Arnold Ables

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Sermon Notes

AM: **Plugged In**
Romans 12:1-5

PM: **Out On a Limb**
John 15:5-8



THERE CAN BE BLESSINGS IN FAILURES

My oldest grandson Logan is a baseball player. It has been fun to see his improvement over the years. Now when the ball is hit to him, chances are, he will catch it. He is a better hitter now and he is faster on the base paths too. Baseball is fun to him because he is having some success. It was not always that way at the beginning. It works the same way in our spiritual walk too. If we never step out in faith, if we never try anything difficult, if we never put ourselves in a position that causes us to trust in our Father, how will we ever grow stronger in our faith? My youngest grandson Beau will be walking soon. Don't you think he will take some falls before that first long walk? Logan dropped many a fly ball before he learned how to catch them, and he knew what it meant to strike out. Logan learned from his mistakes. Jesus' disciples made plenty of them, but their faith and love for Jesus caused them to continue in their work and they grew to be a powerful force in the world. Our failures, whether in the form of rebellion or foolish blunders, can become tools of learning and stepping stones to success, if we are determined to **grow** in our service to God. We should never allow our fear of failure to paralyze us from tackling a job or trying something that challenges our comfort zone. Robert E. Lee once wrote after a horrible defeat, "We must expect reverses, even defeats. They are sent to teach us wisdom and prudence, to call forth greater energies, and to prevent our falling into greater disasters". When you walk around the Ministry Fair on June 1, just remember these words, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13).



MAKE PLANS TO BE PRESENT ON SUNDAY, JUNE 1! WE WILL HAVE A CATERED LUNCH AFTER SERVICES AND WILL HAVE A MINISTRY FAIR FOLLOWING LUNCH.

MINISTRY LEADERS WILL HAVE BOOTHS WHERE YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MINISTRIES AT WEST ERWIN AND SIGN UP TO SERVE IN THOSE MINISTRIES.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song # 264 O Come Let Us Adore Him
 Song # 810 Listen to Our Hearts
 Prayer
 Song # 315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
 Lord's Supper & Contribution
 Song # 578 We Will Glorify
 Scripture John 13:31-35
 Song # 280 Thou Art the Way
 Message: **The Jesus Way**
 Song # 907 Hark the Gentle Voice
 Dismiss
 Song # 448 The Greatest Commands
 P.M. Assembly

Danny Snell
 Davy Carter
 Howard Dickson
 Tom Hale
 Barry Ciaschini
 Jason Reeves
 Ray Vannoy
 Danny Snell
 Phil Barrows
 Kyler Whatley
 Eric Thornton
 Justin Parrish

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song #144 O Worship the King
 Song # 162 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
 Prayer
 Song # 308 Wonderful Love
 Song # 100,101 Holy Ground Medley
 Message: **Don't Sell Your Birthright**
 Song # 288 Fairest Lord Jesus
 Song # 250 The Great Redeemer
 Dismiss

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Prayer & Care

Hospitalized

Olympic Center: Gladys Williams, suffered a fall

Updates

Arnold Ables is having a pacemaker implanted 5/20 at ETMC. | Marjorie Etheridge is now home. | Tommy Price will have a heart procedure in the near future. | Louis Jones will have aneurysm surgery on May 19th. Mother Frances | Charles Rachui will have double knee replacement on June 2 | Ira Wilson is home with pneumonia | Phil Marts will be seeing a cardiologist this month after undergoing tests. | Stan Mallory's surgery went well & is now home. | Aubrey Morman received results of CT Scan that his cancer is still active, but has not spread elsewhere. He asks for prayers regarding further treatment. | Mark Waggonner is suffering from severe back pain.

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Serving Today

COMMUNION

Greg Jones Lee Kellenberger
 Matt Kelly Odie Kennedy
 Matthew Kimball Robert Lee
 Pete Leung Clifton Lindsey

GREETERS

Howard & Linda Dickson
 Don & Norma Durham
 Alan Fisher
 Info Center: Mark & Melissa Frick

PICK UP CARDS

Logan Metcalf, Luke Metcalf,
 John Park, Wyatt Parker,
 Corey Prestidge

SOUND BOOTH

Jonathan Stone/Clifton Lindsey

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery a.m.: Rita Sifton & Jacob Reeves
 Toddlers a.m.: Lisa Snell & Kacey Reeves
 Nursery p.m.: Jill Smith
 Toddlers p.m.: Joanna Stamps
 Children's Worship: Leigh Parker & Mandy Luster

Our Records	May 11	Year Ago
Bible Class	422	466
Worship a.m.	649	664
Worship p.m.	280	389
Wed. p.m.	300	NC
Contribution	\$24,993.41	\$21,744.98
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REEVES' RHETORIC

Unfailing Love

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions." ~Psalm 51:1

"For forgiveness of my sin, I have nothing to appeal to outside of God's great love and compassion. If I ask for forgiveness based on my own love for God or for my fellow humans, I will be destroyed. If I beg for mercy based on my loyalty to God, I will be condemned. If I plead for absolution based on my good deeds, my stack of merits, or my status, I will not be saved. I cannot pray for forgiveness because of my own faithfulness. Certainly not according to my righteousness. Nor my goodness. Not my sincerity. I can't show God my list of accomplishments, I can't bring to him the contents of my heart, I can't appeal to him based on my intentions, my actions, or my thoughts.

I've got nothing.

Nothing.

If it's according to me or according to anything I've ever done or thought about doing; if it's based on my past or present or future; if it's contingent on my goodness in any way, I'm sunk. You know it and I know it. I'm done for. And so are you.

Praise God, it's according to his unfailing love! Praise God it's according to his great compassion!

It's all I've got. And it's all I need.

It's all you've got. And it's all you need" (from an article by my friend Allan Stanglin).

Glory to God!

Jason

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Wed. Night Meal for May 21: Burgers

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Youth Group 101 – 5th Graders

On Wednesday nights, May 28 & June 4, we will have our intro to the youth group class for current 5th graders and their parents. Please join us these two nights to learn what our youth ministry is all about, and how you can be a part of it!

VBS Workers

We are in need of VBS workers! Our VBS is planned for Saturday, June 21. Please see Nancy Crawford if you can help!

New Books

Look on the "New Books" shelf in the Adult Library for two new titles: *Crazy Busy* by Kevin Deyoung and *An Unhurried Life* by Alan Fadling.

Thank You

Church family, Thank you for the cards and prayer during our time of loss.

Paul Montandon & family

Ministry Fair

Make plans to be present on Sunday, June 1! We will have a catered lunch after services and will have a ministry fair following lunch. Ministry leaders will have booths where you can learn more about the ministries at West Erwin and sign up to serve in those ministries. Mark your calendars!

New Address

Cal & Jo Ann Wilkinson: 5028 Shiloh Ridge Dr., Tyler, 75703. If you use the directory app on your mobile device, be sure to click the curved arrow in the top right corner of the screen to receive updates to the directory.

Senior Sunday

We will be celebrating our graduating high school seniors today during and after the PM service. This year's seniors are **Emilee Hearon, Kinsey Lockhart, Justin Parrish, Kyler Whatley, and Jerrod Wilson**. See the next page to learn a little more about them. Make plans to celebrate with the seniors and their families tonight after evening services in the FLC!

Congrats, Grads!



This Week

Sun. 5/18	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00
	A.M. Worship	10:00
	P.M. Worship	5:00
Mon. 5/19	Karing Kitchen	5:00-7:00
Tues. 5/20	Lunch Bunch	
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Wed, 5/21	Benev Ctr: Food Distribution	8:30-10:30
	Wed, Night Meal: Burgers	
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Thurs. 5/22	Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution	8:30-10:30
	Cut & Paste Club	1:00-3:00

Sermon Notes

AM: **The Jesus Way**
John 13:31-35

PM: **Don't Sell Your Birthright**

Our 2014 Graduates



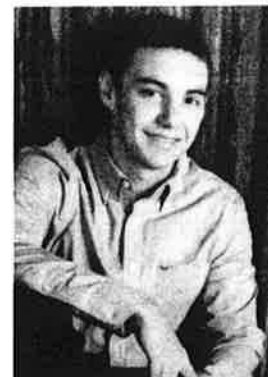
Emilee Hearon is a graduate of Whitehouse High School and is the daughter of Anthony & Susan Hearon. Her favorite part of the West Erwin church has been "the youth group because they are like family and always there when I need them." Her favorite youth group memory is going to Nebraska every year and watching the kids grow up. Her favorite verse is John 3:16 because it proves his love to us. The advice that she would give fellow & future youth group members is "be involved with the youth group and enjoy the years there." When asked who she would want to thank for helping her get to where she is today, she says, "my parents and my friends." Next year Emilee plans to attend Tyler Junior College. When asked what she hopes to be doing in twenty years, she says she plans to have a career as a dental hygienist.



Jerrod Wilson is a graduate of Grace Community School in Tyler and is the son of Jeremy & Jenny Wilson. Jerrod also says, "My favorite youth group memory was in Joplin for the tornado cleanup. It was amazing to see so many people come together to help strangers in need." When asked who he wants to thank for helping him get where he is today, Jerrod responds, "I would like to thank my parents and grandparents (Gaylan & Margie Seagler) for always being there for me in good times and bad." His favorite part of West Erwin is four wheeling trips to Mena with friends and his favorite verse is John 3:16 because it gives him comfort, peace & hope. Next year, Jerrod plans to attend Texas State University and major in Business. When asked where he plans to be in twenty years, he says, "I hope to be in the Caribbean."



Justin Parrish is a graduate of Whitehouse High School and is the son of Jeff & Melissa Parrish. His favorite part of the West Erwin church has been being involved in the youth group. His favorite youth group memory is spending time in Nebraska and strengthening friendships. Justin says, "My favorite verse is Proverbs 16:3 because it gives me comfort and hope for the future." His advice to fellow and future youth group members is "spend as much time as you can with your church friends and be there for each other." When asked who he wants to thank for helping him get where he is today, Justin responds, "I want to thank my parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, my sister and my youth ministers, Danny Snell & Eric Thornton." Next year, Justin plans to attend TJC. In 20 years he hopes to be, "moving up in the field of nursing and raising a family."



Kyler Whatley is a graduate of Bullard High School and is the son of Jay & Tresa Jones. His favorite part of the West Erwin church has been "the friendships that have helped me get through any situation and help draw me closer to God." His favorite youth group memory was the entire 2013 Nebraska Mission Trip. Kyler says his favorite verse is Philippians 4:13 because "it reminds me that Christ gives me the strength to make it through any situation." The advice he would give fellow and future youth group members is "Don't take for granted the opportunity to have a very active and supportive youth group." Next year, Kyler plans to go to Tyler Junior College and obtain an Associates Degree in Biology. When asked who he wants to thank for getting him where he is today is "Justin Parrish, Ruger Stocking, Danny Snell, Eric Thornton and most of all, my parents." In twenty years he hopes to be a pharmacist who is a great example to others.



Kinsey Lockhart is a graduate of Lindale High School and is the daughter of Blake & Mary Lockhart. Her favorite part of the West Erwin church has been the youth group. Her favorite youth group memory has been "going to Nebraska every year and setting up my own room to teach VBS. I also love getting so close to everybody and having a great group of friends." The advice she would give fellow and future youth group members is to "hold on to the time you have and don't take it for granted because it goes by fast." Kinsey's favorite verse is Proverbs 31:25 because it gives her hope and confidence for the future because she knows the Lord is with her. When asked who she wants to thank for helping get her where she is today, she says, "My mom and dad and my grandparents." Next year, Kinsey plans to attend the University of Texas at Tyler to pursue a degree in Education. In 20 years, she hopes to be "graduated from college and teaching 3rd grade. I also hope to be married and have my own family."

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song # 103 He Has Made Me Glad Danny Snell
 Song # 484 You Are My All in All Gary Ables
 Song # 959 Just a Little Talk with Jesus
 Prayer Phil Barrows
 Song # 324 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?
 Lord's Supper & Contribution Ernie Gordon
 Song # 416 Footsteps of Jesus
 Scripture Ezekiel 34:11-16 Chad Chauncey
 Song # 608 He Gave Me a Song
 Message: **The Good Shepherd (Part 1)** Jason Reeves
 Song # 940 Only a Step
 Dismiss Leon Welborn
 Song # 867 To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way
 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Danny Snell
 Song #570 A Beautiful Life Lance Yarema
 Song # 962 Were You There?
 Prayer Ken Culpepper
 Song Light the Fire
 Scripture Isaiah 40:9-11 Gene Chandler
 Song # 429 Oh, to Be Like Thee
 Message: **The Good Shepherd (Part 2)** Jason Reeves
 Song # 909 There's a Fountain Free
 Song Sanctuary Frank Debenport
 Dismiss

Serving Today
COMMUNION
 Wyatt Gruver David Hammond
 Mike Harris Tim Holt
 Jeff Horton James Hughes
 Kyler Whatley J Jones
GREETERS
 Cathy & Ken Culpepper
 Ruby Cliver & Mary Jo Crowder
 Gail & Frank Debenport
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PICK UP CARDS
 Ethan Stone, Logan Stone,
 Nathan Turner, Braden Lockhart, Clay Mitcham
SOUND BOOTH
 Alex Mullins/Cody Frick
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
 Nursery a.m.: DeAnna Rainer & Jaci Philpot
 Toddlers a.m.: Danielle Rousseau & Hannah Metcalf
 Nursery p.m.: Tiersa Reeves
 Toddlers p.m.: Mary Scarborough
 Children's Worship: Heather Barton & Ashley Reeves

Our Records	April 27	Year Ago
Bible Class	440	453
Worship a.m.	634	667
Worship p.m.	274	364
Wed. p.m.	302	342
Contribution	\$21,301.59	\$22,082.56
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REEVES' RHETORIC

The Cause of Redemption

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

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

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

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

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

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Jason

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Prayer & Care

Updates

Phil Marts will be seeing a cardiologist in May after undergoing tests. | **Mandy Sherrod** is awaiting MRI results for possible surgery. | **Emma Lea**, a 2 year old child of a co-worker of Charleen Clayton's daughter, did well under anesthesia and will be treated for seizures. | **Gladys Williams** fell Monday & is at ETMC. | **Ira Wilson** is now home. | **Tommy Price** is having a heart cath @ ETMC on 5/9. | **Louis Jones** will have surgery May 19 at Mother Frances Hospital.

With Sympathy

Services for **Jody Shaw**, John Shaw's father, were Wednesday in Lindale.

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WEYM

WEST ERWIN YOUTH MINISTRY

NO DEVO TONIGHT - MOTHER'S DAY

Moms, I reminded all the teens FOUR times Wednesday night that today is Mother's Day, so they have no excuse not to remember. Please use today as an opportunity to celebrate your mom.

SENIOR SUNDAY - NEXT SUNDAY

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FRISCO ROUGHRIDERS BASEBALL - HARDING NIGHT

Saturday night, May 24th, is Harding Night at Dr. Pepper Ballpark in Frisco, home of the RoughRiders, the Texas Rangers Double A affiliate, and we're taking a group to join the fun. The cost is \$17, and that includes your game ticket, as well as all you can eat hot dogs, brats, nachos, and Dr. Pepper products. Did I mention ALL YOU CAN EAT!!! We are limited to 45 tickets so it's a first come first serve. Money is due by Wednesday night in order to reserve our tickets with the group, so make sure to pay Eric either today or Wednesday.

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Thoughts...

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Iron Men Breakfast

Our next Iron Men Breakfast will be on May 22. As Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17



APPRECIATING WHAT YOU HAVE

People sometimes complain that others have more than they do. Life will always be like that. When we start thinking like that, maybe it's time to consider what we **do** have instead of regretting what we don't have. Consider the words of Peter; *To those that have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire (2 Peter 1:1b-4).* We **have** a faith more precious than gold. Our faith gives us victory in life and our faith allows us to do great things in our service to God. We **have** grace and peace in our lives because of our knowledge of God and of His son, Jesus. We **have** His divine power in our lives. This power has given us all things we need to live an abundant and godly life. We **have** God's precious and very great promises; the promise of living with confidence, the promise of life after death, and the promise of Heaven. We **have** the way to live with God's nature in our own lives. Imagine living with the strength to be free of the corruption and sinful desires of the world. We are indeed rich beyond compare. Don't be jealous of those that chase after the things of the world. As Christians, we have plenty. Our riches will last for eternity!



MAKE PLANS TO BE PRESENT ON SUNDAY, JUNE 1! WE WILL HAVE A CATERED LUNCH AFTER SERVICES AND WILL HAVE A MINISTRY FAIR FOLLOWING LUNCH.

MINISTRY LEADERS WILL HAVE BOOTHS WHERE YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MINISTRIES AT WEST ERWIN AND SIGN UP TO SERVE IN THOSE MINISTRIES.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Baptism

Kelsi Kilgore was baptized Thursday, May 1, by her grandfather, Jim Carty. Kelsi is the daughter of Tara & Karl Kilgore. She is in the 9th grade and her address is 519 Abbey Rd., Lindale, 75771. Welcome to the family, Kelsi!

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Karing Kitchen

West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen tomorrow night at the Benevolent Center. Be there by 5:00 p.m. if you'd like to help serve our community!

New Books

Look on the "New Books" shelf in the Adult Library for two new titles: *Crazy Busy* by Kevin Deyoung and *An Unhurried Life* by Alan Fadling.

Thank You

West Erwin Church of Christ, Thank you so much for the many many cards I received while I was in six weeks of rehab. The prayers and visits were so helpful for me being in Dallas. Thank you so much for all your support for the last 2 years and plus. I am very blessed. Love you so much. In Jesus our Lord, **Janice Hardaway**

Senior Sunday

We will be celebrating our graduating high school seniors on May 18th, during and after the PM service. We will be having our own day of celebration at West Erwin. This year's seniors are **Emilee Hearon, Kinsey Lockhart, Justin Parrish, Kyler Whatley, and Jerrod Wilson**.

Happy Mother's Day!

This Week

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Sermon Notes

AM: **The Good Shepherd (Part 1)**
Ezekiel 34:11-16

PM: **The Good Shepherd (Part 2)**
Isaiah 40:9-11

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship		Eric Thornton
Song # 625	Zion's Call	Corey Coleman
Song # 626	Christ for the World We Sing	
Prayer		Jim Boyd
Song # 332	Lead Me to Calvary	
Lord's Supper & Contribution		Don Durham
Song # 3	Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah	
Scripture	Psalm 27:1-6	Dennis Brand
Song # 121	God Is Love	
Song # 587		
Message:	Illumination	Jason Reeves
Song # 902	Nothing but the Blood	
Dismiss		Fred Wingate
Song # 867	To Canaan's Land	

Evening Assembly
Leadership Training for Christ
Youth Led Service

Serving Today

COMMUNION

Wyatt Gruver David Hammond
Mike Harris Tim Holt
Jeff Horton James Hughes
Kyler Whatley J Jones

GREETERS

Barry Ciaschini
Allison & Kevin Cooper
Amber & Chad Chauncey
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Nathan Turner, Braden
Lockhart, Clay Mitcham

SOUND BOOTH

Alex Mullins/Cody Frick

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Nursery a.m.: Camille Mink &
Bailey Hammond
Toddlers a.m.: Mary June
Goodson & Megan Harris
Nursery p.m.: Evelyn Muncy
Toddlers p.m.: Sheri Gruver
Children's Worship: Rebekah
Carnathan

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Scattering Darkness

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Glory to God!

Jason

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With Sympathy

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Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

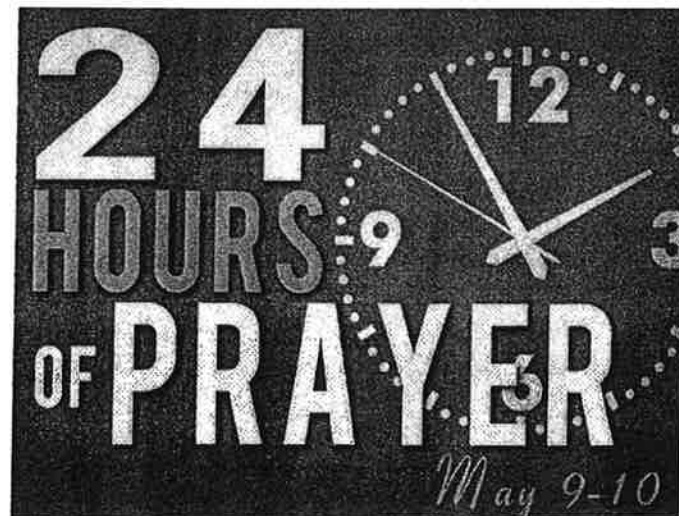
Thanks to all the guys who came & served this morning at the Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. We had about 15 men from West Erwin who got there @ 4:30am & served our community. Thank You!



FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION!

I remember that line from the movie Apollo 13. It was a real quote made by Gene Kranz, then, the Flight Director for NASA during the Apollo 13 mission. He said it to his group as they were thinking of ways to get the flight crew safely back to earth. Kranz was determined that they were going to succeed. We should be that determined when it comes to our spiritual lives too. Sometimes it is a struggle to keep our spirituality, but we should never view failure as an option. Making that decision now in times of strength will help when the times of struggle come. We should: **Be determined to please the Lord:** *So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him (2 Cor. 5:9).* If we determine that whatever we do, we do it to please the Lord, we will be all right. Living to please God and doing his will was the focus of Jesus; it should be our focus too. **Be determined to live by the Spirit:** *It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all (John 6:63).* These are the words of Jesus. The spirit of God is a tremendous asset in our lives. Why not take advantage of it? How many times do you see someone turn to the world looking for the solution to a spiritual problem in their lives? God's spirit within us gives us victory. **Be determined to remain confident when it looks the bleakest:** *But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it" (Numbers 13:30).* Failure to claim the Promised Land was not an option with Caleb. While many chose to trust in their own power, Caleb chose to put his trust in God. God won't fail us; that is not an option.

We are excited about what God will do with our annual 24 Hours of Prayer! This year it will be Friday & Saturday, May 9-10. You can submit prayer requests and also sign up to pray. The sign up table is in the foyer and prayer request cards are located there. If you would like to submit a prayer request, just fill out the card and give it to one of the ministers.



New Member

Scott Fox

633 North Broadway, Tyler 75702
661-332-1294 | walkingwithangels54@yahoo.com
Welcome to the family, Scott!

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New Baby

Congratulations to Melanie & Nathan Benson & big brother Cole on the birth of Shayla Marie! She was born April 25, 2014 at 8:07 a.m. and weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20 inches long. The grandparents are Camille & Lee Mink. Congratulations to all the family!

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You're Invited

Ladies are invited to a wedding shower honoring Hannah Schliffka & Casey Mott, Sunday, May 4 from 2:30-4:00 p.m. at the home of Kacia Parker, 4605 Gretna Green, Tyler, TX. 903-509-9369 The couple is registered at Kohl's and Bed Bath & Beyond. (The Mott families are members at Shiloh Rd. and known by many at West Erwin.)

Thank You

Dear church family, The mixed floral basket was beautiful! Thank you for the tribute to my mother. Thanks also for the cards, visits to the hospital & nursing home when I couldn't be there, and the prayers most of all. Mother felt loved by all of your acts of service. You made her last days lovely and bearable. We'll be forever grateful that you lifted our spirits with your loving acts of kindness. My mother loved this church family and the Benevolent Center was the mission she was most passionate about with Cherokee Home for Children as a close second. Thank you again for the flowers and all you've done for my mother. Love, Julia Phillips

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Thurs. 5/8	Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution	8:30-10:30
	Cut & Paste Club	1:00-3:00

Sermon Notes

AM: Illumination

Psalms 27:1-6

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song # 608 He Gave Me a Song Eric Thornton
 Song # 604 I Want to Be Ready to Meet Him Wayne Berryman
 Prayer Michael Carnathan
 Song # 606 Remind Me, Dear Lord
 Song # 554 O Jesus, I Have Promised
 Lord's Supper & Contribution Tom Clark
 Song # 792 My Eyes Are Dry
 Scripture John 1:14-18 Jeremy Wilson
 Song # 464 Because He Lives
 Message: **Bread From Heaven** Jason Reeves
 Song # 855 Home
 Dismiss Gaylan Seagler
 Song # 1005 Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Evening Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
 Song # 381 Years I Spent in Vanity Lance Yarema
 Song #396 No Not One
 Prayer Tom Cook
 Song There's A Stirring
 Scripture Psalm 23:1-6 Davy Carter
 Song Angels are Singing
 Message: **Faith That Refuses to Stress** Jason Reeves
 Song God is Calling the Prodigal
 Song # 991 This is My Father's World
 Dismiss Clinton Culpepper

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Hospitalized

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Updates

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 Info Center: Gene & Gwen
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REEVES' RHETORIC

Practicing the Presence of God

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Jason

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WEYM

WEST ERWIN YOUTH MINISTRY

DEVO TONIGHT - JH & HS

Tonight we have our first post-LTC season devo, and honestly our first one in a long time due to other things going on, so we're going make it a fun night back together. Food is covered this week, so just come in close-toed shoes AND BRING YOUR BIBLE, 6-8pm!

SUMMER SCHEDULE PARENT MEETING

NEXT SUNDAY, May 4th, there will be a parent meeting immediately following the morning worship assembly in the youth classrooms area. Please come to get all the updates on our summer!

TYLER STATE PARK CAMPOUT - MAY 2-3

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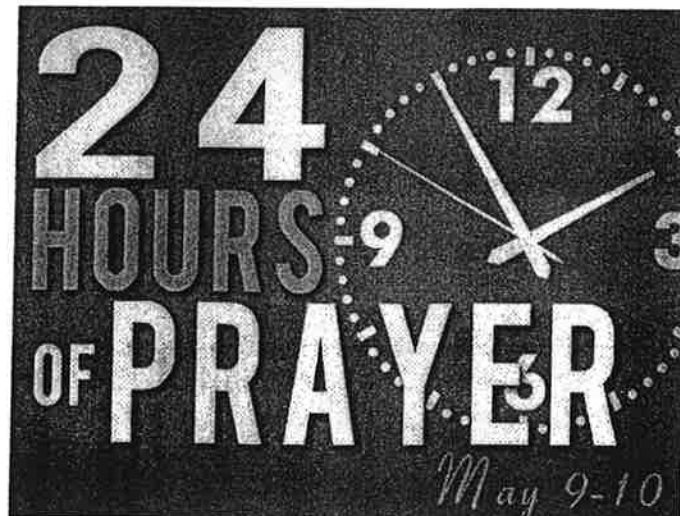
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Meeting

There will be a meeting for elders, deacons & ministers tomorrow night at 6:30 at the FLC. Dinner will be served.

Employment Opportunity

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John 1:14-18

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Psalm 23:1-6

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Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
 Song # 779 I Love You, Lord Gary Ables
 Song # 881 Mansion over the Hilltop
 Song # 31 Be Still and Know Jason Browning
 Prayer Jason Browning
 Song #364 Come, Share the Lord
 Lord's Supper & Contribution Bud Cawyer
 Song # 705 A Common Love
 Scripture Romans 8:9-11 Cal Wilkinson
 Song # 464 Because He Lives
 Message: **Surrendered Life** Jason Reeves
 Song # 662 All to Jesus I Surrender
 Dismiss Bill Mullins
 Song # 15 Step by Step

Evening Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
 Song # 346 He Lives Lance Yarema
 Song #308 Wonderful Love of Jesus
 Prayer Jim Carty
 Song There's A Stirring
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Family & Friends

Sloane Schade, 3-year-old classmate of the Stansbury's granddaughter, chemo | **Sara Laminack**, daughter of Daniel & Carol Morgan (niece of Rachuis), had a CT scan that showed signs of cancer returning in lymph nodes. They will make treatment plans this week in Dallas.

Serving Today

COMMUNION

Ira Groom James Gullion
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 Ralph Henderson Tom Hale

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Greg & Susan Anding
 Scott Baker
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REEVES' RHETORIC

Less Complication. More Jesus.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Glory to God!

Jason

Our Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY
 Bible Class 9 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10 a.m.
 Evening Worship 5 p.m.

MONDAY
 Karing Kilchen 6 p.m.

TUESDAY
 Tuesday Lunch Bunch 8a.m.-12 p.m.
 Clothing Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.

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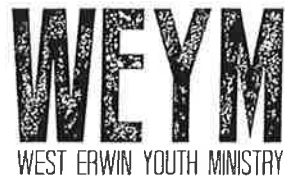
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Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday:
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 Please call if you need transportation.



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SUMMER SCHEDULE PARENT MEETING

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Thank you to our West Erwin family! Your love has wrapped around Sara, Amye and I as you've expressed your support and sympathy towards our family and in the way you have honored Barry. Thank you so much for all of the encouraging cards, flowers, hugs, the wonderful abundance of food, your presence and participation at his memorial service and especially for your continued prayers as we heal on this final part of our journey. Our blessings overflow. For over 10 years, we have watched the monster, Alzheimer's, eat away at Barry's brilliant mind, his body, his speech, but never his spirit. We are joyful now knowing that he is whole again, not confused, no longer afraid. We love each and every one of you. **Mary, Sara & Amye Scarborough**

Mission Report

We recently received a report from the Guatemala branch of the Biblical Institute of Central America that gives some basic information about all the graduates of that school, 2004-2013. It includes their current location, how they earn a living, how they are involved in the church, and some details about their efforts to share the Gospel of Christ. As you might expect, some have died, some are no longer faithful, and the status of some is unknown. However, it is very encouraging and exciting that the vast majority are still faithful Christians and by the grace of God, very successful in teaching others. The graduates, as a group (161 total), average converting well over 700 people to Christ each year! West Erwin has been blessed to be a part of that work for the last several years. You can view the report on the BICA web site. Go to <http://www.bica.info/>, then to Guatemala Monthly Activity report for April 2014.

Dannie Skipper for the West Erwin Mission Committee

New Baby

Grayson Eamond McAuley was born on April 12 to Eamond and Wendy. He was 7 lbs, 7 oz and was 19 inches long. The grandparents are Ken and Cathy Culpepper and great grandparents are Clinton and Louise Culpepper. Congratulations to the family!

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Song #383	Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross	
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Song # 417	Where He Leads I'll Follow	
Scripture	Isaiah 5:1-7	Billy Whitaker
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Stealing Joy

"The one who has been forgiven little loves little" (Luke 7:47).

What is our Savior communicating to you in these nine words?

Jesus is in the home of Simon the Pharisee. The religious leader has gone out of his way to set the stage. Perhaps simply to gain a better understanding of what this proposed prophet from Nazareth is about. Maybe to make himself look good in front of his cronies by being the momentary big man on campus. Whether from false motives or pure, the fact is, the Christ has agreed to come.

But "when a woman who had lived a sinful life" is overwhelmed, simply by being in the presence of Jesus, crying as she is so humbled, overjoyed, as to be so blessed as to serve Him, Simon the host quickly turns into Simon the joy-stealer. "If this man were a prophet, He would know... she is a sinner" (V39).

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Have you been forgiven a lot or a little?

Are you sure that's the perception others have of you?

If we view God as harsh and judgmental, guess what sort of lens we view others through? Exactly. If we see ourselves as somehow deserving of being in His presence, or of forgiveness, or of salvation, guess how we see others whom we do not deem as *worthy* or as *orthodox* as we are? (Do you sense a little sarcasm?)

What if you and I made a definitive decision today, that no matter what, that's simply not how we're going to be?

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And what about the one who has been forgiven much?

I'd say the one who has been forgiven much, refuses to steal another's joy in the Lord.

Glory to God!

Jason

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FINAL LTC INFORMATION

Please read the section at the bottom of this page "LTC LOWDOWN" for all of this week's final information regarding LTC.

TYLER STATE PARK CAMPOUT - MAY 2-3

Our junior high and high school students, for those that dare, are heading out to Tyler State Park on May 2-3 for a campout! On Saturday, we'll go fishing (no license required), canoeing, hiking, and just plain ole have a great time. The cost is only \$10, and you are in charge of finding a tent for you and your tent buddies, along with your sleeping bag and etc. We'll have suggested "packing" lists available in Bible class, and will leave around 5pm on Friday from West Erwin.

SENIOR SUNDAY - MAY 18TH

We will be celebrating our graduating high school seniors on May 18th! This year, the other churches have decided not to participate in a baccalaureate service, so we will be having our own day of celebration. The 2014 seniors are **Emilee Hearon, Kinsey Lockhart, Justin Parrish, Tyler Whatley, and Jerrod Wilson.**

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Iron Men Breakfast

Our next Iron Men Breakfast will be on April 24. Please sign the list at the Information Center if you can come!

As iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another,
Proverbs 27:17

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

We need about 15 men from West Erwin to help with the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 1. Every year we help prepare and serve about 500 people who come together at Harvey Hall for the National Day of Prayer. If you are interested in helping, please sign the list at the Information Center.



WHAT MOVED JESUS?

We all want to be more like Jesus, but when we look at his life; it is easy to see the difficulty of that task. I am amazed at his compassion and love for mankind. Looking at what moved Jesus can give us some things we should strive for in our own spiritual walk. **His love for the lost:** *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd (Matt.9:36).* I need to quit judging folks because of their condition or looks. Jesus saw people by the condition of their souls. Many are helpless because they have never learned about Jesus. Many are helpless because they have had no one to teach them basic life skills. Many are helpless because no one has ever led them to a better way. They are like sheep without a shepherd. **His love for the untouched:** *And a leper came to him... moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him... immediately the leprosy left him and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-42).* Jesus changed many lives because he touched those that everyone else had given up on. Many of us will never encounter a leper, but there are others that are forgotten by society that we can help ease their burden in life. **His love for those that did not know him:** *And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it saying, "If you, even you, had known on this day what would bring you peace-but now it is hidden from you" (Luke 19:41-42).* Many will miss out on the blessings of Jesus because they just did not know any better. Jesus taught about the narrow way, but it still did not lessen his hurt for those on the broad path. Are you moved by the things that moved Jesus?

LTC Lowdown - Final Week!

Today

- 11:30 a.m.: Meal @ FLC \$3
- 11:30-2:30 p.m.: Drama
- 2:30-4:15 p.m.: Chorus
- 5:00 p.m.: LTC Choruses @ Shiloh Rd.
- 6:00 p.m.: City Wide Worship @ Shiloh Rd.

Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m.: Puppets

Friday

- 8:30 a.m.: Bus Leaves West Erwin

LTC is finally here! ALL COACHES, you need to make sure your props, puppets and drama stages are loaded onto the trailer THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT. Don't just tell your teens to do it. Make sure YOU see it onto the trailer with your own eyes! The main group will leave West Erwin at 8:30 a.m. Friday morning. If you have any outstanding LTC balances, please turn that in to Eric ASAP. If you have to miss any school on Friday due to an LTC event Friday night, make sure your parents talk to your principal & you have a note from Eric.

Baptism

Nolie Morgan was baptized last week! Nolie is the daughter of Roy & Ruth Anne Morgan. Her address is 16041 Cumberland Way, Bullard TX 75757. Welcome to the family, Nolie!

City Wide Service

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Area Events

North Tenneha Church of Christ invites you to the 79th Annual Homecoming and gospel meeting May 4-7. The theme is "The Best Is Yet to Come" and Bro. George Williams from East Side Church of Christ in Austin will be the speaker.

The Glenwood Church of Christ invites all men to their men's conference titled "Dare to Follow Discipleship." Randy Harris will be the speaker and topics include: Getting Jesus Wrong: Where will we be when we arrive?, Practicing the Way of Jesus: Bible Studies vs. Bible Doings, Come Follow Me: Discipleship the Jesus Way. It will be Friday & Saturday, April 25-26. Friday night will be 6:00-8:30 p.m. & Saturday from 7:30a.m.-4:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 and you can register online at glenwoodchurch.com. See the flyers for these events at the Information Center.

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Lost & Found

Please go by the Lost & Found cabinet today! It is located in the main foyer by the cry room. There are lots of lost items there including Bibles, umbrellas, coats/jackets & glasses.

24 Hours of Prayer

Our annual 24 hours of prayer will be Friday & Saturday, May 9-10. You can submit prayer requests and also sign up to pray. The sign up table is in the foyer and prayer request cards are on the pews. If you would like to submit a prayer request, just fill out the card and give it to one of the ministers.

VBS Workers

We are in need of VBS workers! Our VBS is planned for Saturday, June 21. Please see Nancy Crawford if you can help!

Office Closed

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Sermon Notes

AM: Proving Faithful
Isaiah 5:1-7

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song # 610 I Love My Savior Too
 Song # 18 Faithful Love
 Prayer
 Song #383 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross
 Lord's Supper & Contribution
 Song # 837 I Need Thee Every Hour
 Scripture Galatians 5:13-15
 Song # 550 I Walk With the King
 Message: **Enviously Gracious**
 Song # 922 Jesus Paid it All
 Dismiss
 Song # 528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Eric Thornton
 Davy Carter
 J.R. Tharpe
 Chris White
 Mike Watts
 Jason Reeves
 Greg Jones

P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song # 681 More Holiness Give Me
 Song # 675 Wherever He Leads I'll Go
 Scripture Hebrews 12:1-3
 Prayer
 Song # 683 I Am Mine No More
 Song # 716 Sing to Me of Heaven
 Message: **The Applause of Heaven**
 Song # 674 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
 Song # 717 We Will Stand
 Dismiss

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Prayer & Care

Hospitalized

Providence Park: Norene Ingram | Charles Harris

Updates

Mildred Barnwell, mother of Linda Marts, will have vascular surgery on 4/14. | **Barbara Braly**, mother of Suzanne, suffered a fall. | **Joann Davis** will have skin cancer surgery on 4/4. | **Sondra Ramsour** had rotator cuff surgery Wednesday morning at Spine & Joint. | **Sloane Schade**, 3-year-old classmate of the Stansbury's granddaughter, is undergoing chemo in Denver. | **Misty**, friend of Tara Kilgore, is having health issues. | **Jody Shaw**, father of John Shaw, will soon be undergoing tests at Baylor in Dallas. | **JoAnn Wilkinson** will have skin cancer surgery on 4/11.

West Erwin Family

Bitsy Berryman | Suzanne Braly | Janice Hardaway | Louis Jones | Tara Kilgore | Dorothy Kennedy | Aubrey Morman | McKinley McDonald | John Pike | John Portwood | Mike Watts | *Ongoing concerns:* Charlotte Caywer | Ruby Cliver | Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Clay Kirby | Velma Lemons | Tommy Lowrance | Elmer Miles | Forest & Mary McFadden | Evelyn Messer | Jo Rowland | Winona Shankle | Kay Shelton | Millie Tomlin | Marcus Turner | Nella Ware | Nell Beard | Kalli Huff | Bill McCain | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Brice Sustaie | Ira & Esther Wilson

With Sympathy

Services for **Frances Phillips** were Friday at West Erwin Church of Christ.

Serving Today

COMMUNION

Don Crawford Daniel DuPree
 Randy Farrar Ernie Gordon
 Cooper Goodson Jerry Frick
 Myron Granberry Cody Frick

GREETERS

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

PICK UP CARDS

Logan Metcalf, Luke Metcalf,
 Wyatt Parker, John Park,
 Corey Prestidge

SOUND BOOTH

Corey Coleman & Cal
 Wilkinson

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery a.m.: Jan Cook & Bailey
 Hammond
 Toddlers a.m.: Shirley Denman &
 Megan Harris
 Nursery p.m.: Mary Jo Crowder
 Toddlers p.m.: Karen Fedell
 Children's Worship: Amber &
 Chad Chauncey

Our Records	Mar. 30	Year Ago
Bible Class	470	474
Worship a.m.	681	665
Worship p.m.	357	451
Wed. p.m.	347	309
Contribution	\$27,998.72	\$24,026.17
Weekly Budget	\$26,651.00	

The Elders of West Erwin are available to meet with our members at mutually agreeable times for counsel, questions and general information. You may make an appointment with one or more of our elders by seeing them at any of our church meetings or by a phone call at the numbers listed below:

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 Daniel DuPree 903.839.2169
 Greg Jones 903.714.2298
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REEVES' RHETORIC

The Practice of Holiness

"Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy'" (1 Peter 1:13-16; cf. Leviticus 11:44-45).

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness and into His wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9).

I wonder if a greater awareness of the holiness of God might equip us to be more cognizant of our own holy calling? I wonder if willful, intentional contemplation of the holiness of our Father might assist us in realizing our own holy status in Christ Jesus? Certainly we are only made holy in Christ, however we are called to holy living. To a holy way of life. All of life is sacred for those who believe. The Apostle Peter is calling for conviction. He is calling for commitment. Half-hearted Christianity doesn't cut it. "Just as He who called you is holy, be holy in all that you do." We recognize our failings. We acknowledge we are spiritually bankrupt outside of covenant. However just as the Father is holy, we are to be holy. What if holiness were in our thoughts? What if holiness were upon our hearts? What if holiness were a viable part of our vocabulary and conversations? What if a sustainable facet of our faith was the practice of holiness?

Father we pray for an awareness of holiness. To be aware of your reality and your presence in our lives. And to be aware that we have been (and are continually) made holy in Jesus. Our hope is that we would be altogether incapable of being men and women who give little consideration to your character and nature, your purpose and our calling. Our prayer is that we would be a holy people. Light in a world of darkness. Our desire is that we would be like you. That we would reflect your holiness. That holiness would be such an integral part of who we are and so very definitive in what we reveal to the world around us that there would be no doubt as to who we are and whose we are. In the name of the Holy One in whom we place all hope, and all confidence, Amen.

Glory to God!

Jason

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2:30-3:45	Drama
3:45-5:00	Chorus
5:00-6:00	Bible Quiz
6:00-7:00	Final Meeting (see below)

LTC INFORMATIONAL MEETING - TONIGHT

Tonight from 6-7pm in the FLC there is a **very important** meeting for everyone going to LTC. We will discuss LTC and hotel policies, event schedules, transportation, meal details, and final bills for each family. We really need everyone at this meeting, so please make plans to come.

CITY WIDE CHORUSES & WORSHIP – NEXT SUNDAY

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Adult Teachers Meeting

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Karing Kitchen

West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen tomorrow night, April 7. It is a great way to serve our community. Prep work begins at 5:00 p.m., we serve at 6:00 p.m. and are usually finished cleaning up by 7:00.

31 Days of Prayer

Gwen and I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and many expressions of concern for me during my illnesses. We are proud to be members of the West Erwin family. We love every one of you. Truly, the effectual fervent prayer of righteous people avails much. Thanks again, **Gene Chandler**

We want to thank you for the beautiful basket of mixed flowers you sent for Jim. That was such a warm, caring expression of love and sympathy for our family as well as your church member Marlene Latham. She is my husband's sister. Thank you also for taking such good care of her as well. In Christian love, **Anita Adams**

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Sermon Notes

AM: **Enviously Gracious**
Galatians 5:13-15

PM: **The Applause of Heaven**
Hebrews 12:1-3



THE POWER OF LITTLE THINGS

John Wooden, the legendary basketball coach at UCLA, once said, "It is the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen." I understand how this would apply to basketball, but I also think the same thing can be said of our spiritual life too. I want to look at some little things in our life that can have a big impact in the way we live. **Our tongue;** ... *the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! (James 3:5).* Our speech can be a fountain of blessings or it can be a source of destruction. How do you choose to use it? The damage of unkind words can last for years. The benefits of kind and encouraging speech can help for eternity. **Our faith;** ... *I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed ... nothing will be impossible for you (Matt. 17:21).* In this passage, Jesus was speaking figuratively about a small faith moving mountains, but can't a small faith in God take care of huge problems in our lives? Jesus also told his disciples that their prayer life was not strong enough to cast out the demon. Once again, we can see how the small things mean so much. A faith, even the size of a mustard seed will grow into a great faith when it is supported by prayer and scripture. **Our little sins;** *A little leaven leavens the whole lump (Gal. 5:9).* Just as a small bit of leaven affects the whole loaf, those "little" sins, that seem so harmless at the time, can have serious consequences. When left alone, sin grows in our lives and damages our spiritual growth. Sin separates us from God which leaves us vulnerable to Satan. How are you handling those "little" things?

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song # 214 Have You Seen Jesus My Lord? Eric Thornton
 Song # 134 The Lord's My Shepherd Gary Ables
 Prayer Dannie Skipper
 Song #314 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
 Lord's Supper & Contribution Wade Weathers
 Song # 679 'Tis SO Sweet to Trust in Jesus
 Scripture 2 Peter 3:8-9 Billy Terrell
 Song # 470 Victory in Jesus
 Message: **The Road to Restoration** Jason Reeves
 Song # 932 O Heart Bowed Down with Sorrow
 Dismiss Don Crawford
 Song # 885 How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
 Song # 676 Living for Jesus Davy Carter
 Song # 731 Take Time to Be Holy
 Prayer Leon Welborn
 Song # 429 O to Be Like Thee!
 Scripture John 3:17-21 Gaylan Seagler
 Song # 722 Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen
 Message: **The Road to Reinvention** Jason Reeves
 Song # 662 All to Jesus I Surrender
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Our Records	Mar. 23	Year Ago
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Worship p.m.	NC	323
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REEVES' RHETORIC

Leaving the Curtain Torn

"From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' – which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'.... And when Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, He gave up His spirit. At that moment the curtain of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom" (Matthew 27:45-51).

From noon until 3pm, during the time of day when the sun is at its peak, darkness covers the planet, representative of course of the sin that Jesus bore on the cross. At 3pm Jesus cries out in the words of Psalm 22, a Psalm of anguish and a Psalm of victory. Jesus cries out again and gives up His spirit, meaning, He chooses to die. And "at that moment the curtain of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom."

Here's my question: How long was the curtain allowed to be torn?

Have you ever thought about that? How long was the curtain allowed to be torn by the religious aristocracy? To the Jews who accepted Christ the tearing of the curtain meant no more obstruction, no more barrier between them and God. To the Gentile it meant there was access granted to the One, True Living God that they had never known before. As believers today through this reality of 2000 years ago we recognize that we have access to the very presence of God and are ushered in to His glory through the sacrifice (and resurrection) of Jesus. But what about the Jews whose appletart had been upset? Those who wanted everything to stay the same? What about those "devout" Israelites who thought that they had the market cornered on God? What about the watchdog Pharisees who saw this as a threat to what was "right" and "proper"?

What do you suppose they did about the torn curtain? The "veil that was rent" (to quote from the good king James)? Maybe they wrote it off as caused by the earthquake. But Temple worship in Jerusalem continued another 40 years (until its destruction in AD 70). Did they leave the curtain torn do you think? I bet not. Although well-intentioned, I would imagine they very quickly sewed it shut (or replaced it altogether). There's no biblical or even extra-biblical evidence to support that notion. But I just don't see them leaving the curtain torn. Do you?

Here's my point: In Christ, God has unequivocally removed every hindrance from our living in His presence. Right? And so why can't we just leave it that way?

Glory to God!

Jason

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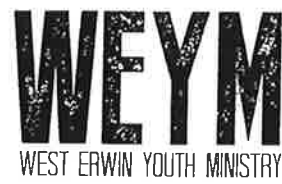
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Adult Teachers Meeting

All of those who are involved in teaching the Sunday Morning Adult Classes are asked to be at a meeting on Sunday, Apr. 6 @ 4:15 in Room 403(Adult Classroom in Office Complex). Please join us!

Iron Men Breakfast

Our next Iron Men Breakfast will be on April 24. As Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17

City Wide Service

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 13! We will have evening services at Shiloh Rd. Church of Christ that night. The LTC choruses will perform at 5:00 p.m. and services will begin at 6:00 p.m.

New Babies on the Way

Ladies, mark your calendars for some upcoming baby showers we have!

Anna Chandler & baby boy Maddox: shower Sunday, April 6, 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the FLC.

Melanie Benson & baby girl Shayla: table shower Sundays April 13th & 20th. Selections at Babies R Us.

Caitlin (Cook) Worley & baby boy Ralph: table shower Sundays, May 4 & 11. Selections at Babies R Us & Target. (Please include your mailing address with gift as these gifts will be delivered to Caitlin out of town).

Area Events

Ladies are invited to a Ladies Day at Gilmer titled "Choose Peace in the Chaos." It will be Saturday, April 26. RSVP at 903-843-2731. Everyone is invited to the Spring Gospel Meeting at Broadway Church of Christ April 13-16. See the flyers for both of these events at the Information Center, as well as flyers for other area events.

Karing Kitchen

West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen NEXT Monday, April 7. Put this on your calendars! It is a great way to serve our community. Prep work begins at 5:00 p.m., we serve at 6:00 p.m. and are usually finished cleaning up by 7:00.

31 Days of Prayer

Eastern European Mission is asking you to participate in "31 Days of Prayer" on behalf of the Ukraine & Russia. It will be April 1-May 1. Visit www.eem.org to see each day's specific prayer request. You can also visit EEM on FB at www.facebook.com/EasternEuropeanMission.

Call Her Blessed

The "Call Her Blessed" annual luncheon benefitting Christian Homes & family Services will be Tuesday, April 22 at 11:30 a.m. at the Green Acres Church Crosswalk Center. The speaker will be the hilarious and encouraging Liz Curtis Higgs. Liz is the author of over 30 books including, Bad Girls of the Bible. Tables are available or single tickets may be purchased for \$30. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Christian Homes at 903-509-0558 or online at www.ChristianHomes.com.

Teachers' Meeting

All Sunday morning adult class teachers are asked to attend an important meeting on Sunday, April 6 at 4:15 p.m. in room 403 of the Office Complex. See Danny Snell for more info.

This Week

Sun, 3/30	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00
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	P.M. Worship	5:00
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Tues, 4/1	Lunch Bunch	
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Sermon Notes

AM: **The Road to Restoration**
2 Peter 3:8-9

PM: **The Road to Reinvention**
John 3:17-21



GOD'S MOST AMAZING CREATION

I really enjoyed Sunday night's program by Psalom. I love to hear talented people singing praises to God. Singing has been a part of God's people from the beginning. When I see people using their God-given talents for His good, it makes me appreciate God's creation of man even more. We were created to serve and worship God, and He gave us the tools to do it. Our brain is an amazing work in itself. It is the control center of our body, yet some use it for all the wrong reasons. Paul wrote, *whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, ...if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things(Phil.4:8)*. Our eyes are truly a work of God, yet once again, many use their eyes to look on things that do not help them in their walk with God. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, *For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen...the things that are unseen are eternal (2 Cor.4:17-18)*. Our hearing will allow us to hear the smallest sound, but do we listen to the things that are most important? *Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly (Psa. 85:8)*. We all appreciate the sense of taste that God has given us. It is fascinating what our tongues can distinguish. There is something that many will fail to savor, *Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! (Psa.34:8)*. We are God's most amazing creation. Let's make sure we use it for His good, for His service, and for His glory!

Order of Worship

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 Matthew 13:44-46
 Song # 587 Sing and Be Happy
 Message: **True Treasure**
 Song # 904 Have You Been to Jesus?
 Dismiss
 Song # 867 To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way

Donnie Carnathan
 Gary Ables
 Chris Reynolds
 Ray Vannoy
 Garrett Smith
 Jason Reeves
 Daniel DuPree

P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song # 19 Come, Thou Almighty King
 Song # 490 It Is Well With My Soul
 Prayer
 Song # 467 We Have an Anchor
 Scripture John 10:7-10
 Message: **True Life**
 Song # 797 Lord, We Come Before Thee Now
 Song # 837 I Need Thee Every Hour
 Dismiss

Donnie Carnathan
 Tres Lowrance
 Dale White
 Jimmie Philpot
 Jason Reeves
 Phil Marts

For Those With Children

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.

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. B.L.A.S.T. is a program for **1st-3rd graders** that meets in the Heritage Room. Children who attend Little Church, Children's Worship & B.L.A.S.T. will be dismissed from the worship service before the sermon.

Prayer & Care

Hospitalized

Briarcliff: Bill Hawkins | Park Place: Frances Phillips | Providence Park: Norene Ingram | Charles Harris

Updates

Suzanne Braly has been diagnosed with viral meningitis and is receiving treatment for symptoms. | **Davy Carter** is now home. | **Carolyn Philpot** had gallbladder surgery Friday. | **Bettye Price** is home.

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Words of Wisdom

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

But the question remains: *Will we listen?*

Glory to God!

Jason

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Arms of Hope

Arms of Hope will be in Tyler tomorrow! They are in need of the following: Tide PODS laundry detergent, canned fruit pie filling, pop tarts, dishwasher detergent, & paper towels. Please place your donations in your Sunday morning Bible classrooms. Today is the last day to donate.

Area Events

Be sure to stop by the Information Center in the foyer when you get a chance! There are many area events going on and you can see the flyers there.

New Member Info

If you are a new member, please pick up your magnetic name tag at the Information Center in the foyer. Also, please go by the sound booth after services if you do not have a picture for our member directory. If you already have a snapshot or portrait you'd like to use, please email it to office@westerwin.org. You can visit our directory online at www.westerwin.com. Email office@westerwin.org to obtain the password.

Baby Shower

Ladies are invited to a baby shower for Anna & Colby Chandler as they anticipate the arrival of baby boy, Maddox! The shower will be Sunday, April 6 from 3:30-4:30 at the FLC. Selections at Babies R Us.

Thank You

Thank you for all the calls, cards and prayers for Norma when she had pneumonia and Don when his sister died. We appreciate you caring for us. Love,
Don & Norma Durham

Thank you for your cards, thoughts and prayers for Garland and my brother, Jim Adams. Thanks for the beautiful plants you sent. Love,
Marlene Latham & Family

A big thank you to Wyatt Gruver and Eric Thornton who came to our house and cleaned up our property for us. We are so thankful they took time out of their schedules to help us!
J.R. & Sylvia Tharpe

Send a Card

Former member, **Lorene Venable**, is in hospice care at her daughter's home. If you'd like to send a card, the address is c/o Judy Grogan, 2600 Creekside Way, Highland Village, TX 75077.

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Sermon Notes

AM: **True Treasure**
Matthew 13:44-46

PM: **True Life**
John 10:7-10



MY NOSE IS NOT A BUTTON!

This past weekend, our Houston grandchildren came to visit. I had promised them a fire Saturday night with S'mores. I had told Jackson (youngest) that we would go to the store to get marshmallows and chocolate. I then snuck off to my bed to catch a quick nap. I woke up to Jackson pushing my nose asking me "Are we going to the store?" I guess he thought if he pushed the right button, his PaPaw would bounce right up to take care of him. While it was a hectic weekend at times, it was a weekend full of love and laughter. It was the joy of family. It made me reflect on what families need to be strong. Read the words of the psalmist: *He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, (Psa.78:5-7a).* For our families today, God wants the same thing he wanted for families during Old Testament times. God wants a family to spread their spiritual roots deep for generations to come. God wants your offspring to know of His power shown in the creation, His mighty works in providing for His children, and His great love for them shown by the sacrifice of Jesus. God wants your offspring to know that hope in life comes from Him and not from things the world offers. God wants your offspring to know that He has always had a plan and that He is in control and for those that trust and obey Him, the future is secure for eternity. What makes a strong family? A family is strong when God is there!



A singing group from Russia, PSALOM, is performing at West Erwin tonight!

They will perform right after evening services.

Check them out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/psalomgroup

Make plans to be uplifted & encouraged by this group!

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship		Donnie Carnathan
Song # 74	Praise the Lord	Gary Ables
Song # 76	How Great Thou Art	
Prayer		Larry Murphey
Song	Who Am I	
Song # 791	On Bended Knee	
Lord's Supper & Contribution		Shaun Stamps
Song # 801	Where No One Stands Alone	
Scripture	John 14:1-6	Roy Morgan
Song # 853	When We All Get to Heaven	
Message:	The Way of Eternal Life	Jason Reeves
Song # 918	Out of My Bondage	
Dismiss		Fred Wingate
Song # 752	God Bless You, Go With God	

P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship		Donnie Carnathan
Song # 587	Sing and Be Happy	Corey Coleman
Song # 300	Praise Him! Praise Him!	
Prayer		James Sublette
Song # 625	Zion's Call	
Song # 3	Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah!	
Scripture	Ephesians 2:4-10	Ron Parish
Song # 121	God is Love	
Message:	The Gift of Eternal Life	Jason Reeves
Song # 902	Nothing but the Blood	
Song # 867	To Canaan's Land	
Dismiss		Scotty Rouse

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Toddlers a.m.: Stacy Turner &
Lesly Sandoval
Nursery p.m.: Kathie Thompson
Toddlers p.m.: Carolyn Welborn

Our Records	Mar. 2	Year Ago
Bible Class	372	467
Worship a.m.	628	695
Worship p.m.	346	371
Wed. p.m.	283	333
Contribution	\$21,955.52	\$26,322.23
Weekly Budget	\$26,651.00	

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REEVES' RHETORIC

The Power of Words

We've begun an emphasis on Sunday mornings of the parables and "I AM" statements of Jesus. The common theme of the messages is: "Words That Changed the World." Focusing upon the ministry of our Savior and how He intentionally communicated the reality of the Kingdom to those who would hear His message. Certainly there are those who refuse to listen. But for those who embrace the words of our Lord, lives are forever changed.

As we've stated, many of our adult classes (with others to follow), as well as our high school and junior high classes, are studying the same texts each week. Although each class has a culture and barometer all its own, our hope is that as we connect our classroom study with the messages on Sunday morning we will foster an environment of connection and unity by doing so.

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 completely devastated by the speaking of harmful words? How many who were once close 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).

Glory to God!

Jason

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THURSDAY

Clothing Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.

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Wed. Night Meal for March 19: Burgers

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SMALL GROUPS TONIGHT – NO DEVO

Tonight is West Erwin's Small Groups, and so there will be no devo tonight. Please join your family and be an active part of your group!

PSALOM SINGING GROUP – MARCH 23RD

Sunday night, March 23rd, immediately following our evening worship assembly, the singing group "Psalom" from Russia will be performing in the auditorium. Please stick around and enjoy this treat!

HIGH SCHOOL GATHERING – MARCH 30TH

There is a high school Gathering (area wide) at Glenwood Church of Christ here in Tyler from 6-8pm. Eric will be the speaker at this event.

"INTERGEN INTERFUSION" – THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the adults (Jeff & Melissa Parrish, David Hammond, and Judy Mitcham) who helped make our first Intergen Interfusion night such a success. And to the Young at Heart Group, we thoroughly enjoyed spending the time with you!

LTC PRACTIC SCHEDULE

Sundays	Drama	3pm
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	Bible Quiz	5pm



Iron Men Breakfast

Join us Thursday, March 20, our next Iron Men Breakfast. We serve @ 6:00 and finish by 7:00... AM that is! Please sign up on the list at the Information Center so we can have enough bacon cooked!

*As Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.
Proverbs 27:17*

Sunday Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter, many of our adult classes are studying in the Gospels looking specifically at the Parables of Jesus and His "I Am" statements. The title of the study is "Words that Changed the World."

The lesson this week will be from the Parable of the Good Samaritan... Luke 10:25-37.

This is a very familiar story to most of us. It is also a challenging story to most of us.

We are really good at "knowing" but often are challenged at "doing."

The parable of the Good Samaritan reminds us to show compassion or mercy... to whomever we encounter.

Consider the following from Luke 10:37... Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Iron Men's Breakfast

The Iron Men's Breakfast will be Thursday, March 20 at the FLC at 6:00 a.m. Please sign up at the information center if you plan to go.

Young At Heart

All seniors 55+: please note we will not have Young At Heart this month since we will be going to Glenwood's Pure Gold.

New Contact Info

Lonnie Brown: 903-780-3138

Nell Beard: 810 S. Porter Ave Room 8, Tyler, 75701
903-839-6388

Thank You

Words will never be enough to express how grateful we are for the overwhelming love and support you showed our family during this very difficult time. Many countless hours were spent sitting and praying with our family at the hospital. While our hearts are grieving at the loss of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, we take comfort knowing how much our West Erwin family loves us and is praying for God to comfort us. The abundance of food, visits, flowers, cards and prayers are appreciated more than we can convey. All our love,

**Nina Crow, Doug Crow, Cyndie Brown,
Michelle Kuechle and Family**

Arms of Hope

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Area Events

Be sure to stop by the Information Center in the foyer when you get a chance! There are many area events going on and you can see the flyers there.

New Member Info

If you are a new member, please pick up your magnetic name tag at the Information Center in the foyer. Also, please go by the sound booth after services if you do not have a picture for our member directory. If you already have a snapshot or portrait you'd like to use, please email it to office@westerwin.org. You can visit our directory online at www.westerwin.com. Email office@westerwin.org to obtain the password.

Televised Broadcast

In Search of the Lord's Way remains on television on Sundays on channels KFXK TV 51 at 8:00 a.m. and KCEB DT 54 at 6:30 a.m. This televised program is out of Edmond, Oklahoma.

This Week

Sun. 3/16	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00
	A.M. Worship	10:00
	P.M. Worship	5:00
	Small Groups Meet	
Mon. 3/17	Karing Kitchen	5:00-7:00
Tues. 3/18	Lunch Bunch	
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Wed. 3/19	Benev Ctr: Food Distribution	8:30-10:30
	Wed. Night Meal: Burgers	
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Thurs. 3/20	Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution	8:30-10:30
	Cut & Paste Club	1:00-3:00

Sermon Notes

AM: **The Way of Eternal Life**

John 14:1-6

PM: **The Gift of Eternal Life**

Ephesians 2:4-10



FAMOUS LAST WORDS?

For a man after God's own heart, David certainly had his struggles. It would be wise to consider David's teachings to those he was leaving behind. I want to share some thoughts that come from some of David's last words as recorded in 2 Samuel 23. They are still meaningful for us today. *The spirit of the Lord speaks by me; his word is on my tongue (23:2).* Blessed are you when you live a life that is under the control of the Holy Spirit. It is a blessing to others when you are expressing the words and ways of our Lord. The speech of a Christian should be pure, encouraging, and edifying to the body of Christ. *For does not my house stand so with God? For he has made me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secured (23:5).* What a blessing to be in a covenant relationship with God. When we are at peace with God, our lives are in order. The chaos and confusion of a life controlled by sin holds no fear for the child of God. Peace with God is assurance of heaven. It is a precious gift we present to our children when we raise them in homes that are under God's rule. *But worthless men are all like thorns that are thrown away, for they cannot be taken with the hand; but the man who touched them arms himself with iron and the shaft of a spear, and they are utterly consumed with fire (23:6,7).* The Spirit blesses us with the power of discernment. We need to know the danger of association with those who are against the kingdom. A congregation that strives for a spirit of purity is a powerful force for God's work in this world. These are great lessons that challenge us today: purity in speech, purity in the home, and purity in the church.



A singing group from Russia, PSALOM, is making plans to perform at West Erwin!

The date is Sunday, March 23, and they will perform right after evening services.

Check them out on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/psalomgroup

Make plans to be uplifted & encouraged by this group!

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song # 103 He Has Made Me Glad Donnie Carnathan
 Song # 867 To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way Gary Ables
 Prayer Stan Mallory
 Song # 324 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed? Jon Murry
 Lord's Supper & Contribution
 Song # 587 Sing and Be Happy Odie Kennedy
 Scripture Ephesians 6:10-20
 Song # 4 To God Be the Glory Jason Reeves
 Message: **Weeds and Wheat**
 Song # 915 Trust and Obey Jay Bynum
 Dismiss
 Song # 957 This World Is Not My Home

P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
 Song # 233 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Wayne Berryman
 Song # 327 All Because of God's Amazing Grace
 Scripture Matthew 24:36-42 Melvin Maples
 Prayer Charles Melville
 Song In Christ Alone
 Song Who Am I
 Message: **The End** Jason Reeves
 Song # 944 What Shall It Be
 Song # 1011 The Church in the Wildwood
 Dismiss Lee Mink

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Updates

Arnold Ables will have surgery on 3/13 at Tyler CVC for blockages in his leg. | **Joyce Farrar** is now home. | **Jeremiah Moore** had an emergency appendectomy Wednesday. | **Joyce Skipper**, sister-in-law of Dannie, will have surgery at Spine & Joint on 3/7.

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With Sympathy

Services for **Melvin Crow** were Saturday at Stewart Funeral Home. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with the family.

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REEVES' RHETORIC

What Are You Afraid Of?

There is an ancient legend from India that tells the story of a mouse that was terrified of cats. He brought his complaint to the king who had his magicians transform the mouse into a cat, so as to relieve his fears. This satisfied the mouse (pardon me, cat) for a little while until he met a dog. Fearing the dog he pleaded to be changed into one and so the king again obliged. Until he came face to face with a tiger. And so once again he begged to be changed into that which he feared. After not long living as a tiger the mouse-turned-cat-turned-dog-turned-tiger came to fear the hunter. However when he approached the king to change him once more, the king refused. "I will not again change you into that which you fear, for though you are a tiger, you still have the heart of a mouse."

Is your comfort found in your IRA or 401K or 528i? Is your security in what you possess or the life you've built? Is your confidence in who you are or what you've accomplished? Is your strength in your ability, your knowledge, your reason, your power, or your control?

Then allow me to ask: What are you afraid of? What are you hiding from? What do you need to let go of?

Your roar may be the loudest, but inside lies a heart gripped with fear. Why?

"I lift my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2).

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God" (Psalm 20:7).

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (fear), but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline" (2 Timothy 1:7).

Glory to God!

Jason

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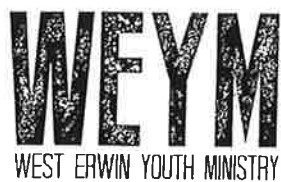
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“INTERGEN INTERFUSION” – TONIGHT

“INTERGEN INTERFUSION” literally means “intended for individuals of different generations to intersperse, intermingle, or permeate” (look it up!) The entire youth ministry (6th-12th grades) will be having a special evening with the “Young at Heart” and ANY YOUTH GROUP GRANDPARENTS group here at West Erwin tonight. It will be a night of fun for everyone, a night of encouragement, and a night of “family”. So make plans to join us in the FLC tonight from 6-8pm!

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By Danny Snell

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Proverbs 27:17

Psalom

PSALOM, a singing group from Russia, will be singing for us on Sunday night, March 23, after evening services. We look forward to them being with us!

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter, many of our adult classes are studying in the Gospels looking specifically at the Parables of Jesus and His “I Am” statements. The title of the study is “Words that Changed the World.”

The lesson this week will be from the Explanation of the Parable of the Sower from Matt. 13.

Consider the following from Matt. 13:37-39.

37 He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

As we strive for unity in the Body of Christ, it is vital that we remember that Satan is the enemy rather than each other.

Baptism

Carson Coker was baptized by his dad recently! Carson is in the 6th grade and is the son of Joey & Leslie Coker. His address is 6721 Sherbrooke Dr., Tyler, TX 75703. Welcome to the family, Carson!

Young At Heart

All seniors 55+: please note we will not have Young At Heart this month since we will be going to Glenwood’s Pure Gold.

Karing Kitchen

West Erwin will host Karing Kitchen tomorrow night, March 10. We start prep work at 5:00 p.m., serve at 6:00 p.m. and clean up is usually finished by 7:00 p.m. Make plans to serve our community!

Thank You

Thanks to everyone for the food, cards, texts, calls, and Facebook messages during my back surgery and recovery. It truly means so much.

Ginger Philpot

Dear brethren, thank you for J.R., Sylvia and Bryce for their faithful service to those of us here at Rosewood Estates. In Christian love,

Ella & Ernest Bradley

Thank you so much for the beautiful basket of flowers, cards and calls. It meant so much to me and my family. God bless you all.

Michael & Becky Murphey

Words cannot express our appreciation of all that you did for our family over the last few months. All the prayers, visits, food and flowers were so appreciated.

Marjorie Ethridge, Ron & Jean Parish,

AD & Chi Ethridge

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Send a Card!

Next week, Juanita Masters will turn 90! She is unable to come to services as much as she’d like to, so her daughter asked if we would send her birthday cards to brighten her day. (Her actual birthday is Friday, March 19). Cards can be sent to: Juanita Masters, 6009 Brynmar Ct., Tyler, TX 75703. She also loves phone calls and visitors. Her phone number is 903 360-6745.

Ministry Position in Quinlan

The Wieland Church of Christ in Quinlan, TX, has begun the process of searching for a full time minister. They ask for your prayers in their efforts to spread the gospel in their area & grow their congregation in accordance with God’s Word. Please contact Richard Hogue for more info or to apply at 903-883-2668.

This Week

Sun. 3/9	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00
	A.M. Worship	10:00
	P.M. Worship	5:00
	Intergen Interfusion @ FLC	6:00-8:00
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	No Wed. Night Meal	
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Sermon Notes

AM: Weeds & Wheat

Ephesians 6:10-20

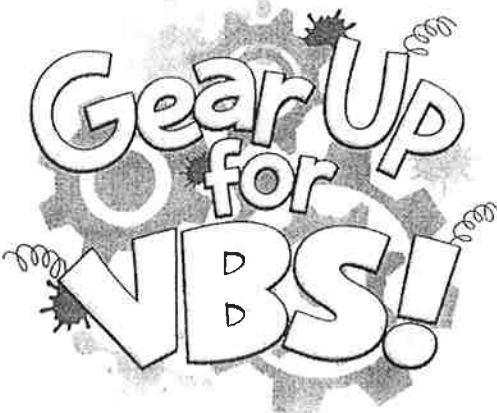
PM: The End

Matthew 24:36-42



DISCIPLESHIP – JUST TALKING OR WALKING?

I never realized that when I started this article that it would grow into a series of three. I think it stems from my hearing people proclaim their Christianity, yet not seeing the evidence. How can you tell if someone is a disciple of Christ? John gives us some characteristics of disciples. A disciple will look out for others: *If anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Little children let us not love in word or talk but in deed and truth (1 Jo.3: 17-18).* A disciple will walk and talk like Jesus: *whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked (1 Jo. 2:6).* I did not see Jesus let his anger harm another. I did not see Jesus gossip. I did not see Jesus’ talk harm his brothers. I did not see Jesus treat others with a lack of compassion or mercy. All these things make up our nature, but we can beat them when we put more Jesus in our hearts and strive to walk like Him. A disciple will love: *Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love (1 Jo. 4:8).* When we realize the why behind God’s great providence for us, how can we not respond to others with that same love? Paul wrote that faith, hope, and love abide, but the greatest of these is love. We should love with a passion for the well-being of others. A disciple will overcome in this world: *You are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world (1 Jo. 4:4).* Satan will get to us, he will cause us some hardships, but we can overcome. We have God on our side and the battle belongs to the Lord! Are you a disciple or just a talker?



Mark your calendars for
Vacation Bible School!
Saturday, June 21

Planning has begun & volunteers are needed in all areas!

See Nancy Crawford to find out how you can help



Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song # 624 Seeking the Lost	Gary Ables
Song # 745 Humble Yourself	
Prayer	Greg Jones
Song # 353 One Day!	
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Eric Thornton
Song # 1014 Jesus Loves Me!	
Scripture Matthew 27:50-54	Danny Snell
Song # 448 The Greatest Commands	
Message: Tearing Down the Walls	Jason Reeves
Song # 453 Love Lifted Me	
Dismiss	Leon Welborn
Song # 550 I Walk with the King	

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Updates

Owen Ables, son of Chris & Jennie, will have surgery on his hands March 5 at Children's Medical Center in Dallas. | **Charlotte Cawyer** will have foot surgery. | **Bill Hawkins** will have hip replacement surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. | **Leslie Coker** had day surgery at Presbyterian Hospital on 2/25. | **James Gullion** will begin radiation for prostate cancer the first week of March. | **Janice Hardaway** had knee surgery 2/24 in Plano. She will continue with rehab in the Dallas area. | **Dorothy Kennedy** has been diagnosed with ALS. | **Blake Lockhart** injured his arm. | **Linda Marts** had a stress echo this week & will have an EEG next week. | **McKinley McDonald** had additional tests in Houston February 18. | **Bill Ray**, James Sublette's uncle is now at Waterton Rehab on Shiloh Rd.

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With Sympathy

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Toddlers p.m.: Trish Stancill
Children's Worship: Gail Vannoy

Our Records	Feb. 23	Year Ago
Bible Class	477	485
Worship a.m.	650	741
Worship p.m.	364	NC
Wed, p.m.	313	362
Contribution	\$23,231.95	\$28,040.21
Weekly Budget	\$26,651.00	

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Friendship Day 2014

Thank you so very much for choosing to be with us today!

Friendship Day is something we anticipate each year as a church. A day that we work toward together as a congregation. A time that fosters an environment in which as the West Erwin Church of Christ we make a concerted effort to invite others to come and be a part of what God is doing here in this place.

We do this for a number of reasons....

Friendship Day provides the opportunity for those who call this church their home to invite others to come and share in the day at whatever level they are comfortable. Even though the opportunities are there year round, since it is a day that we are working together toward as a church, it takes a little pressure off of those being invited, and those doing the inviting, simply because it is a special day that has been set aside for that intentional purpose.

Friendship Day also functions for friends and family who at one time or another have had a connection to West Erwin and have moved away, to share in a sort of "homecoming" in which those who live near and far and have a history in this church can come to reconnect with those they have shared life with and worshipped with in the past.

As well, our prayer is that Friendship Day creates an opportunity for those who do not have a church home to consider worshipping with this church family. We confess to you candidly that we are not perfect. However our desire is to be unified with God and with one another, sharing and serving and ministering in relevant, effective ways.

Our hope is that you find us to be a church that loves God and others. And that deep within us there is a genuine desire to be like Jesus.

Glory to God!

Jason

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Please pass your completed attendance card to the center aisle.

Wed. Night Meal for Mar. 5: Mexican Food

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



NO DEVO TONIGHT

Since today is Friendship Day here at West Erwin, there are no afternoon or evening activities following our luncheon in the FLC. Next Sunday night is our "Intergen Interfusion" night after evening services (details below).

"INTERGEN INTERFUSION" - MARCH 9TH

"INTERGEN INTERFUSION" literally means "intended for individuals of different generations to intersperse, intermingle, or permeate" (look it up!) The entire youth ministry (6th-12th grades) will be having a special evening with the "Young at Heart" and **ANY YOUTH GROUP GRANDPARENTS** group here at West Erwin on Sunday night, March 9th. It will be a night of fun for everyone, a night of encouragement, and a night of "family". So make plans to join us in the FLC that night from 6-8pm for this special night.

HIGH SCHOOL GATHERING - MARCH 30TH

There is a high school Gathering (area wide) at Glenwood Church of Christ here in Tyler from 6-8pm.

**NO LTC PRACTICES TODAY
FRIENDSHIP DAY!!**



Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 20, our next Iron Men Breakfast.

Proverbs 27:17

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00.

This quarter, many of our adult classes will begin a study in the Gospels looking specifically at the Parables of Jesus and His "I Am" statements. The title of the study is "Words that Changed the World."

The lesson this week will be the Parable of the Sower from Mark 4.

Consider the following from Mark 4:9.

9 Then Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

Join us for Bible Class each week and see what God has in store for you!

Baptism

We rejoice with **Michael Hall** who was baptized last week! His address is 1909 Shiloh Rd., Apt. 106, Tyler, TX 75703 & phone is 443-907-3257. Welcome to the West Erwin family, Michael!



Wedding Table Shower

There is a wedding table shower for **Jamie Ellis**, bride elect of **Brett Wilkinson**, today! Please place your gifts on the table in the foyer. Selections are at Target & Walmart.

LTC Info

There will not be any LTC practices today.

Karing Kitchen

West Erwin will host Karing Kitchen next Monday night, March 10. Put this on your calendars! It is a great way to serve our community!

Thank You

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Joy Rousseau

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Judy & Matt Hamm & Betty Boles

We thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy for our brother-in-law Randy Hass and his family.

Mary Lou Wood & Odie Kennedy Family

Arms of Hope

Arms of Hope will be in Tyler on March 24! They are in need of the following: Tide PODS laundry detergent, canned fruit pie filling, pop tarts, dishwasher detergent, & paper towels. Please place your donations in your Sunday morning Bible classrooms.

This Week

Sun. 3/2	Bible Classes for all ages A.M. Worship	9:00 10:00
Mon. 3/3	Wedding Table Shower for Jamie Ellis & Brett Wilkinson	5:00-7:00
Tues. 3/4	Lunch Bunch Benv Ctr: Clothing Distribution, Diaper Shirts & Quilt Making & Bandage Rolling	8:30-10:30
Wed. 3/5	Benev Ctr: Food Distribution WNM: Mexican Food	8:30-10:30 5:30
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Thurs. 3/6	Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution Cut & Paste Club	8:30-10:30 1:00-3:00

Sermon Notes

AM: **Tearing Down the Walls**
Matthew 27:50-54



DISCIPLESHIP - THE WORD

Last week we started looking at traits of good discipleship as found in the book of 1st John. We are looking at it from a standpoint that being a good disciple of Christ takes work on our part and it takes the spirit of God being active in our lives to make it happen. The world wants the benefits of Christianity without the effort. **A disciple is known by how he treats the word of God: whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him (1 Jo. 2:5).** What better way to show and perfect our love for God than to keep and treasure his word. Through study, we can learn of what God promises those who obey. We learn of the great love story of Jesus, and we learn how to handle living in a sinful world. What a treasure we have in the Bible. Is there anything more valuable to pass on to your children than showing them how much you love God's word? Is there anything more important than helping them develop good bible study habits? **A disciple obeys what he has learned: For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments... his commandments are not burdensome (1 Jo. 5:3).** Some fail to obey the Gospel out of a fear they will be missing out on life. I believe that is a selfish way to think. To obey scripture is vital to Christian living. Success or failure in the Christian's life depends on how much of God's word we put in our heart. God's word gives our lives direction. God's word gives us a sense of purpose in our lives. It is through the Bible that we can hear from the One who created this world and brought life into it. The Bible is a timeless treasure! How valuable is it to you?

Wherever you are on life's journey...

You are *welcome* here.



Welcome! We're glad you've joined us for

Friendship Day

Please join us for lunch at the Family Life Center. There will not be evening services tonight.

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Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song # 517 Heaven Came Down Danny Snell
 Song # 31 Be Still and Know Gary Ables
 Prayer Jim Holleman
 Song # 176 Lamb of God
 Song # 66 Doxology
 Lord's Supper & Contribution Clifton Lindsey
 Song # 226 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
 Scripture Isaiah 6:1-8 Gary Heath, Jr.
 Song # 895 I'll Live in Glory
 Message: **Biblical Institute of Central America** George Hall
 Song # 945 Kneel at the Cross
 Dismiss Ray Vannoy
 Song # 859 When All of God's Singers Get Home

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Danny Snell
 Song # 555 Seek Ye First Phil Barrows
 Song # 242 Sing Hallelujah to the Lord
 Prayer Blake Lockhart
 Song # 123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord
 Scripture Ephesians 6:10-13 Lee Kellenberger
 Song # 308 Wonderful Love of Jesus
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Worship a.m.	694	572
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We Believe...

We believe in the personal, holy and loving God of grace and judgment who is revealed in Scripture.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the God of the Bible who was born of a virgin, was confirmed to be God's Son by the performance of miracles, was crucified for the sin of the world, raised from the dead, was glorified at God's right hand as King of kings and Lord of lords, and is coming to raise the dead, destroy the universe, and judge the world.

We believe the Bible is the final, complete authoritative, and inspired Word of God.

We believe the church is made up of all the saved in the world and those who are reconciled to God.

We believe one is saved from sin by the grace of God, the blood of Christ, and obedience to the gospel.

We believe one becomes a Christian like people did in the books of Acts by belief, repentance, confession and baptism.

We believe Christians should worship upon the first day of the week by singing, praying, teaching, giving, and partaking of the Lord's Supper.

We believe Christians are to grow in the likeness of Christ as they teach the gospel to others, edify the church, and care for the needy.

We believe the church of the New Testament exists today wherever the gospel of Christ is taught and followed.

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Wed. Night Meal for Feb. 26: BBQ

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JUNIOR HIGH DEVO TONIGHT

Tonight there will be a junior high devo over in the FLC following the evening assembly. No money is needed tonight, but wear closed toed shoes, and parents, PLEASE encourage your kids to bring their Bibles!

BIBLE QUIZ TEST NIGHT - TOMORROW FEB. 24TH

Tomorrow night, Feb. 24th, our Bible Quiz participants will meet at Shiloh Road for our first Bible Quiz Test night, covering tests 1 and 2. We will go from 6-8pm, with both dinner and a great dessert provided at the end of the night, all free of charge. Talk to quiz coaches or Eric for any more information, make sure you're there for your teammates!

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LTC PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Sundays	Drama	3pm
	Chorus	4pm
	Bible Quiz	5pm
Wednesdays	Puppets	7pm



Iron Men Breakfast

Thanks to all the men who came to our first Iron Men Breakfast this week!

This is the first of a series of monthly meetings of men who want to be better husbands, fathers, friends & disciples.

It was a great start!

Thanks to Chad Chauncey who lead the challenge and to the rest who helped cook the breakfast.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 20, our next Iron Men Breakfast.

Proverbs 27:17

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00.

Many of our class will be finishing a study on the book of Romans.

The focus this week will be Romans 14.

Consider the following from Romans 14:19

19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.



I had one of my Houston grandsons on my lap during worship at Lake Houston. After the prayer for the offering, he looked up at me and asked, "Are we done now?" He did not look too happy when I told him we were only about half the way through. Children love those short services don't they? To be honest, I do too sometimes. I am afraid that we feel the same way about our discipleship; the quicker, the easier, the better. God never intended our discipleship to be that way. Discipleship takes time and work. For the next two weeks, I would like to take a look at some marks of a disciple from the book of 1st John. **A disciple confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord:** Our confession is the key to God abiding in us (1 Jo.4:15). It is the key to our faith. We live with Jesus as our Lord, with gratitude and love for what He did for us. We want to live for Him and let him rule in our life. He is our King! **A disciple is miserable when they sin:** *No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God (1 Jo.3:9).* For those in Christ, sin bothers, it unsettles, and it damages our relationship with God. We all sin, but our actions after the sin show true discipleship. It takes confession, prayer, humility, and sincerity to take advantage of God's grace. It's not easy, but that's the price of sin. **A disciple enjoys fellowship with their brothers and sisters:** *everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him (1 Jo.5:1).* Sometimes we need to work at loving each other. We need to love others as Christ loved us; with patience, kindness, and mercy.

Wherever you are on life's journey...

You are welcome here.

Join us for

Friendship Day
Sunday, March 2



9 am: Bible Classes
0 am: Worship Service
Catered Lunch after worship
No Evening Services

Upcoming Showers

Today

Ladies are invited to a baby shower honoring **Jonathan & Christina (Denman) Ramirez** today from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center. Selections are at Babies R Us and Target. It's a girl!

February 23 & March 2

There will be a wedding table shower for **Jamie Ellis**, bride elect of **Brett Wilkinson**, on Sunday February 21 and March 2. Please place your gifts on the table in the foyer. Selections are at Target & Walmart.

March 1

There will be a wedding shower for **Caroline Weathers**, bride elect of **Bryce Petersen**, on Saturday, March 1 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the home of Suzanne Perkins(1604 Woodlands Dr., Tyler 75703). Selections are at The Writing Horse, Cole & Co., Dillard's and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Bible Quiz

For LTC Bible Quiz participants: Bible Quiz Tests #1 & #2 will be tomorrow night (Mon.) at Shiloh Rd. There will be a free dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the test will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dessert will be served after the last test.

Volunteers Needed

We will be setting up chairs & tables in the FLC after Wednesday night services (2/26) for our luncheon next Sunday and would appreciate your help!

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Children's Ministry Important Dates

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 21 for Vacation Bible School! Volunteers are needed in all areas. Please contact Nancy at weresourceroom@gmail.com to find out how you can help with VBS!

It is time to sign up for Pee Wee Camp at Camp Deer Run. This camp is for ages 5-8 (kids must be 5 by Sept. 1) Register online at www.campdeerrun.com. Register for the "West Erwin Session" from July 14-17. Bring proof of registration to Nancy to reserve a seat on the bus.

Walk at Shiloh Rd.

Shiloh Rd. Church of Christ invites you to join them in a "Walk 4 Water" for Healing Hands International, March 1st at Southside Park, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Register online at www.walk4water.org.

This Week

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Sermon Notes

AM: **Biblical Institute of Central America**

Isaiah 6:1-8

PM: **The Keys of the Kingdom**

Ephesians 6:10-13

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship Danny Snell
 Song # 535 The Glory-Land Way Gary Ables
 Song # 18 Faithful Love
 Prayer Dick Higginbotham
 Song # 316 Nailed to the Cross
 Lord's Supper & Contribution Jamon Kirby
 Song # 611 Heavenly Sunlight
 Scripture Acts 20:7-12 Alan Fisher
 Song # 15 Step by Step
 Message: **The Father's Table** Jason Reeves
 Song # 940 Only a Step
 Dismiss Gaylan Seagler
 Song # 712 Jesus Is Coming Soon

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Danny Snell
 Song # 474 Thank You, Lord Lance Yarema
 Song # 349 Ten Thousand Angels
 Prayer Robert Lee
 Song # 406 Just a Closer Walk With Thee
 Scripture John 1:10-14 Jeff Horton
 Song # 450 Give Me the Bible
 Message: **Incarnational Ministry** Jason Reeves
 Song Who Will Follow Jesus?
 Song # 705 A Common Love
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With Sympathy

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 Dale White David Wicks
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REEVES' RHETORIC

The Carpenter's Son

"When Jesus had finished these parables, He moved on from there. Coming to His hometown, He began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. 'Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?' they asked. 'Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't His mother's name Mary, and aren't His brothers James, Simon, and Judas? Aren't all His sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?' And they took offense at Him. But Jesus said to them, 'Only in his hometown and in his own house is a prophet without honor.' And He did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith" (Matthew 13:53-58).

It seems to me that God has a pretty hard time with leaving things alone. We need not look any further than the sun as it sets and rises again or the seasons as they change and cycle to recognize that the Heavenly Father is constantly creating, intentionally changing, cognitively metamorphosizing (not a real word, but it works) the world around us.

Is it not the same with us? As we willingly grant the Father creative license He changes us, molds us, shapes us, more into the image of Christ. More into who He desires for us to be. More into who we are created to be.

I wonder if that might not be a small part of why He chose for His Son to grow up as the son of a carpenter? As one who creates. One who repairs. One who carefully crafts. As through the carpenter's son, He continues to create and repair and carefully craft today.

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be opened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength" (Ephesians 1:18-19).

Glory to God!

Jason

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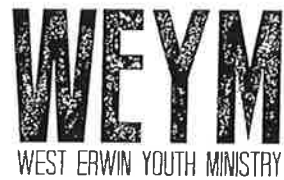
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Wed. Night Meal for Feb. 19: Burgers

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NO DEVO TONIGHT – SMALL GROUPS

This is the 3rd Sunday of the month, which means after our evening assembly tonight, West Erwin's Small Groups meet. So please make plans as a family to be a part of one of those going on all around Tyler!

BIBLE QUIZ TEST NIGHT – FEB. 24TH

On Monday night, Feb. 24th, our Bible Quiz participants will meet at Shiloh Road for our first Bible Quiz Test night, covering tests 1 and 2. We will go from 6-8pm, with both dinner and a great dessert provided at the end of the night, all free of charge. Talk to quiz coaches or Eric for any more information!

“INTERGEN INTERFUSION” – MARCH 9TH

“INTERGEN INTERFUSION” literally means “intended for individuals of different generations to intersperse, intermingle, or permeate” (look it up!) The entire youth ministry (6th-12th grades) will be having a special evening with the “Young at Heart” group here at West Erwin on Sunday night, March 9th. It will be a night of fun for everyone, a night of encouragement, and a night of “family”. So make plans to join us in the FLC that night from 6-8pm for this special night.

LTC PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Sundays	Drama	3pm
	Chorus	4pm
	Bible Quiz	5pm
Wednesdays	Puppets	7pm



Iron Men Breakfast

Join us on Thursday, Feb 20 from 6:00-7:00 for breakfast and a time of study, prayer & fellowship. There is a sign up list at the Information Center or you can contact the office to RSVP (903-592-0809 or office@westerwin.org.) Please let us know if you are coming so we can have enough bacon!

Proverbs 27:17

*Iron sharpens iron
and one man sharpens another.*

Several of our classes are Studying through the book of Romans this quarter.

The text for this week is Romans 13...

Consider the following exhortation in preparation for class this Sunday.

“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. “The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”^{1b} ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. Romans 13:8-10



WHAT I HOPE I NEVER FORGET

I have always been thankful for sticky notes. My office is covered in them. They help me remember the day to day things I sometimes forget. There are some things that I should never forget though. Consider these reminders from scripture. **Remember the thief:** Jesus died between two thieves on the cross. Both reviled Jesus, yet one came to his senses (Luke 23:39-43). Remember that the worse among us can find redemption through Jesus. That should be the message of the church. **Remember Paul's chains:** Paul closed his letter to the church at Colossae with the plea for them to remember Paul's chains. We need to remember that Paul's suffering was for our sake too. Remember Paul's example; his hardships, his concern for the lost, and his gratitude and love for the church. **Remember the rich man and Lazarus:** the rich man wanted Lazarus to come and cool his tongue with a drop of water(Luke 16). He was told to remember that he had the good things in life while Lazarus had the bad. Remember; your blessings come from God, don't put them ahead of helping others. **Remember that you were once hopeless:** there is a reason we sing *I once was lost but now I'm found*. Everyone needs a savior. Paul addresses this in his letter to the Ephesians; *remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, ...having no hope and without God in the world...but now in Christ Jesus you... have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace (Eph.2:11-14)*. Don't forget your state before Christ. Remember; don't let your righteousness keep you from reaching out to the unrighteous.

Wherever you are on life's journey...

You are *welcome* here.

Join us for

Friendship Day

Sunday, March 2

9 am: Bible Classes
10 am: Worship Service

Catered Lunch
after worship



Upcoming Showers

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March 1

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Free Concert

You're invited to a free Acappella Classic concert at Pine Tree Church of Christ on March 7 at 7:30 p.m. See the flyer at the Information Center.

New Phone Number

DeAnna Rainer: 903-747-0451

Thank You

Thank you all so much for the wonderful wedding shower you gave us. We are so thankful and appreciate your generosity. A big "thank you" to all the ladies who helped organize it. We love you all.

Julia & David Boudreau

Thank you so much for all the help, hope and prayers. You are our family in Christ and we thank you very much. Please say prayers for my mother who will undergo surgery on Feb. 21. In Christian love,

Millie Tomlin & Joann Davis

Missionary Report

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Feb. 23 as George Hall (BICA) will be speaking to us during the evening worship service.

Children's Ministry Important Dates

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 21 for Vacation Bible School! Volunteers are needed in all areas. Please contact Nancy at weresourceroom@gmail.com to find out how you can help with VBS!

It is time to sign up for Pee Wee Camp at Camp Deer Run. This camp is for ages 5-8 (kids must be 5 by Sept. 1) Register online at www.campdeerrun.com. Register for the "West Erwin Session" from July 14-17. Bring proof of registration to Nancy to reserve a seat on the bus.

This Week

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Thurs, 2/20	Iron Men Breakfast	6:00-7:00
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	Cut & Paste Club	1:00-3:00

Sermon Notes

AM: **The Father's Table**

Acts 20:7-12

PM: **Incarnational Ministry**

John 1:10-14

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship		Danny Snell
Song # 718	We Shall Assemble	Gary Ables
Song # 539	Higher Ground	
Song # 683	I Am Mine No More	
Prayer		Bob Hackett
Song # 354	I Gave My Life for Thee	
Lord's Supper & Contribution		Tom Hale
Song # 71	As the Deer	
Scripture	1 Cor. 5:6-8	Randy Farrar
Song # 464	Because He Lives	
Message:	A Table in the Desert	Jason Reeves
Song # 940	Only a Step	
Dismiss		Bill Mullins
Song # 567	Restore My Soul	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship		Danny Snell
Song # 833	I Want to Be Where You Are	Tres Lowrance
Prayer		David Hammond
Song # 304	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	
Scripture	Matt. 10:1-4	Myron Granberry
Song # 837	I Need Thee Every Hour	
Message:	Ordinary Extraordinary	Jason Reeves
Song # 800	What a Friend We Have in Jesus	
Song # 716	Sing to Me of Heaven	
Dismiss		Ralph Henderson

For Those With Children

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.

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. B.L.A.S.T. is a program for **1st-3rd graders** that meets in the Heritage Room. Children who attend Little Church, Children's Worship & B.L.A.S.T. will be dismissed from the worship service before the sermon.

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Hospitalized

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With Sympathy

A family burial for **Paul Boles**, father of Judy Hamm, will be today at Jennings Mountain. A memorial service will be held afterward at Brownsboro Church of Christ at 2:00 p.m. Visitation will be before and after the memorial service.

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Dale White	David Wicks
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REEVES' RHETORIC

Peace of Mind

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything; by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:4-7).

There is a divine connection between prayer and peace. A divine connection that is undeniable. An often untapped resource in which through believing prayer we embrace the peace of God. The peace that transcends (that passes) all understanding. It is not a random, nebulous, temporary state defined by this world, but rather, it is all together otherworldly. It comes from no place else. It can be experienced in no other way. It is a gift from the Father to His children. It originates in heaven. From the throne of God. From the heart of God. A gift from Him. To us.

Does God wrestle with fear? Is He ever wrought with doubt? Does He tremble with anxiety? Of course not! He is God. He is sovereign. And He alone is God.

This is the very peace of mind He offers to us through Jesus. Through prayer. A peace that guards our hearts and minds. Why? Because our hearts and minds are where the Enemy so often attacks.

The Apostle Paul utilizes a military analogy when he pens, "The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." The word "guard" can be understood as a garrison. A fortress. A place of seclusion. Of protection. Of strength.

His peace.

His peace that is beyond comprehension. His peace that is experienced amidst tragedy. In the middle of lunacy. At the height of agony.

Peace that is granted to us from the throne room of heaven, and is a gift from the heart of God to those He loves.

Glory to God!

Jason

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February 9

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Young At Heart

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Wedding Invitation

The families of **Ashley Sustaie & Brian Wells** request your presence at their wedding. Friday, February 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. West Erwin Church of Christ. Reception to follow. Please RSVP: 903-376-1547

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Fri. 2/14	Sustaie-Wells Wedding	7:00

Sermon Notes

AM: A Table in the Desert

1 Cor. 5:6-8

PM: Ordinary Extraordinary

Matt. 10:1-4



HIGH SCHOOL DEVO - TONIGHT

Tonight is a high school devo night after the 5pm assembly. Come join us over in the FLC for some food, and a good time together. We will be done at 8pm, make sure you wear close toed shoes this time!

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Regular scheduled LTC practice schedule this week. ONE NOTE - PUPPETS - everyone meet in the FLC to start off on Wednesday night, and once we're all together, we'll then break off into our teams and head to our different areas. This won't happen every week like this, but it will this week.

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THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

My earliest memories of that song came from hearing it at weddings. My Dad was a song leader and my Mom had a beautiful soprano voice. Together, they were involved in many weddings. In my mind, I can still hear Mom's voice soar as they went into that beautiful ending with all those Amens. I wanted to share with you the passage the song came from. This is how God wanted Aaron and his sons to bless the Israelites: *"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace"* (Numbers 6:24-26). While these promises were made under the Old Covenant, these same blessings are given to us today through Jesus Christ. For instance, **The Lord bless you and keep you.** These blessings come to those who are "in Christ" (Gal. 3:26-27), and are for those described in Matt. 5: 3-12. In Matt. 6:25-32 we can read of Jesus' care for us. **The Lord's face will shine upon you and he will be gracious to you.** God's grace is manifested in Jesus (Jo.1:17) and we should not take it for granted (2 Cor.6:1-3). It is sad that many will turn their back on the grace of God. **The Lord will turn his face toward you and give you peace.** It is a great comfort to know that God is paying attention to us and that He gives us peace through Jesus (Ro.5:1). His peace is better than anything the world offers (Jo. 14:27). Paul wrote this about the importance of God's peace, *Do not be anxious ... let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Phil.4:6-7).* Amen!

Baptism

Brian Wells, fiancé of Ashley Sustaie, was baptized Sunday, Feb. 2! His address is 11963 FM 724, Tyler, TX 75704. Welcome to the West Erwin family, Brian!

Thank You

I would like to thank each one of you for the love and support I have received before and after Gerald's passing. Thank you so much for the cards, phone calls, the beautiful flower and the good lunch the ladies served to me and my family. I love you so much.

Martha Boykin

Thank you so much for your prayers & beautiful arrangement. Keep praying! We never stop needing them. God bless you all!

The family of Larry Gene Henry



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The text for this week is Romans 12...

Consider the following exert in preparation for class this Sunday.

Ro 12:9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹²Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:9-13

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship		Danny Snell
Song # 103	He Has Made Me Glad	Gary Ables
Song # 484	You Are My All in All	
Song # 959	Just a Little Talk with Jesus	
Prayer		Frank Debenport
Song # 324	Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?	
Lord's Supper & Contribution		Don Durham
Song # 679	'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus	
Scripture	Matt. 11:25-30	David Demic
Song # 535	The Glory-Land Way	
Message:	An Invitation to the Table	Jason Reeves
Song # 672	Give Me Thy Heart	
Dismiss		Phil Marts
Song # 885	How Beautiful Heaven Must Be	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship		Danny Snell
Song # 869	We're Marching to Zion	Corey Coleman
Song # 867	To Canaan's Land	
Prayer		Howard Dickson
Song # 587	Sing And Be Happy	
Scripture	John 6:60-69	Cody Frick
Song # 625	Zion's Call	
Song # 121	God Is Love	
Message:	Daily Bread	Jason Reeves
Song # 904	Have You Been to Jesus?	
Song # 852	When the Roll is Called Up Yonder	
Dismiss		Ernie Gordon

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Updates

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Billy Terrell Wade Weathers
Leon Welborn Billy Whitaker

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REEVES' RHETORIC

No Time to Waste

I turned 40 on the 18th of January. My wonderful, oldest daughter has reminded me that I am now precisely at the mid-point in between graduating high school and social security. Gee thanks, Kacey!

For some, 40 is a horrible number to move in to. But to be quite honest with you, I've been looking forward to it. I don't really know why. But as far as I'm concerned, bring on the 40's! (We'll have to wait and see as I get closer to 50, if I feel the same way about that number.)

Christian maturity doesn't have a time line. Many who have been believers for decades are still childish. No closer to being mature in Christ than they were when they started. Others round the bases rather quickly, and the conviction that comes from being in Christ and investing into the Kingdom is readily revealed in life, perspective, and philosophy.

The question is: What does Christian maturity look like?

The writer of the letter to the Hebrew believers contends, "Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and move on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And God permitting, we will do so" (Hebrews 5:13-6:3).

What I love about this passage is that Christian maturity is not defined. Have you ever noticed that? We're told what it's not. But not what it is. But what it is, is more like Jesus. And what it is, is more open to the Kingdom. And what it is, is more focused on the things that are important to God. And what it is, is less focused on the things that get in His way.

What turning 40 has caused me to better acknowledge is that I don't have time to waste. I just don't. Life is too short. And what we do with the life we're given, too important. We don't have time to waste. I don't. And you don't. The Kingdom is too important.

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Jason

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WEYM

WEST ERWIN YOUTH MINISTRY

SUPER BOWL PARTY - TONIGHT

Tonight, Sunday night, after our evening worship assembly, the whole youth group is invited to Vance and Jamie Metcalf's home in Whitehouse for a Super Bowl watch party. Guys bring chips and girls bring drinks, and pizza and desserts will be provided. It'll last til the game is over! There are maps to the Metcalf's house available in class or from Eric. Come join!

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Sundays	Drama	3pm
	Chorus	4pm
	Bible Quiz	5pm
Wednesdays	Puppets	7pm

GROWING

Faithful Families

By Danny Snell

Iron Men Breakfast

Join us on Thursday, Feb 20 at the Family Life Center from 6:00-7:00 a.m. for breakfast and a time of Study, Prayer & Fellowship. There is a sign up list at the Information Center. Please let me know if you are coming so we can have enough bacon!

Proverbs 27:17

"Iron sharpens iron
and one man sharpens another."

Random thoughts...

I like leftovers... some people won't eat them. Sometimes the leftovers are better than when it was fresh...but that's not the general rule. It's generally best served fresh.

One of my favorite things to eat/cook is a steak... there is nothing better than pulling a nice tender steak straight off the grill onto my plate... You know exactly what I'm talking about! Our marriages are like that too... If all you are giving your spouse is the leftovers... Then you are missing out.

Marriage takes lots of effort and hard work. Lets try to serve up the best for our spouse this week... and I'm not talking just about dinner but about life.

Remember... Valentine's Day is just a few weeks away. Plan something special and fresh for your spouse!



MATURING LIKE FINE CHEESE

I love those Cheez-It commercials where the cheese inspector comes in and checks on the "maturity" of the cheese. If the cheese is acting mature enough, it is then used in Cheez-Its. They promise to only use mature cheese in their product. It is a good point; maturity is something we should all strive for in life, especially in spiritual matters. Maturity does not automatically come with age. Hebrews 5:11-14 gives us some marks of people who should have matured, but did not. How do you compare with those the writer describes? **Have you become dull of hearing?** This describes a person that has become spiritually lazy and full of apathy toward their spiritual development. This behavior will prevent any kind of growth. **Are you unable to share your faith?** Have you lost the joy of teaching others or simply sharing your faith? Do you lack the confidence in your ability to do so? **Have you changed your diet from the meat of the gospel back to milk?** Do you try to challenge your understanding of scripture or do you rely on the teachings of others? Do you challenge yourself to make sacrifices that are pleasing to God (Heb.13) or have you become too comfortable to step out in faith? **Do you struggle with your ability to discern good from evil?** The writer said that it takes constant practice to distinguish good from evil. It takes prayer, study, meditation on His word, faithfulness, and successful struggles over temptation to mature in our faith. It takes time also. A mature Christian can discern right from wrong, whether in moral matters or in teachings. Are you a mature Christian or still a child?

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New Members

Jeremiah & Emily Moore, Annie (5), Gage (9 mo.)
 P.O. Box 132531, Tyler 75713
 903-330-7169 | etfonhom007@yahoo.com (this was published last week but the PO Box was incorrect. Be sure to update your directories.)

Upcoming Showers

Congratulations to **Julia (Wilshire)** and **David Boudreau** who were married Monday, January 27! Ladies are invited to a wedding shower to honor them on Sunday, February 9 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center.

Ladies are invited to a baby shower honoring **Wendy & Eamond McAuley** on Sunday, February 16 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center. It's a boy! Selections at Target & Babies R Us.

Wedding Invitation

The families of **Ashley Sustaire & Brian Wells** request your presence at their wedding. Friday, February 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. West Erwin Church of Christ. Reception to follow. Please RSVP: 903-376-1547

Thank You

We feel we have been on a "roller coaster" during these last several months of illness. We are very grateful to our church family for taking the time to see to our needs. You have warmed our hearts with your gentle words and thoughtful deeds. Your prayers have given us strength and comfort. It is with love and appreciation that we thank you.

Jane and Louis Jones

Save the Date!

The Eastern European Mission Dinner will be Thursday, February 27th. There will be more details as the date gets closer. Please mark your calendars!

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Mark & Brenda Patheal** (Brenda Browning), on their recent wedding! They were married on December 2. Their address is 2460 Grangeway Rd., Marshall, TX 75672.

Commitment Cards

There are cards located at the Information Center that we passed out last week. They are cards that state you would like to increase your giving each week and by how much. If you haven't already done so, please pick one up, fill it out & place it in the box marked "Elder Suggestions." With the cards collected last week, we have 147 families that have committed to giving an additional \$2,293 a week!

Karing Kitchen

West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen Monday night, Feb. 3. Put this on your calendar and plan to serve our community!

This Week

Sun. 2/2	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00
	A.M. Worship	10:00
	P.M. Worship	5:00
Mon. 2/3	Karing Kitchen	5:00-7:00
Tues. 2/4	Lunch Bunch	
	Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution, Diaper Shirts & Quilt Making & Bandage Rolling	8:30-10:30
Wed. 2/5	Benev Ctr: Food Distribution	8:30-10:30
	WNM: Mexican Food	5:30
	Bible Classes for all ages	7:00
	Benev Ctr: Food Distribution	6:30-7:30
Thurs. 2/6	Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution	8:30-10:30

Sermon Notes

AM: **An Invitation to the Table**
 Matthew 11:25-30

PM: **Daily Bread**
 John 6:60-69

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song # 96 I Stand in Awe
 Song # 373 A Hill Called Mount Calvary
 Prayer
 Song In Christ Alone
 Lord's Supper & Contribution
 Song # 266 Majesty
 Scripture Acts 3:1-10
 Song # 359 I Love the Lord
 Message: **No Other Name**
 Song # 625 Zion's Call
 Dismiss
 Song # 752 God Bless You, Go With God

Danny Snell
 Wayne Berryman
 Jason Browning
 Gene Chandler
 Michael Carnathan
 Jason Reeves
 Daniel DuPree

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song # 712 Jesus Is Coming Soon
 Song # 764 Teach Me Lord to Wait
 Scripture Acts 2:36-39
 Prayer
 Song #855 Home
 Song # 348 That Last, Lonely Mile
 Message: **The Perfect Imperfect Family**
 Song # 951 The Savior is Waiting to Enter Your Heart
 Song # 795 Now the Day Is Over
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Updates

Paul Boles, father of Judy Hamm, was discharged from the hospital and is back at Briarcliff. | McKinley McDonald's spinal tap showed low cerebrospinal glucose levels and she will have additional tests in Houston February 18. | **Betty Price** is now home.

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 Don & Norma Durham
 Alan Fisher
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REEVES' RHETORIC

The Only Voice We Hear

If you were to sit down and list the events of your day, from morning until night, what would that list look like? If you were to put pen to paper (or hands to laptop), and just allow yourself a few moments to consider what it is that consumes your days, you, like me, would probably find yourself readily listing item after item after item.

And what if you did the same thing, and made a second list, only this time you listed those things that occupy your thoughts? Concerns. Worries. Burdens. Stresses. Fears. Anxieties. Those things that consume your mental energy. Elevate your blood pressure. Deplete your spirit. Perhaps that list would fill up rather quickly as well.

We each have a lot of voices vying for our attention. Some that indeed need to be heard. Many that are of importance. Others that are wearily urgent. A number, however, that are counterproductive. Voices that distract. Voices that detract. Voices that all too easily shift us off course.

The Apostle John records these wonderful, affirming, assuring words of our Savior, "I tell you the truth, the one who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice" (John 10:1-4).

Tuning in to the voice of Jesus amid all of the static, amid all of the distractions, is so very crucial for His followers. It is a discipline to be practiced. An artistry to be pursued.

Yet when His voice is the only voice we hear in the middle of all that is encompassed within those two lists, the result is peace and clarity and confidence. Aspects of the Christian life that perhaps more a few of us are in need of.

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NO DEVO TONIGHT

Tonight is the 3rd Sunday of January, and that means Small Groups meet after our evening assembly tonight. Please take the time tonight to join with your small group or with a friends group, and take advantage of what these great fellowship opportunities have to offer!

COMBINED DEVO NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, Jan. 26th, we will have a combined devo following our Sunday night assembly, so go ahead and make plans to be a part of that night!

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LTC PRACTICES

Our Bible Quiz teams have already swung into action on Sunday nights, and starting in one week, chorus practices will begin at 4 p.m. (that's Jan. 26). Drama will start February 2 and our first puppet practices on Wednesday nights will begin February 5.



Thoughts...

Church and family are a lot alike. They both have a lot of love and a lot of drama.

Family is one... Church is one...

In this world we live in, there has never been a more important time for the church to be one... united as one... working as one... loving as one...

The apostle John talks a lot about loving your brother & sister... not just biological brother... but Christian brother.

Question for the week...

Would you be willing to lay down your life for... Your spouse? Your child?

Would you be willing to lay down your life for... your brother in Christ?

1 John 3:16-18

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. **17** If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? **18** Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.



We saw it happen again just a few weeks ago; a college football coach was rumored to be on his way out while another was waiting for his job. All the parties involved were saying the "right thing", but the whole truth of the situation was not being revealed. Professional athletes say they are playing for the love of the game and for the fans, but when a higher offer comes in; we see how much the fans were considered. It seems that in the sports world honoring contracts are a thing of the past. How is it in the real world? Couples break wedding vows as soon as life brings them complications. A father tells his daughter he will love her and protect her and then he abuses her. A man runs for office, pledging honesty and humility; then we see him vote consistently for what seems to profit himself and his wealthy supporters. A ministry leader stands before the congregation speaking a message of purity and dedication; but the story breaks about his greed and immorality. We have seen too many stories like this over the years. Who can we trust? There is One; Jesus! He came and fulfilled all the prophecies made about him. He said He came so that we could live an abundant life; He did and we can! He said He would teach us how to love and serve even after he left; He did and we can! He said He would never leave us; He has not and never will. He said He was coming back to take us with him. Can you trust Him? Look at his life, look at his teachings. In a world of deception and half truths, Jesus remains true to us. We can trust Him and His promises!

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Baptisms

Melchor Macedo was baptized January 5. His contact info is 216 Adams, Tyler, TX 75702 | 903-952-7035.

Matt Hamm, husband of Judy Hamm, was baptized January 15. His contact info is 213 Mockingbird, Tyler TX 75701 | 903-593-5501.

Welcome to the West Erwin family, Melchor & Matt!

Upcoming Showers

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Ladies are invited to a wedding shower for **Krystal McCoy**, bride-elect of **Cameron Ables** on Saturday, January 25th, 2:00-3:30 p.m. at the home of Pam Lott, 2314 Kingsmill Circle, Tyler, 75703. Selections at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Dillard's.

Happy Birthday!

Wini Cullinan celebrated her 95th birthday on Sunday. Happy belated birthday, Wini! Also, please update your directories as her room number has changed to 106.

Wedding Invitation

The families of **Ashley Sustaire & Brian Wells** request your presence at their wedding. Friday, February 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. West Erwin Church of Christ. Reception to follow. Please RSVP: 903-376-1547

Ladies Retreat

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Thank You

Thank each of you for the calls and cards at the loss of my niece recently and my brother, Mel, on Dec. 30. Love to my church family.

Alice Thompson

Save the Date!

The Eastern European Mission Dinner will be Thursday, February 27th. There will be more details as the date gets closer. Please mark your calendars!

Small Groups

Small groups meet tonight! If you are not involved in a small group but would like to be, see Danny Snell.

VBS Meeting

The VBS Direction Team will be meeting on Sunday, January 26th at 3:30 p.m. in room 111. We will make the final decision on date and format so it is very important for you to be present. If you are not on the VBS Direction Team and would like to be, please attend this meeting.

This Week

Sun. 1/19	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00
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Sermon Notes

AM: No Other Name

Acts 3:1-10

PM: The Perfect Imperfect Family

Acts 2:36-39

Order of Worship

January 5, 2014

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song # 63 I Will Call upon the Lord
 Song # 238 You Are the Song That I Sing
 Song # 731 Take Time to be Holy
 Prayer
 Song # 314 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
 Lord's Supper & Contribution
 Song # 611 Heavenly Sunlight
 Scripture Romans 6:1-4
 Song # 587 Sing and Be Happy
 Message: **A Message That Speaks**
 Song # 851 I'll Fly Away
 Dismiss
 Song # 957 This World Is Not My Home

Danny Snell
 Gary Ables
 J.R. Tharpe
 Chris White
 Jeremy Wilson
 Jason Reeves
 Jay Bynum

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song # 2 We Praise Thee, O God
 Song # 3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
 Prayer
 Song #213 He is Able
 Scripture 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
 Song # 4 To God Be the Glory
 Message: **Without a Doubt?**
 Song # 915 Trust and Obey
 Song # 792 My Eyes are Dry
 Dismiss

Danny Snell
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 Tony Adams
 Jim Boyd
 Jason Reeves
 Scott Baker

Prayer & Care

Hospitalized

Star Unit at Briarcliff: Bettye Price is recovering after kidney cancer surgery. | **Hospice of East Texas: Sam Ethridge**, rm. 302 | **ETMC: Brent Chandler**, son of Shirley Chandler, is in ICU after a car accident. He is in critical condition. | **James Surber**, friend of many at West Erwin, is having blood pressure & heart problems. | **Mother Frances: Louls Jones** is undergoing tests from having a low blood sugar count. | **Loriece Gibson**, no visitors at this time. | **Children's in Dallas: Kalli Huff**

Updates

Results are pending on tests for **McKinley McDonald**. | **Dorothy Sullivan**, friend of Jayson & Erica Cody, will be undergoing cancer surgery.

With Sympathy

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 Barry Ciaschini
 Amber & Chad Chauncey
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 Cook & Ruby Cliver

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 Lockhart, Logan & Luke
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Our Records	Dec. 29	Year Ago
Bible Class	434	429
Worship a.m.	648	605
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REEVES' RHETORIC

Unconditional

We are a confusing people. We say we wholly love. We contend we are fully committed. We promise we are all in. But how often we fail. How very often we fall short. We are a people of conditions. "If you'll scratch my back, I'll scratch yours." "I'll forgive you if you will jump through these hoops." "Do things my way and then we can be friends." "Let's get on the same page" (and by same page, we mean our own). "I love you, but I'd love you more if...." In many ways we are conditioned to be conditional.

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This however, is not the Jesus Way.

God has no conditions when it comes to His love. Don't mishear (or misread) what I'm saying. Covenant with God is conditioned upon our being in Christ. But, His love for us is absolutely unconditional. Completely unconditional. No strings attached. No hidden agendas. And it is at our worst of moments, when we are at our most unlovable, that this reality is most beautiful and most powerful. And in those moments (as if it were possible) it feels as if He loves even us more.

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

"For if when we were God's enemies we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life?!" (Romans 5:10).

At the first of each year we tend to reflect upon the previous year and consider the one that lies ahead. My hope is that you enter into this new year knowing that you are deeply and unconditionally loved by our Father.

Glory to God!

Jason

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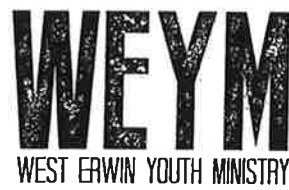
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Wed. Night Meal for Jan. 8: Mexican Food

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JUNIOR HIGH DEVO TONIGHT

There is a Junior High devo tonight following our Sunday PM assembly. We will start at 6pm, and dodgeball is the theme of the night! Come wearing close-toed shoes and bring \$3 for pizza. We will be done by 8pm, so please come join us!

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NCYM

This coming week, both Danny and myself will be at the National Conference on Youth Ministries. This is a conference put on each year by the churches of Christ (specifically, by other youth ministers who make up a board of directors) that is done for the explicit reason of giving us new ministry tools, helping us hear new and different ways of doing things, and even taking advantage of something we call "Covenant Groups", which meet nightly and are comprised of a group of youth ministers who are there to encourage and lift up each other through all the trials and victories that come with ministry. I'd ask that you would pray for us this week, that God would lead everything that we do, and that we could return rejuvenated and excited for the works God places before us!



Resolutions...

Almost every year I make a New Year's Resolution... Some succeed... most don't! I can't tell you how many I've not completed over the years but I can tell you the Resolutions that have changed my life.

I am proposing a new way to look at it... Instead of a New Years Resolution, lets simply try to start each day or week with a Resolution. For example, "Today I resolve to..."

For couples and families consider the following ideas (gathered from a variety of sources):

1. Commit to sitting down at the dinner table and share a meal together at least 1 time each week... totally disconnected from the phone and TV.
2. Choose an hour each week to do something active together... walk, throw the ball, play frisbee, etc... again... totally disconnected from the phone and TV.
3. Find a way to serve together as a family... Church offers lots of opportunities to serve others, babysit for a family who needs it, invite for dinner somebody who is lonely.
4. Make a time to sit down together for a few minutes and read your Bible together and pray... Please don't underestimate how God will bless you when this becomes regular!
5. Go on a date with your spouse... EVERY WEEK!!!
"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."



BLESSED ASSURANCE

To start off this New Year together, I want to give you an assignment. When you go home today, I want you to read John 17. This is a beautiful prayer of Jesus. In this prayer, there are a number of assurances that Jesus gives us. I can't think of a better way to start off 2014 than with the words of Jesus. 17:2 - *Jesus has the authority to give eternal life.* 17:3 - *Jesus gives us the keys to eternal life; know the true God, know Jesus, and know that God sent Jesus.* 17:4 - *Jesus glorified God with his obedience - so can we.* 17:5 - *Jesus was with God before the world existed - He is the Son of God.* 17:6 - *When we keep God's word, we are viewed as gifts to Jesus from God.* 17:7 - *God is a giver!* 17:8 - *There is truth in God's word and there is power in belief.* 17:9 - *Jesus prays for us.* 17:10 - *As God's children, we glorify Jesus.* 17:11 - *There is protection and unity with Jesus.* 17:12 - *There is power and protection in the name of God.* 17:13 - *There is joy in Jesus.* 17:14 - *It is OK to not be accepted by the world.* 17:15 - *Jesus prays that we don't come under the control of Satan.* 17:17 - *God's word is truth - His word sets us apart from the world.* 17:18 - *We have a job to do in the world.* 17:21-23 - *Our unity is not only for our benefit - it also helps the world believe that Jesus was sent by God.* 17:23 - *Jesus' spirit within us shows how much God loves us.* 17:24 - *Jesus wants us with Him.* 17:25-26 - *Jesus desires that we know God and keep God's love within us.* As Jesus worded this prayer, his thoughts were on his crucifixion, his disciples, and for future believers. It has been called his farewell prayer for his disciples. I know it will help us in 2014!

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Young At Heart

Attention everyone age 55 and up! You are invited to Young At Heart on Thursday, January 9th at the Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m. We will be having potluck and entertainment. We will also be sharing some exciting information concerning Young at Heart for 2014. We hope to see you there!

Bible Class Schedules

The Bible Class Schedules are available for this quarter! Pick one up at the Information Center in the foyer.

Thank You

Our heart felt thanks for the prayers, cards, flowers food and visits during Darrell's illness. Special thanks to elder Gaylan Seagler, who checked on us often. Please continue to remember me in your prayers.

Nell Beard

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New Books in Library

There are four new books in the Adult Library which deal with the topics of grief and loss. The titles to look for on the books shelf are: *Scarred Faith* by Josh Ross, *A Force of Will* by Mike Stavlund, *Getting Out of Bed in the Morning* by Alice Wisler and *You'll Get Through This* by Max Lucado.

Area Events

Ladies are invited to A Ladies Day at Grand Way Church of Christ in Marshall on February 1 at the Marshall Convention Center. The letter with more information is at the Information Center in the foyer.

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	Young At Heart	6:00

Sermon Notes

AM: **A Message That Speaks**
Romans 6:1-4

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2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song # 167 Hosanna
 Song # 577 We Bow Down
 Song # 134 The Lord's My Shepherd
 Prayer
 Song # 381 Years I Spent in Vanity
 Lord's Supper & Contribution
 Song # 766 Open Our Eyes, Lord
 Scripture 1 Cor. 3:1-6
 Song # 517 Heaven Came Down
 Message: **A Million Steps**
 Song # 904 Have You Been to Jesus?
 Dismiss
 Song # 15 Step by Step

Danny Snell
 Gary Ables
 Jim Armstrong
 Wayne Berryman
 Chris Ables
 Jason Reeves
 Don Crawford

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song # 781 Thank You, Lord
 Song # 823 Lead Me Gently Home
 Prayer
 Song #779 I Love You, Lord
 Song # 296 We Have Come Into This House
 Scripture 1 Cor. 15:14-17
 Song # 57 Great is Thy Faithfulness
 Message: **Without Resurrection**
 Song # 454 Rock of Ages
 Song # 116 God Will Make A Way
 Dismiss

Danny Snell
 Phil Barrows
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Prayer & Care

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Updates

McKinley McDonald's spinal tap showed low cerebrospinal glucose levels and she will have additional tests in Houston February 18. | **Dorothy Sullivan**, mother of Jayson underwent surgery for cancer and it went well. | **Aiden Neff**, 13-year-old grandson of Jo Ann Wilkinson, has been diagnosed with lupus.

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Subtle Devastation

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:2-3).

There is a great battle that is taking place. We may feel safe or believe we are immune. We may sense some slight influence, but for the most part we truly believe that, all in all, surely we aren't as mired as all that.

However, one of Satan's greatest tools of devastation among God's people is subtly.

You see so many who claim to follow Jesus view other people as the enemy. Satan subtly wags the dog and cons well-meaning believers of Jesus Christ into truly thinking that the enemy are those who differ. Those who differ socio-economically. Those who differ ethnically. Those who differ in their beliefs. "The enemy is those who live under bridges." "The enemy is those who live in gated communities." "The enemy is those who are black." "The enemy is those who are white." "The enemy is those of other religious traditions." "The enemy is those within my own tradition with whom I disagree."

The subtle diversion of the true Enemy is to lull us into believing that the false enemy is anyone who isn't exactly like us. I envision this makes him very pleased.

However if we read Scripture carefully, and embrace God completely, and understand our imperfections clearly, and grasp our need for grace fully, how can we allow Satan such subtle devastating victories in our lives? Like a cancer that consumes us internally. Secretly. Quietly. Until we make the conscious choice to refuse to allow him to utilize us in any way in this game he has already lost.

"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).

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NCYM - THANK YOU

Every now and then, being in ministry within the context of the church can feel like an island, like no one understands. I haven't been a part of a Sunday morning or Wednesday night adult Bible class in 10 years now, so it can be hard to make close adult relationships early on in a job like I am here. Different people can have different expectations of you. But there's one place every year where everyone understands. This past week I was blessed to have been a part of my 9th National Conference on Youth Ministries. Church of Christ youth ministers from all over the country gather together to learn, polish up on our skills, but just as important, to share with each other in the victories and defeats of ministry, and have someone who wants to sit down and pray with you, pray for you, and lift you up to the Father because they love you and they've been there. Thank you for allowing me to continue to be a part of this, and I know West Erwin will reap the benefits, just as it has with Danny in the past, of having a youth minister that's refreshed and rejuvenated in his approach to ministry thanks to the blessing of this conference.



Thoughts from the Week...

Over the last few weeks I've had the opportunity to spend some amazing time with my family. The first family trip we've taken since Bubba left for College. It was really a great time! We were not sure how all the details would work out and what really lay ahead for us... we just invited the kids and significant others to go with us. I knew for sure we would make some memories and enjoy life together. We did and God blessed us with some wonderful days together making some great memories!

This week I have been at a conference in Florida... Don't get excited... Its January here too with record lows...

I had the opportunity to listen to some great speakers, network with old friends and meet some new ones & visit with some of my favorite mentors(& friends) and talk about ministry.

What is clear to me in all that is that God always had in mind that "family" is significant. More on this down the road...

One of my favorite quotes from the conference...

"I think a father's job, when it's done best, is to get down on both knees, lean over his children's lives, and whisper, 'Where do you want to go?' Every day God invites us on the same kind of adventure. It's not a trip where He sends us a rigid itinerary, He simply invites us. God asks what it is He's made us to love, what it is that captures our attention, what feeds that deep indescribable need of our souls to experience the richness of the world He made. And then, leaning over us, He whispers, 'Let's go do THAT together.'"

— Bob Goff



I am going to give you some words to some familiar songs. It is okay if you want to pause while you read them and sing along in your heart. *O be careful little mouths what you say ... Angry words! O let them never ... Love one another, for love is from God ... We're part of the family that's been born again.* These songs have been around for years, but they still speak a powerful message to me, and that is the message to "take care" of how we speak to each other. Jesus said, *"For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks... I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned"* (Matt. 12:34-37). Our speech can be a powerful tool for destruction (James 3) but it can also be a powerful tool for building up (Eph. 4:29) and extending grace to each other (Col. 4:6). When we speak without thinking, or out of anger, we take the chance of doing great harm to someone. *The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer ... (Pro. 15:28).* Jesus gave additional warning to be careful of what comes out of your mouth, *But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person (Matt. 15:18).* It does not matter what our intentions are when we slip up and let careless words come out; the damage is done. Let's be in prayer that our speech will not be hasty and harmful, but instead be gracious and loving. Pray that our words will be a source of joy and comfort to others. *A gentle tongue is a tree of life, ... To make an apt answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season, how good it is! (Proverbs 15: 4,23)*

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Upcoming Showers

Ladies are invited to a baby shower for **Jaci & Patrick Luebbert** on Sunday, January 19th, 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center. Selections at Target & Babies R Us. It's a girl!

Ladies are invited to a wedding shower for **Krystal McCoy**, bride-elect of **Cameron Ables** on Sunday, January 25th, 2:00-3:30 p.m. at the home of Pam Lott, 2314 Kingsmill Circle, Tyler, 75703. Selections at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Dillard's.

Baptism

Louann Cullum
440 Troup Hwy #1405 | Tyler 75703
Welcome to the West Erwin family, Louann!

New Members

Cynthia Buckalew, Irene Robbins and Laurie Shelleen placed membership last week. Cynthia & Irene's address is 602 W. Main St. #25, Whitehouse, 75791. Laurie's is 602 W. Main St. # 56, Whitehouse, 75791. Welcome to the West Erwin family!

Bible Quiz-LTC

Attention all Bible Quiz Participants for LTC! Make plans to meet at 4:45 p.m. today to begin studying for Bible Quiz in the FLC.

Ladies' Wednesday Night Class

Ladies are welcome to become involved in a personal Bible study that began in September 2013. The group has started meeting on Wednesday nights to discuss what they have studied during the previous week. The current topic for January is "Women of Troubled Times" and in February they will be studying the Bible text of I and II Samuel & I and II Kings. Join them upstairs above the foyer if you are interested in doing this in depth study. If you have any questions, contact Kim DuPree 903-530-4948 or Melissa Parrish 903-530-0943.

Wedding Invitation

The families of **Ashley Sustaire & Brian Wells** request your presence at their wedding. Friday, February 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. West Erwin Church of Christ. Reception to follow. Please RSVP: 903-376-1547

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!

Cut & Paste Club

If you are willing to help do a variety of work in the Resource Room, the Cut & Paste club has begun meeting again! They meet every Thursday from 1:00-3:00 p.m. See Nancy Crawford for more info.

Area Events

Ladies are invited to A Ladies Day at Grand Way Church of Christ in Marshall on February 1 at the Marshall Convention Center. The letter with more information is at the Information Center in the foyer.

This Week

Sun. 1/12	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00
	A.M. Worship	10:00
	P.M. Worship	5:00
Mon. 1/13	Karing Kitchen	5:00-7:00
Tues. 1/14	Lunch Bunch	
	Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution, Diaper Shirts & Quilt Making & Bandage Rolling	8:30-10:30
Wed. 1/15	Benev Ctr: Food Distribution	8:30-10:30
	WNM: Bruno's	5:30
	Bible Classes for all ages	7:00
	Benev Ctr: Food Distribution	6:30-7:30
Thurs. 1/16	Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution	8:30-10:30

Sermon Notes

AM: A Million Steps

1 Cor. 3:1-6

PM: Without Resurrection

1 Cor. 15:14-17