

Serving Today

Cody Mitcham Eric Moseley
 Kenneth Muncy Larry Murphey
 Jon Murry Chris Reynolds
 Shaun Stamps Gene Chandler

GREETERS

Info Center: Jay & Tresa Jones
 Main Doors: Pete & Alisa Leung
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PICK UP CARDS

Davis Carnathan,
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 Nathan Cooper,
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM: Julie Ables &
 McKenzie Fennell

Toddler AM: Sharon Beaver &
 Cate Kimball

Nursery PM: Shirley Denman

Toddlers PM: Elizabeth Lewis

| Our Records | Dec. 28 |
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| Bible Class | 363 |
| Worship a.m. | 518 |
| Worship p.m. | 265 |
| Wed. p.m. | NC |
| Contribution | \$84,615.07 |

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January 4, 2015

Volume 46- No. 1

Order of Worship

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|--|------------------|
| Welcome/Call to Worship | Eric Thornton |
| Song #346 He Lives | Gary Ables |
| Song #745 Humble Yourself | |
| Prayer | Eric Moseley |
| Song #361 Nailed to the Cross | |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | Jon Murry |
| Song #416 Footsteps of Jesus | |
| Scripture Matthew 26:36-46 | Howard Dickson |
| Song #490 It Is Well With My Soul | |
| Message: Gethsemane | Donnie Carnathan |
| Song #652 We Have Heard the Joyful Sound | |
| Dismiss | Greg Jones |
| Song #759 Shall We Gather at the River? | |

5:00 P.M. Assembly

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | Eric Thornton |
| Song #458 Redeemed | Davy Carter |
| Song #399 Jesus Calls Us | |
| Prayer | Don Durham |
| Scripture John 14:1-6 | Billy Terrell |
| Song #71 As The Deer | |
| Song #517 Heaven Came Down | |
| Message: I Want To Go To Heaven | Chris White |
| Song #927 Why Keep Jesus Waiting | |
| Song #535 The Gloryland Way | |
| Dismiss | Gene Chandler |

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NCYM

This coming week, I will be at the yearly National Conference on Youth Ministries. This is a conference put on each year by the churches of Christ (specifically, by youth ministers and professors who make up a board of directors) that is held 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 all of us in attendance 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!



A New Year

Lots of folks make resolutions every new year. I have a challenge for you...

Why not make 2015 your year and spend some time every day in the Word.

Nothing will make 2015 better than devoting it to God!

There are lots of resources available to make this goal achievable. There are apps for your smart phone, Daily Bibles and plans that you can print out.

If you would like to know about some of those resources, just ask.

Lets challenge each other for developing a passion for the Word this year.

Sunday Bible Class

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Consider the following from 2 Chronicles 17:3-6

"The Lord was with Jehoshaphat because in his early years he walked in the ways his father David had followed. He did not consult the Baals⁴ but sought the God of his father and followed his commands rather than the practices of Israel. ⁵ The Lord established the kingdom under his control; and all Judah brought gifts to Jehoshaphat, so that he had great wealth and honor. ⁶ His heart was devoted to the ways of the Lord..."

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Thank You

Thank you for all of the beautiful cards, kind comments and most of all for all the prayers as we awaited results of my lung biopsy. The results of the biopsy were benign. Please join me in offering prayers of thanksgiving for the results. Our family is abundantly blessed.

Kim Frick

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Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy are extended to Laurie Kimball in the loss of her father-in-law, Edwin Kimball, on Christmas Day. Services were Saturday in Maryland.

Updates

Kim Frick's biopsy results came back negative. No cancer was found.

Mitch Wilburn, pulpit minister of the Park Plaza Church of Christ in Tulsa, had surgery last Friday to remove a tumor. More tests will follow.

West Erwin Family

Linda McClenny | Bill Mullins | Louis Jones | Nettie Potts | Marjorie Ethridge | Charles Harris | Charles Rachui | George Daugherty | Aubrey Morman | Nell Beard
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HAPPY NEW COMMANDMENT!

Well, here go again; another New Year, another new beginning, another chance to get it all figured out. I do wish you a happy and prosperous New Year, but I also wish you a Happy New Commandment! You probably don't receive that wish very often, but it is an important thing to have in your life. It is part of chapters 13-17 that John recorded before Jesus went to the garden to be arrested. It was pure Jesus talking to his followers and trying to prepare them for life after his crucifixion. *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:34-35).* To love one another was an old command (Lev.19:18), but Jesus adds a new quality to it; to love as Jesus loved. To love like Jesus, our love for each other has to be **sacrificial**. It has to be sacrificial to those that are easy to love and also to those that are unlovable (Ro. 5:6-7). To love like Jesus, our love for each other must be a **visible** love. This is how people will know that we are his disciples. This visible love must be seen outside the church walls throughout the community. Jesus calls us to a higher quality of love. For 2015, may we all love like Jesus did; the world needs it!

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January 11, 2015

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 Billy Terrell Randy Turner
 Wade Weathers Bill White
 Wynne Weathers Dale White

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 Owen Kelly, Logan Metcalf, Luke Metcalf, Jackson Parker & Wyatt Parker

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 Nursery AM: Sharon Gordon & Rebecca Weathers

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | Danny Snell |
| Song #121 Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing | Gary Ables |
| Song #167 Hosanna | |
| Song #768 Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You | Ron Parish |
| Prayer | |
| Song #381 Years I Spent in Vanity | |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | Wayne Berryman |
| Song #221 Jesus, Name Above All Names | |
| Scripture <i>John 17:1-4</i> | Rick Fedell |
| Song #881 Mansion over the Hilltop | |
| Message: From Betrayal to Fulfillment | Eric Thornton |
| Song #662 All To Jesus I Surrender | |
| Dismiss | Phil Marts |
| Song #406 Just a Closer Walk with Thee | |

5:00 P.M. Assembly

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | Donnie Carnathan |
| Song #548 The Lily of the Valley | Lance Yarema |
| Song #542 Tell It to Jesus Alone | |
| Prayer | Tom Cook |
| Scripture <i>2 Timothy 3:16-17</i> | Randy Turner |
| Song #555 Seek Ye First | |
| Song #450 Give Me the Bible | |
| Message: The All-Sufficient Word | Chris White |
| Song #911 Bring Christ Your Broken Life | |
| Song #712 Jesus Is Coming Soon | |
| Dismiss | Tom Hale |

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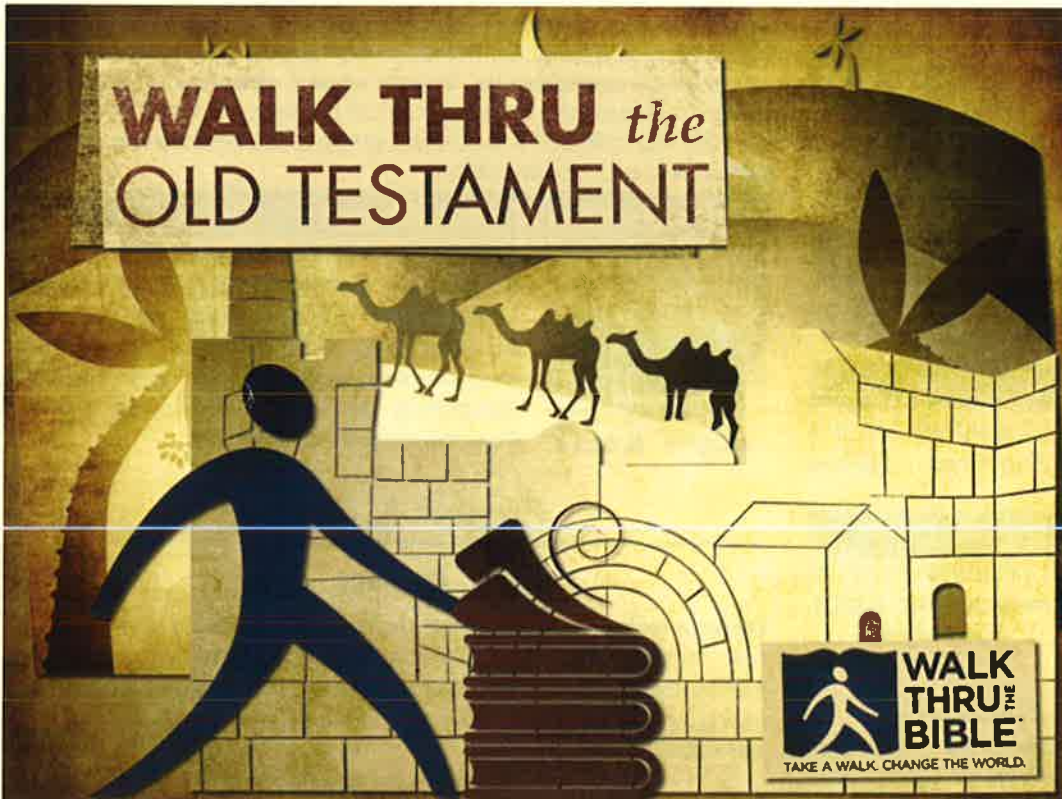
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WALK THRU the OLD TESTAMENT



Join us Sunday, February 1st, for an exciting day as we journey through the story of the Old Testament. We will Walk Thru the Old Testament highlighting the people, places and events that are key to understanding God's story of love and redemption for mankind.

The schedule will include: combined Bible Class, Worship, an all-church luncheon in the Family Life Center followed immediately by two afternoon sessions.

Workbooks are \$10.00 each. One per family.

There will be no Sunday night service.

WEYM

WEST ERWIN YOUTH MINISTRY

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I always feel the need to say thank you to my church family and elders each year after I return from the National Conference on Youth Ministry. Not only thank you to Michael Carnathan for standing in my gap and teaching the teens Wednesday night, but thank you for allowing me to come and be filled up and encouraged by my fellow ministers, presenters, teachers, and by people who have walked the same line and towed the same rope. I feel it my privilege to serve alongside each of you in ministry at West Erwin, and thankful for the calling I feel God has placed on my life of ministry. Know that as I asked you last week to be praying for us at the convention, that we were praying for you too. May God bless you as you walk with Him.



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vkk63Ua1k0I>

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Wednesday Night Meal



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Prayer & Care

Updates

George Haley, father of Ellen Matthews, suffered a stroke and a fall. He was moved from Mother Frances to hospice.

Randy Davis, brother of Shirley Denman, had cancer surgery on Monday. They found low grade cancer and they feel it is treatable.

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THE POWER OF THE CROSS

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God (Galatians 6:14-16). In this passage, Paul gives us the basis for our confidence, the reason for our salvation, and the results of our position with Christ. All three lie in the cross. **The cross crucifies the world to us.** Christians and the world do not mix. The gospel produces tension among the believers. By the power of the cross, we are not slaves to the world. **The cross produces a new creation in us.** By the power of the cross, we walk by guidance of the Holy Spirit. We have a new hope and a new life with Jesus. Compared to our old self, we are truly a new creation. **The cross gives us a new rule in life.** We now live by the rule of a death, burial, and resurrection for us. By the power of the cross, our faith can strengthen and we can live justified by Christ. **The cross gives us peace and mercy.** By the power of the cross, we have confidence in our salvation, thus we at peace with God. Those who are at peace with God receive his mercy. We can boast in the cross!

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January 18, 2015

Volume 46- No. 3

Order of Worship

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Welcome/Call to Worship | Donnie Carnathan |
| Song #103 He Has Made Me Glad | Gary Ables |
| Song #134 The Lord's My Shepherd | |
| Song #791 On Bended Knee | |
| Prayer | Jonathan Stone |
| Song #176 Lamb of God | |
| Song #66 Doxology | |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | Jay Bynum |
| Song #31 Be Still and Know | |
| Scripture Luke 24:5-8 | Ernie Gordon |
| Song #63 I Will Call upon the Lord | |
| Message: His Power in Empty Places | Danny Snell |
| Song #943 Do You Know My Jesus? | |
| Dismiss | Bill Mullins |
| Song #628 Will You Not Tell It Today? | |

5:00 P.M. Assembly

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | Donnie Carnathan |
| Song #616 The Way of the Cross | Wayne Berryman |
| Song #606 Remind Me, Dear Lord | |
| Prayer | Robert Lee |
| Scripture Luke 15:17-20 | Wade Weathers |
| Song #643 Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom | |
| Song #672 Give Me Thy Heart | |
| Message: The Story of the Broken-Hearted Father | Chris White |
| Song #666 I Am Thine, O Lord | |
| Song #660 People Need The Lord | |
| Dismiss | Jim Boyd |

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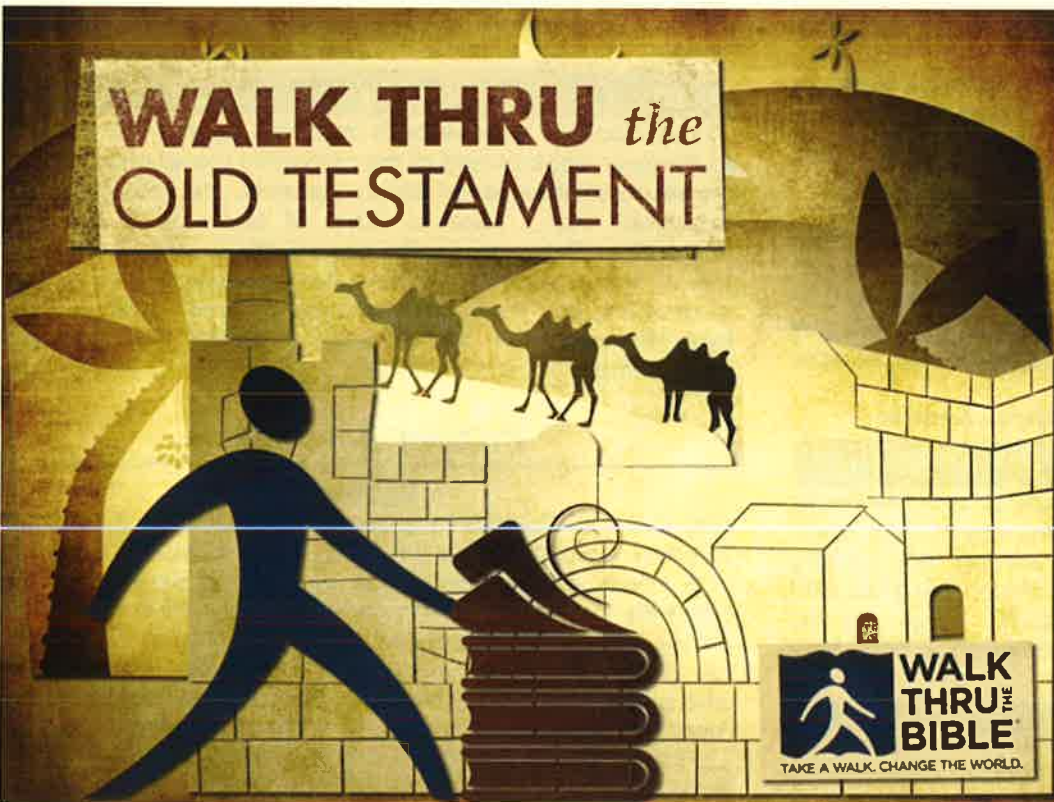
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We will then be dismissed for the day.

WEYM

WEST ERWIN YOUTH MINISTRY

NO DEVO TONIGHT – SMALL GROUPS

Tonight are our monthly church-wide small groups. Please join your family and spend tonight together in fellowship and learning with a bigger part of our church family!

WINTERFEST

We return today between 12-12:30pm from our weekend in Arlington at Winterfest. This year is the 3rd year in a 4 year series called "The Way", where we see many different pieces of the mystery of God come together. This year we've studied the idea and implementation of the fact that following Jesus simply can't be done completely alone, in the way God intended it. And a BIG thank you to Shaun and Joanna Stamps for coming as our adult sponsors this year, it was a great, great weekend.

SUPER BOWL PARTY – FEB. 1ST

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Prayer Request

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LTC



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New Members

Please welcome Chad and Lindsey Harbuck and their children, Chloe and Liam to the West Erwin family. Their address is 1099 CR 2210 Mineola, TX 75773

Thank You

Dear Brethren,

Thank you for your many expressions of love and concern (calls, prayers, phone calls, etc.) with my recent problems. I am back to normal now. Esther Wilson

Dear West Erwin Church, When God said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you", He fulfills this promise everyday. But I know too that He employs His people upon special occasions to imitate Him. You did just that at the passing of Mary. Your prayers, cards, and especially your condolences strengthened us beyond measure. Accept our sincere appreciation for all your blessings.

Sincerely,

Forest McFadden & Family

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LTC Bible Quiz

LTC Bible Quiz will be starting this Sunday night during evening worship at 5:00. We will meet in the Jr. High room. If you have a notebook from a previous year, please bring it. See Clifton or Cristy Lindsey if you have questions.

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To My Church Family

I have decided to have both my knees replaced and due to the long rehab ahead of me I thought I should resign from my responsibilities as an elder. However, my fellow elders requested that I take a leave of absence in lieu of resignation. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this great church in this capacity. I believe the Lord has great plans for all of us and that He will unravel those plans as we all seek to love Him and love one another. I cherish your prayers through these coming months. Don Crawford

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Mitch Wilburn | **Alden O'Donnel**, grandson of Jo Ann Wilkinson, is being treated for lupus. | **Morgan Evans**, granddaughter of Nancy Lunceford and daughter of Laurie Hartwig | **Red Hardin**, cousin of Davy Carter, cancer | **Randy Davis** and **Larry Davis**, brothers of Shirley Denman | **Justin Lee**, son of Mandy Sherrod | **Alison Hardaway**, granddaughter-in-law of Janice Hardaway



TAKING A STAND!

My heart has gone out to the people of Paris because of the recent terrorist attacks they have been subjected to. I was impressed by the huge rally last week where over a million people marched through the streets of Paris in a plea for the world to unite against terrorism. I have always felt that until countries find the will to stand **together** against terrorism, it will never be fully defeated. It works the same way in spiritual matters too. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, *"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong (1 Co.16:13)*. Peter wrote, *...I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it (1 Peter 5:12)*. God has given us a prized position with him; He expects us to stand with him. We will always have to deal with women being abused and brutalized until we rise up and take a stand against it. We will always have to deal with the sexual abuse of our children until we rise up and take a stand against it. We will always have to deal with rampant drug use until we rise up and take a stand against it. We will always have to deal with a self-serving government until we rise up and take a stand against it. While these issues seem too big to overcome; we need to be reminded that nothing is too big for God!

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Jim Boyd Michael Carnathan

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Sue Hughes

Main Doors: Louise Seaberry

East Doors: Billy & Lynda Terrell

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Nathan Turner

SOUND BOOTH

Clifton Lindsey & Shaun Stamps

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Toddler AM: Danielle Rousseau
& Bailey Hammond

Nursery PM: Linda Benitez

Toddlers PM:
Mary Scarborough

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| Worship p.m. | 261 |
| Wed. p.m. | 260 |
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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship
Song #238 You Are the Song That I Sing
Song #250 The Great Redeemer
Prayer
Song #376 He Paid a Debt
Lord's Supper & Contribution
Scripture Acts 1:6-11
Song #214 Have You Seen Jesus My Lord
Message: **"Be Your Best"**
"VICTORY!"
Song #935 Sinners Jesus Will Receive
Dismiss
Song #147 I Stand Amazed

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship
Song #375 Oh, the Depth and the Riches
Song #766 Open Our Eyes, Lord
Prayer
Scripture Acts 2:42-47
Song #509 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
Song #286 Wonderful Story of Love
Message: **"More Than A Potluck"**
Song #374 There Is a Fountain
Song #679 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Dismiss

Danny Snell
Gary Ables

Bud Cawyer

Tom Clark
David Hammond

Leon Welborn
Donnie Carnathan

Phil Marts

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Davy Carter

Charles Melville
Bill White

Eric Thornton

Chris Conder

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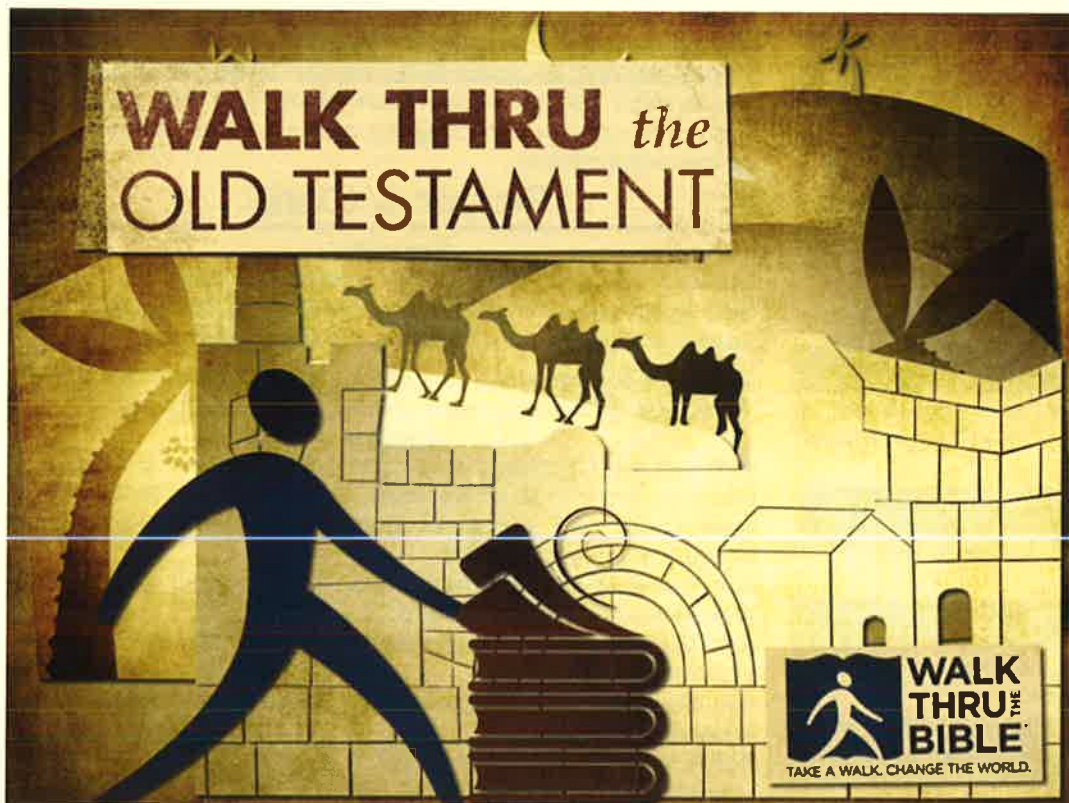
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BISCUITS AND GRAVY

I have a love/hate relationship with the Iron Men's Breakfast. I love the fellowship, the food, the lessons, and the great way we start the day. I hate my weak will power when it comes to the biscuits and gravy. I know what they do to my waistline and I know how hard it is trying to stay fit. It also takes effort to stay fit in our spiritual life too. Paul compared the Christian life to running a race (1 Co.9). John said to be "faithful unto death" (Rev.2:10). So how do we mature into strong and steadfast Christians? In 1 Peter 5, we see three things that help our spiritual fitness. **Strong leadership in the church (5:1-4):** There are no perfect elders, ministers, or Christians, but God expects us to work together to accomplish his work. Church leadership is a unique thing in this world and it is grounded in love and trust. When it is based on God's word it is a beautiful gift from God. **True loyalty to each other (5:5-9):** We need to deal with others from a position of humility, not judgment. We also need to protect each other from that "roaring lion" (5:8). **Sincere love for one another (5:10-14):** Sincere love comes from having a strong spiritual relationship with the Father. Stronger relationships with God causes less complaining about each other. How fit are you today?

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LTC



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LTC Chorus

LTC chorus practice will begin meeting today. Meet in the small auditorium at 4:00 p.m.

Baby Shower



There will be a table shower for Amber Chauncey and baby girl, Perry, on February 8th and 15th. Diapers and wipes are appreciated. Please place gifts on the table in the foyer.

Valentine Dinner



If you are a married couple and 20 to 40 years old, this Valentine's Day make your plans for a romantic dinner in a most formal atmosphere and be served a delicious meal by the finest waiters. Sign up at the Information Booth by Feb. 7th. Reservations are required. Entertainment provided.

Family Life Center * 7:00 p.m. * Saturday, February 14th

Volunteers Wanted

This Wednesday, after services, we will need help setting up tables and chairs in the FLC for the "Walk Thru the Bible" luncheon next Sunday.

Nursery Needs

Our nursery needs gently used sheets, blankets, washcloths and burp cloths.

Benevolent Center

If you can help with clothing distribution on Tuesday mornings, please see Donnie Carnathan.

New Members

Angela and Benito Garcia were baptized last week and are members of the Hispanic congregation.

Births

Congratulations to Chad and Amber Chauncey on the birth of a daughter, Perry Lillian on January 17th. Aubrey is the big sister.

Congratulations to Don and Norma Durham on the birth of their great-grandson, Jackson Patrick Ikey. He was born Tuesday in Waxahachie. Parents are Lewis and Michelle Ikey.

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Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to Roy and Fern Bench. Their great-granddaughter was killed by a falling tree last Sunday in Nacogdoches. There will only be graveside services.

Services were yesterday in Calhoun City, Mississippi for Alison Hardaway, granddaughter-in-law of Janice Hardaway.

Updates

Kalli Huff is in Children's Hospital in Dallas with the flu through, probably, the middle of this week. She is no longer in isolation.

Jean Parish had successful knee replacement surgery last Tuesday at Spine and Joint.

Don Crawford had successful knee replacement surgery last Wednesday at Spine and Joint.

Nita Martinez fell and broke her collarbone. She had surgery last Wednesday.

Bob May is in Providence Park for a few weeks after being hospitalized.

Nettie Potts is in ETMC with a virus.

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Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton

Song #484 You Are My All in All Gary Ables

Song #745 Humble Yourself

Prayer Frank Debenport

Song #366 By Christ Redeemed

Lord's Supper & Contribution Pete Leung

Song #895 I'll Live in Glory

Scripture Myron Granberry

Song #412 Jesus, Hold My Hand

Message: WALK THRU THE BIBLE Session 3 Danny Snell

Song #672 Give Me Thy Heart

Dismiss Gaylan Seagler

Song #705 A Common Love

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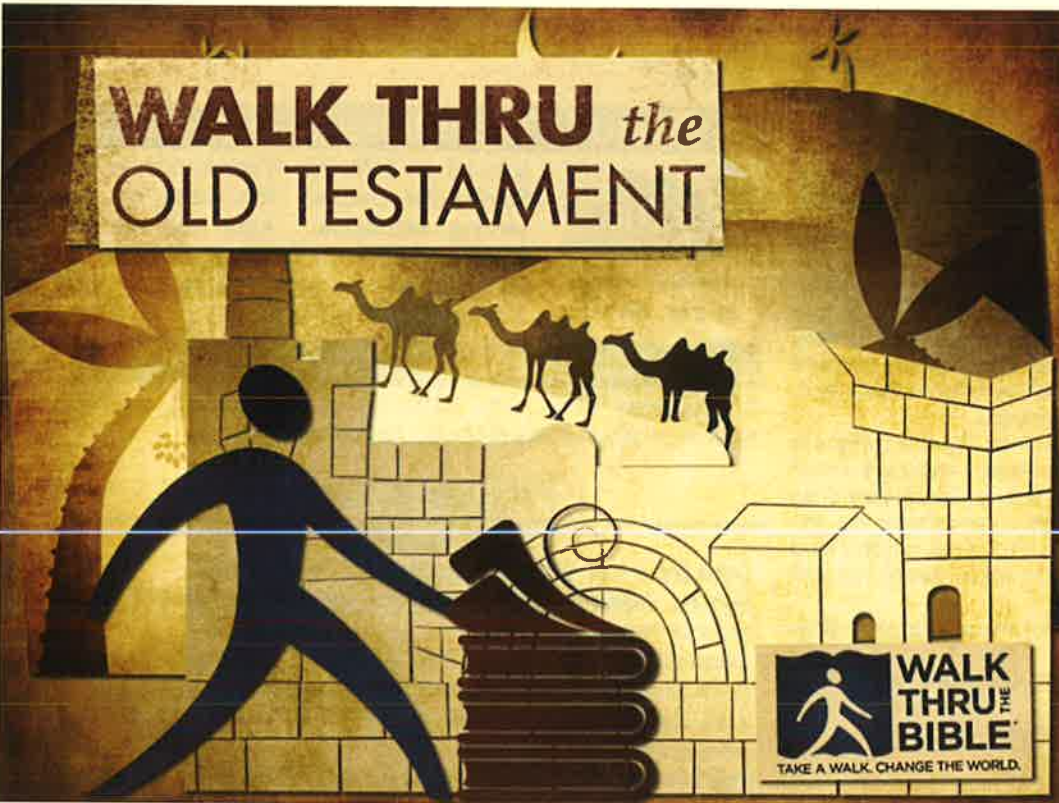
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Thanks to all who are a part of the Growing Kids God's Way class. We will be resuming our class in mid April after LTC is done. Thanks to James & Connie Sublette and Lisa Snell for helping teach the class.

Iron Men Breakfast

Our Iron Men's Breakfast will meet again on Feb. 19, 6:00 AM. Join us!

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Thank You

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your prayers, gifts, cards, etc. for our daughter/ granddaughter, Morgan Evans. As many of you know, Morgan is 29, pregnant, and was diagnosed with Stage 4 oral cancer in October. She had surgery in November and has completed radiation and chemotherapy, and is now recovering at home with her husband and 3 little girls. Pain and nutrition are still major concerns for her and her unborn baby boy, so we ask that you continue to pray for them both.

I often wonder how people get through times like this without a strong faith and spiritual family praying for them. I know we could not have made it this far without God's love and the prayers of so many. Although Morgan can't talk, we can communicate by text and I tell her all the time how many people across the country and world are praying for her. She feels it and said it helps her get through some very terrifying, dark times.

Thank you again, and we humbly ask that you continue to pray for her and her little family.

Laurie Hartwig and Nancy Lunceford

Note: Morgan has a Carepage at: www.Carepages.com/carepages/Morganevans

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your care, concerns and prayers at the passing of my granddaughter-in-law, Alison. She will be missed. Thank you so much for all the beautiful cards I received when I got back from Mississippi. I feel so blessed to be a part of such a great church family.

Love you, Janice Hardaway

Dear West Erwin Church Family-

Thank you so much for the prayers, visits, cards and beautiful flowers during the days before and after Dad's death. Each is appreciated more than we can ever express and has helped us get through this sad time.

We're so grateful for each of you.

Ellen & Phil Matthews & the Haley Family

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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| Sun. 2/1 | Walk Thru The Bible for all ages over | 9:00 |
| | A.M. Worship | 10:00 |
| Mon. 2/2 | Karing Kitchen | 5:00-7:00 |
| Tues. 2/3 | Lunch Bunch | |
| | Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution, Diaper Shirts & Quilt Making & Bandage Rolling | 8:30-10:30 |
| Wed. 2/4 | Benev Ctr: Food Distribution | 8:30-10:30 |
| | Bible Classes for all ages | 7:00 |
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| Thurs. 2/5 | Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution | 8:30-10:30 |

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Benevolent Center

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Prayer & Care

Updates

Doris Neal is in Mother Frances with pneumonia.
Sharon Keitchum will have back surgery on February 4 at Mother Frances.
Charles Starr had disc and pinched nerve surgery on his neck last Monday. He is recovering at home.
Kalli Huff continues to be treated for the flu in Children's Hospital in Dallas.
Bob May is in Providence Park for a few weeks.
Nettie Potts is in ETMC with a virus.

West Erwin Family

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Ongoing concerns: Kalli Huff | Ruby Cliver | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Velma Lemons | Tommy Lowrance | Elmer Miles | Forest McFadden | Brice Sustaire | Winona Shankle | Millie Tomlin | Joann Davis | Nella Ware | Bill McCain | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Nettie Potts | Marjorie Ethridge | Charles Harris | Nell Beard

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WHAT SHOULD I SET MY HEART ON?

What would you tell someone that was seeking your advice about their future career? Certainly we would tell them to pursue their education and try to find something to do in life that they enjoyed. I heard one of my Elders from my Channelview days tell a group of young ones that no matter what you did in life, be a good Christian while you did it. I also think we can learn something from Ezra in this matter. Consider what Ezra set his heart on. *For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel (Ezra 7:10).* God chose Ezra to lead a group of the remnant returning to Jerusalem and to lead a spiritual renewal of God's people. When you look at what was on Ezra's heart, it is easy to see why God chose him. Like Ezra, I believe that before we choose any career, we have to choose if we want God to lead us in life or not. I believe that any person that seeks to learn from God's word, strives to obey God's word, and has the desire to teach others the word of God, will go far in life. Jesus said, *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.* I think Jesus and Ezra had their hearts set right.

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Gene Chandler Keith Chandler
Will Christian Donald Cullum
David Demic Harold Denman

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Main Doors: Jo Ann Wilkinson

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Sandra Wingate

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PICK UP CARDS

Davis Carnathan, Reed
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Cade Heath & Caleb Heath

SOUND BOOTH

Terry Frick and Cal Wilkinson

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM: Shirley Chandler &
Cate Kimball

Toddler AM: Joanna Stamps &
Emma Stamps

Nursery PM: Shannon Snell

Toddlers PM: Kim Frick

| Our Records | February 1 |
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| Bible Class | 390 |
| Worship a.m. | 510 |
| Worship p.m. | NC |
| Wed. p.m. | 285 |
| Contribution | \$20,330.90 |
| Weekly Budget | \$26,651.00 |

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
Song #794 Unto Thee, O Lord Gary Ables
Song #797 Lord, We Come Before Thee Now
Prayer Tom Hale
Song #314 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Lord's Supper & Contribution Clifton Lindsey
Song #416 Footsteps of Jesus
Scripture Hebrews 11:8-12 Dick Higginbotham
Song #867 To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way
Message: **Abraham: An Imperfect Man Serving a Perfect God** Donnie Carnathan
Song #940 Only a Step
Dismiss Leon Welborn
Song #885 How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
Song #399 Jesus Calls Us Wayne Berryman
Song #764 Teach Me Lord to Wait
Prayer Danny Snell
Scripture Acts 1:6-9 Dale White
Song #639 Rescue The Perishing
Song #590 Jesus Is All The World To Me
Message: **A Survey of the Book of Acts** Chris White
Song #669 Take My Life, and Let It Be
Song #615 There's Within My Heart A Melody
Dismiss Larry Murphey

Our Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY
Bible Class 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Evening Worship 5 p.m.
MONDAY
Karing Kitchen 6 p.m.
TUESDAY
Tuesday Lunch Bunch 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Clothing Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Food Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.
Food Distribution 6:30-7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY
Clothing Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.

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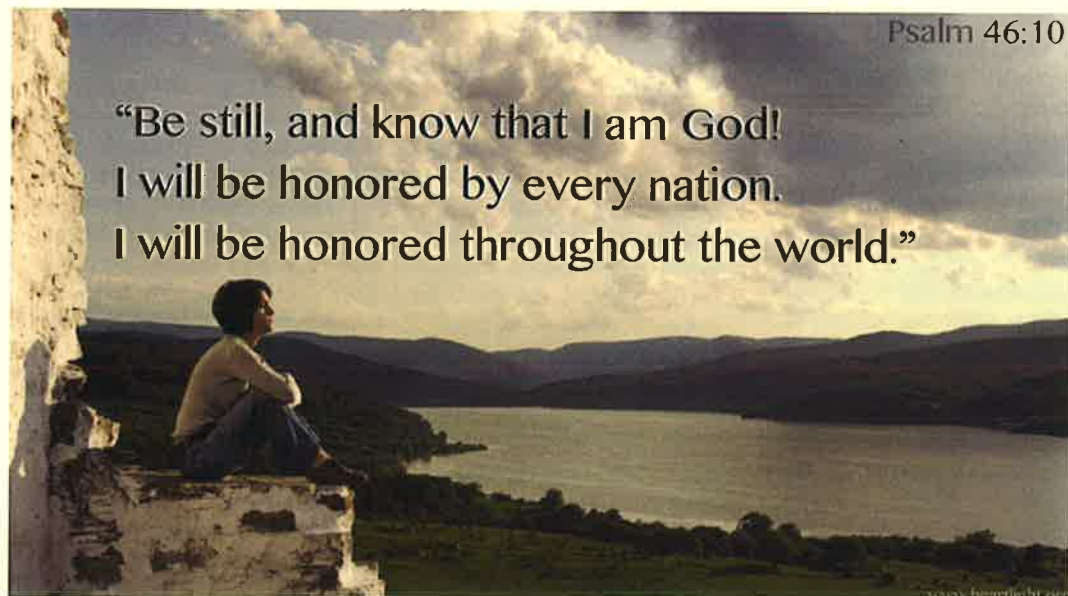
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Don Ingram
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Psalm 46:10

"Be still, and know that I am God!
I will be honored by every nation.
I will be honored throughout the world."



WEYM

WEST ERWIN YOUTH MINISTRY

PARENT/TEEN MEETING - TODAY

We will have a parent/teen meeting TODAY immediately following the AM assembly in the FLC. Lunch will be provided and is free, so please come as a family for this very important meeting regarding summer dates as well as upcoming changes for our youth ministry moving forward.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVO - TONIGHT

Tonight following our PM assembly, we will have a high school only devo. Food will be provided tonight, so just bring yourself AND your Bible! It will last from 6-8pm.

SUPER BOWL PARTY - THANK YOU

Thank you so much to Wade & Diane Weathers for hosting our Youth Families Super Bowl Party at their home. And thank you to all of our families who made the special effort to come after what was a long day here at the building with Walk Through the Bible. Not only do I think everyone had an enjoyable time, but it is good to spend that time together, to get to know each other better, and to continue to build relationships with each other.

LTC PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Here is this week's LTC practice schedule. 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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| Sunday | Chorus | 4pm |
| | Bible Quiz | 5pm |
| Wednesday | Puppets | 7pm |



Walk Thru The Bible

A very special thanks to all who were a part of the Walk Thru The Bible OT last Sunday. Thanks to David Hammond for heading up the lunch crew, To Connie Sublette and crew for taking care of refreshments and to Terry Frick for making sure our AV went flawless! It was a great day!

Remember... our challenge... Get into the Word!

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes will be studying the 1 & 2 Kings. The title of our study is "Rebellious Children, Patient Father" The lesson this week... "Judgment" ... from 2 Kings 17. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following from 2 Kings 17:10;18-20: "So the Lord was very angry with Israel and removed them from his presence. Only the tribe of Judah was left, and even Judah did not keep the commands of the Lord their God. They followed the practices Israel had introduced. Therefore the Lord rejected all the people of Israel; he afflicted them and gave them into the hands of plunderers, until he thrust them from his presence."

Iron Men Breakfast

Our Iron Men's Breakfast will meet again on Feb. 19, 6:00 AM. Join us!



WHAT SHOULD YOU SEE?

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore (Ex. 14:30). The Israelites had seen so much during their time of bondage and deliverance from Egypt. Yet, for some, that image of those bodies along the seashore would be the last thing they would see about God's dealings with Egypt. It was a grim reminder of what could happen when you choose to defy God. Consider these words of Jesus about what we should strive to see. *Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God (Matt.5:8). Let your light shine before others, so they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven (Matt.5:16). Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? (Matt.7:3). See that no one leads you astray (Matt.24:4). Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you or naked and clothe you or see you sick or in prison and visit you? (Matt.25:37-39). But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven (Matt.26:64).* It does matter what we see. We should make sure we see the things that mattered to Jesus!

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Family Life Center * 7:00 p.m. * Saturday, February 14th

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ETCA Preview Night

ETCA is having a Preview Night on February 19th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium located at 2448 Roy Road. This offers families interested in private school education the opportunity to take a campus tour, meet the teachers and receive information regarding curriculum, sports, fine arts and many extracurricular activities.

New Members

Welcome Bonnie Sanchez and son, Dalton to the West Erwin Family. Bonnie is the sister of Ginger Philpot.

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.

Thank You

A HUGE thank you to all who helped prepare and serve the all-church luncheon this past Sunday. Thank you for stepping up and serving the West Erwin Family. We could not have done it without you. A special thank you to the Hispanic congregation for cleaning up for us!

David Hammond

This Week

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| Sun. 2/8 | Bible Classes for all ages | 9:00 |
| | A.M. Worship | 10:00 |
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| | Young At Heart Valentine Dinner | 6:00 |

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Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to **Henry McRuiz** in the death of his brother, Elbert.

Updates

Henry McRuiz is in Mother Frances.
Doris Neal is now at Cathy Hallman's house.
Sharon Ketchum's surgery has been postponed.
Kalli Huff was hoping to be released from Children's Hospital last Friday.
Barry Ciaschini is at home with shingles.
Aubrey Morman recently had another spot removed. Awaiting results.
 Chris Reynolds' cousin's 1-month old baby, **Rush**. He developed a knot on his neck and was sent to Children's Hospital.

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Toddler AM: Sharon Beaver & Hannah Metcalf

Nursery PM: Jessica Diller

Toddlers PM: Shirley Denman

| Our Records | February 8 |
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| Bible Class | 345 |
| Worship a.m. | 554 |
| Worship p.m. | 285 |
| Wed. p.m. | 266 |
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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship Danny Snell
 Song #779 I Love You, Lord Gary Ables
 Song #881 Mansion Over the Hilltop
 Song #31 Be Still and Know Ralph Henderson
 Prayer
 Song #364 Come Share the Lord
 Lord's Supper & Contribution Wade Weathers
 Song #705 A Common Love
 Scripture Genesis 26:31-33 Greg Jones
 Song #464 Because He Lives
 Message: **There is Water in the Well!**
 Song #662 All to Jesus I Surrender
 Dismiss Fred Wingate
 Song #15 Step by Step

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Danny Snell
 Song #517 Heaven Came Down Davy Carter
 Song #542 Tell It To Jesus
 Prayer
 Scripture Romans 3:21-26
 Song #230 Worthy Art Thou
 Song #560 Living By Faith
 Message: **Propitiation: Whom God Set Forth** Don Durham
 Song #939 O Why Not Tonight? Frank Debenport
 Song #895 I'll Live In Glory
 Dismiss Chris White
Tom Clark

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

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

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 Food Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.
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WEYM

WEST ERWIN YOUTH MINISTRY

SMALL GROUPS TONIGHT – NO DEVO

There is no devo tonight after our PM assembly. There will be Bible Quiz practice as normal, but tonight we encourage all of our teens and families to be a part of their small groups. If your family does not currently attend a small group but would like to, please see one of the ministers after worship this morning and we would be happy to point you towards one.

LTC PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Here is this week's LTC practice schedule. **DRAMA STARTS TODAY AT 3PM.** Everyone please meet in the small auditorium and we'll split off into our groups from there. **PUPPETS** this week will all start in their own practice areas, and not everyone in the gym (unless that's where your team meets).

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| Sunday | Drama | 3pm |
| | Chorus | 4pm |
| | Bible Quiz | 5pm |
| Wednesday | Puppets | 7pm |

LTC FORMS

If you have ANY forms you haven't yet turned in for LTC (Participant – Yellow, Sponsor – Blue, Hotel – Pink), those need to be turned in ASAP. If you've added any events that you didn't write down on your original yellow form, we have to know that as well.



Make your Marriage a PRIORITY!

It's that famous time of the year when some really smart marketing people came up with the idea to make lots of money on a day called Valentine's Day! While you may have issues with the celebration of it, don't underestimate the value of making love and romance a priority. You and your spouse will be blessed by you making it a priority!

A few suggestions...

1. Make a Date Night happen. Carve out a time to take your spouse out... on a real date... every week! It doesn't have to be complicated, it just needs to be on purpose.
2. Learn your spouse's Love Language... Look for the book, "The 5 Love Languages." Then read it!
3. Remember to communicate with your spouse at untypical times every day... Texting is a great way to just send a quick "I love you" or "You make me happy." Take advantage of those simple little "Notes" to make your spouse's day! Want more ideas? Give me a shout.

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes will be studying the 1 & 2 Kings. The title of our study is "Rebellious Children, Patient Father" The lesson this week... "Revival" ... from 2 Kings 22-23. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us! Consider the following from 2 Kings 23:1-3 "Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem...all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the Lord. The king stood by the pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the Lord—to follow the Lord and keep his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, thus confirming the words of the covenant written in this book. Then all the people pledged themselves to the covenant."

Iron Men Breakfast

Our Iron Men's Breakfast will meet again next Thursday, Feb. 19, 6:00 AM. Join us!

Wednesday Night Ladies' Class

Bring your thoughts on "Kindness" this week to our Wednesday night class in the junior high classroom in the annex.

LTC



LTC Drama begins today. Meet in the small auditorium at 3:00 p.m. Please get your LTC event, housing and sponsor forms turned in to Danny or Eric.

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Wednesday Night Meal



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Iron Men's Breakfast



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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.

Thank You

West Erwin Family,

Roy and I want you to know how much we appreciated the cards, phone calls, emails, Facebook, flowers and the prayers you sent when our precious Kaitlyn died. It has been and continues to be heart breaking.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers, but especially Wes, Lois and Kyll. We love you and miss you so much. We continue to keep you in our prayers.

Love, Roy and Fern Bench

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers you lifted up for my mom, LaMerle Cox. The cancer has been removed and her prognosis is good. Knowing that another Church of Christ family was praying for her raised both her and my dad's spirits greatly during this time and I cannot express my gratitude enough for this. Thank you so much for your prayers, love and support.

In Christian love, Shae Wingate

Camp Deer Run

Pee Wee Camp for ages 5-8 will be July 13-16 for West Erwin. Register online at www.campdeerrun.com and request PeeWee week 6.

This Week

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| Wed. 2/18 | Benev Ctr: Food Distribution Bible Classes for all ages Benev Ctr: Food Distribution | 8:30-10:30 7:00 6:30-7:30 |
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Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to Dolores Kennedy in the death of her sister, Vera Jones. Services were Thursday.

Updates

Henry McRuiz is home.

Kalli Huff is home.

Karen Stansbury had a brief hospital stay after complications from a recent medical procedure and is home now recovering well.

Barry Ciaschini is at home with shingles.

Bettie Thorne has asked for prayers for her daughter, **Carla Haddock**, who is in ETMC.

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A WORTHWHILE LIFE

Someone once told me that life was like a coin. You can spend it anyway you wanted to, but you only had **one** chance to do it. It is all about the choices we make in life. One of the saddest things you can witness is someone looking back on their life with regrets about the way they lived it. I saw the results of a survey of older folks on what they wish they could have changed in their lives. The top 3 answers were: They wished they would have reflected more. They wished they would have risked more (not foolish risks, but calculated risk based on faith). They wished they would have concentrated more on things that last. When you come to that point in life where you start to look back and have no regrets; you can say that your life was a success. I think the key to a successful life, is to live a life that gives you peace of mind. Here are two things that can help you with your peace of mind. **Surrender** to God everything that is too big to handle. Sometimes we just have to endure the storm and tell God, "I can't handle this", and then rely on the promise of Romans 8:26-28. Secondly, **control** the things God has given us the **power** to control. Make your decisions in life based on living for the Lord and living for others (2 Cor. 5). Next week; Making Your Life Count!

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Luke Metcalf, Brayden Reeder,
Wesley Smith

SOUND BOOTH

Terry Frick & Jonathan Stone

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM: Mary Lee & McKenzie Fennell

Toddler AM: Melanie Benson & Bailey Hammond

Nursery PM: Linda Benitez

Toddlers PM: Dolores Kennedy

| Our Records | February 15 |
|---------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 358 |
| Worship a.m. | 502 |
| Worship p.m. | 251 |
| Wed. p.m. | 294 |
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| Weekly Budget | \$26,651.00 |

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February 22, 2015

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
Song #121 Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing Gary Ables
Song #768 Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You
Prayer Robert Lee
Song #342 We Saw Thee Not Tommy McJunkins
Lord's Supper & Contribution
Song #779 I Love You, Lord Odie Kennedy
Scripture Genesis 50:20
Song #831 Let Me Live Close to Thee
Message: **But God Intended...** Danny Snell
Song #922 Jesus Paid It All Greg Jones
Dismiss
Song #528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
Song Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus Is Lance Yarema
to Me
Song #197 O' Twas Wonderful Love
Prayer David Hammond
Scripture Genesis 28:10-15 Clifton Lindsey
Song #242 Sing Hallelujah to the Lord
Song #453 Love Lifted Me
Message: **Jacob's Ladder**
Song All Things Are Ready Davy Carter
Song #648 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
Dismiss Phil Marts

Our Weekly Schedule

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

MONDAY
Karing Kitchen 6 p.m.

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

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Food Distribution 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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ALL-DAY BIBLE QUIZ - TODAY

For all ages participating in Bible Quiz, today is the first all-day quiz day. Bring \$6 for lunch (we'll head over to Wendy's as a group) and then plan to stay until 2:30. We'll be covering sections 1 and 2.

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LTC FORMS

If you have ANY forms you haven't yet turned in for LTC, those need to be turned in TODAY. If you've added any events that you didn't write down on your original yellow form, we have to know that as well.



Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes will be studying the 1 & 2 Kings. The title of our study is "Rebellious Children, Patient Father". The lesson this week... "Consequences"... from 2 Kings 24-25. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following:

2 Kings 25:8-10 "On the seventh day of the fifth month, in the nineteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan, commander of the imperial guard, an official of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. He set fire to the temple of the Lord, the royal palace and all the houses of Jerusalem. Every important building he burned down. The whole Babylonian army, under the commander of the imperial guard, broke down the walls around Jerusalem."

2 Kings 25:21 "So Judah went into captivity, away from her land."

Iron Men Breakfast

Our Iron Men's Breakfast will meet again Thursday, Mar. 19, 6:00 A.M. Join us as we continue our discussion about the Men of Issachar.

Wednesday Night Ladies' Class

Bring your thoughts on "Mercy" this week to our Wednesday night class in Room 403.

LTC



LTC Bible Quiz will meet right after morning worship at the FLC. Bring money for lunch and plan to stay until 3:00.

Wednesday Night Meal



Wednesday Night Meals

Join us at 5:30 this Wednesday in the Family Life Center. 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.

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.

Camp Deer Run

Pee Wee Camp for ages 5-8 will be July 13-16 for West Erwin. Register online at www.campdeerrun.com and request PeeWee Week 6.

Welcome to our New Members



Marcus and Catlin Conner placed membership with us last Sunday. Catlin is the niece of Ginger Philpot. Let's welcome them to the West Erwin family.

Thank You

To my church family, Many, many thanks for all the prayers, cards of encouragement, food, calls, and visits during my knee replacement procedure. You have made me feel loved and appreciated. I long to be back with you again soon.
Don Crawford

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| | A.M. Worship | 10:00 |
| | P.M. Worship | 5:00 |
| Mon. 2/23 | Karing Kitchen | 5:00-7:00 |
| Tues. 2/24 | Lunch Bunch | |
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| | Bible Classes for all ages | 7:00 |
| | Benev Ctr: Food Distribution | 6:30-7:30 |
| Thurs. 2/26 | Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution | 8:30-10:30 |

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Prayer & Care

Updates

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Kim Jordan is having health issues.

Joann Davis is having trouble with COPD and an infection in her chest.

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MAKING YOUR LIFE COUNT

I want to continue the thoughts from last week. This material comes from Dennis Jones, President of Heritage Christian University. Dennis gave these thoughts on how to make the most of your life: **Believe you will live forever.** Not in physical form, but in spirit. Living for eternity gives us a great source of strength in life. In addition, **accept and get comfortable with your mortality.** We are built to last in heaven not here on earth. We have to die to live forever. When we remember that "this world is not our home", it gives us new perspective. **Change the world with your life.** The easiest change we can make in our world is to change ourselves. Life can be worthwhile if you try (Col.1:10, 29). **Develop your gifts.** We have things within us that we fail to recognize sometimes. God wants us to "step out in faith" and let Him develop us from within. When we do things we think we can't do, God gets the glory. **Build yourself a team.** Life is better when we surround ourselves with people that help us be better. Associate with those who believe in the power of love, not strife. Run with those that live for the spiritual not the physical. **Leave a legacy.** Ask yourself what you can do for those that come after you. Live like Jesus and help the next generation!

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Bailey Hammond

Toddler AM: Sheila Lewis &
Rebecca Weathers

Nursery PM: Evelyn Muncy

Toddlers PM: Laurie Stone

| Our Records | February 22 |
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| Bible Class | 357 |
| Worship a.m. | 511 |
| Worship p.m. | NC |
| Wed. p.m. | NC |
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March 1, 2015

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship Danny Snell
Song #517 Heaven Came Down Gary Ables
Song #167 Hosanna
Prayer Pete Leung
Song #361 Nailed to the Cross
Lord's Supper & Contribution Danny Snell
Song #679 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus Charles Melville
Scripture Numbers 20:7-12
Song #76 How Great Thou Art
Message: **My Way or God's Way** Eric Thornton
Song #940 Only a Step Phil Marts
Dismiss
Song #539 Higher Ground

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Danny Snell
Song #346 He Lives Davy Carter
Song #386 He Loves Me
Prayer Gaylan Seagler
Scripture Genesis 41:38-43 Vance Metcalf
Song #742 When Upon Life's Billows
Song #538 My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less
Message: **From the Pit to the Prison to the Pinnacle** Chris White
Song #918 Out of My Bondage
Song #736 To Christ Be True
Dismiss Shaun Stamps

Our Weekly Schedule

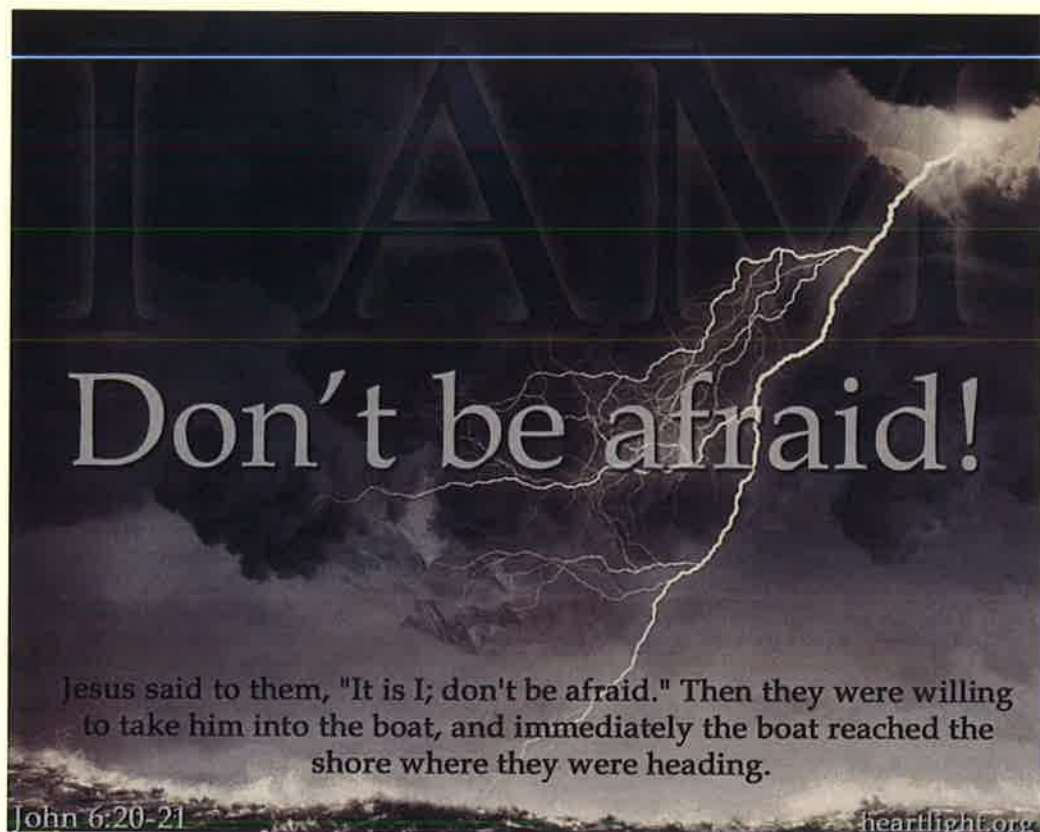
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Eric Thornton – Youth Minister

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| Sunday | Drama | 3pm |
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COMBINED BIBLE CLASS – NEW QUARTER

Beginning next Sunday morning, our Hispanic brothers and sisters will be meeting at their new facility on Glenwood, which they are very excited about. For the foreseeable future, we will meet combined high school and junior high in the high school classroom, not separating classes due to size.

REMINDER FROM PARENT MEETING

Please continue to pray AS A FAMILY about your involvement in our upcoming calendar events for the youth ministry. We need you to be a part of what we're doing, both for your family and our other families at West Erwin. We need you.



Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes will begin a new study from 1 & 2 Timothy & Titus. The title of our study is "Follow The Leader". The lesson this week... "God's Truth Changes Lives..." from 1 Tim 1:1-20. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following:

1 Timothy 1:15 *"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..."*

Snow Day

Most folks stayed in a few days this week due to the bad weather... Hopefully you had a chance to spend some extra time with family.

In case you are wondering... Yes, the roads were very slick! We try to take a lot of things into consideration when it comes to a decision about canceling a scheduled church event. Our Elders look at the safety & well being of our members on the roads as well as other pertinent information in regard to making the decision. We try to cover all the bases in regard to letting you know about that decision as well. All the TV stations and several of the radio stations were notified of our cancellation as well as the website, Facebook page and other forms of media. Hopefully we won't have to do this again for a while!

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LTC Practice Schedule

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Thank You

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Dear members of West Erwin Church of Christ, Thank you all so much for the beautiful pot plant. It will be a daily reminder of your love and prayers for our family. It was so kind of you all to remember us at this time. Thank you again. Love, Thelma, Ron and Holly McRuiz

Dear West Erwin Church of Christ, Thank you so much for the beautiful plant. Vera loved plants and flowers so we will do our best to take care of this one in her memory. Thank you for your prayers. Many blessings to your church. Cathy & Gary Jones, Steven & Melissa Jones and Jana & Paul Price

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Daylight Savings Time

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Prayer & Care

Updates

Jim Boyd was scheduled for back surgery at Spine and Joint last Friday.

Millie Tomlin and **Joann Davis** are having health issues and transportation problems.

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MY OLD DOG!

Before we moved to Tyler, we had an old Lab named Drake. We had him since he was a puppy, and we watched him grow up. I remember the first time I saw him swim, the first time I saw him fetch a duck, and I remember his joy when he got a chance to run free through the woods. It was hard to see him grow older and see his health fail. Things he once loved doing no longer held his interest. Even though he was older, slower, and in bad health; he was still a good companion. It should be the same for us as Christians too. We must never give up what we have gained through Christ. In times of bad health, poor finances, terrible family relationships, and in suffering from bad decisions we have made, we are still Christians. Throughout Paul's sufferings for the cause of Christ (2 Cor. 11), he never quit. When Peter and John were brought before the council and threatened (Acts 4), they never lost their boldness. When Stephen was stoned (Acts 7), he praised God to the end. When Paul and Silas were imprisoned (Acts 16), they never quit singing and ended up helping a jailer and his family come to Christ. Wherever we are in life, we still live by the principals Christ taught us. We don't compromise, we stand strong, and we don't quit. We live like Christ.

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| Our Records | March 1 |
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| Bible Class | 338 |
| Worship a.m. | 514 |
| Worship p.m. | 274 |
| Wed. p.m. | 232 |
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Order of Worship

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | Donnie Carnathan |
| Song #77 Glorify Thy Name | Wayne Berryman |
| Song #138 Our Heavenly Father Understands | |
| Prayer | Larry Murphey |
| Song #464 Because He Lives | |
| Song #111 Grace Greater Than Our Sin | |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | James Sublette |
| Song #199 His Name Is Jesus | |
| Scripture <i>Joshua 24:14-15</i> | Eric Moseley |
| Song #456 There's a Rainbow in the Clouds | |
| Message: | Danny Snell |
| Song #354 I Gave My Life for Thee | |
| Dismiss | Jay Bynum |
| Song #752 God Bless You, Go with God | |

5:00 P.M. Assembly

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | Danny Snell |
| Song #147 I Stand Amazed | Davy Carter |
| Song #18 Faithful Love | |
| Prayer | Howard Dickson |
| Scripture <i>Luke 16:10-13</i> | Cal Wilkinson |
| Song #624 Seeking The Lost | |
| Song #610 I Love My Savior, Too | |
| Message: | Donnie Carnathan |
| Song #903 There Is Power in the Blood | |
| Song #853 When We All Get To Heaven | |
| Dismiss | Ralph Henderson |

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Bible Class 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
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MONDAY
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Food Distribution 6:30-7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY
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Consider the following: **1 Timothy 2:1-3**

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior..."

Karing Kitchen

West Erwin will be hosting the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday, March 9th. Come join us as we serve the community! Setup is at 5 P.M. We serve at 6 P.M. and cleanup by 7 P.M.

Iron Men Breakfast

Our Iron Men's Breakfast will meet again next Thursday, Mar. 19, 6:00 AM. Join us as we continue our discussion about the Men of Issachar.

Important Dates

Mark your calendars for a couple of important dates coming up:
Apr. 3-5 LTC
May 1-2 24 Hours of Prayer
May 31 Family Day @ Brookshire's Recreation Park

COMBINED "OFF SITE" DEVO – TONIGHT

Tonight, we have a combined devo following our PM service. And since it's Spring Break, it's a special "off site" night. Everyone needs to bring \$10 for the night, and that will cover what we're doing and food. Wear close-toed shoes, and we will return to the gym by 8:30pm.

LTC PRACTICE SCHEDULE

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COMBINED BIBLE CLASS – NEW QUARTER

Starting today, our Hispanic brothers and sisters will be meeting at their new facility on Glenwood, which they are very excited about. For the foreseeable future, we will meet combined high school and junior high in the high school classroom, not separating classes due to size.



WATCH OUT; ANGER DANGER!

I saw a story on the morning news that disturbed me. It was about "Road Rage" and how it is increasing on our roads today. The story reported on five incidents that were recorded with cell phones of people that were involved in the incidents. One even resulted in the discharge of a firearm. Luckily, no one was killed. The common thread in all the incidents was a total lack of self-control when it came to their anger. Like me, I am sure you have been in a situation where anger made things worse. The Bible speaks of how anger can hurt us. Consider these passages. *In your anger do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity for the devil (Eph.4:26).* When our emotions are out of control, the devil will use those opportunities for his benefit. *Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger, for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God (James 1:19-20).* Some people use Jesus' cleaning the temple as an excuse for their own anger. Man's "righteous indignation" is rarely righteous! *Let all bitterness and wrath and anger be put away from you, along with malice (Eph.4:31).* We can make the conscious decision to get rid of our anger and the influence of the Spirit can help. Watch out for "Anger Danger"!

Wednesday Night Ladies' Class

Bring your thoughts on "Fear" this week to our Wednesday night ladies' class in Room 403.

LTC



LTC Practice Schedule

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| Puppets | 7pm |

Wednesday Night Meal



There will be no Wednesday night meal this week due to Spring Break.

Thank You

Dear church family,
We thank you for the prayers, the words of comfort and the sweet cards. We also thank you for the beautiful plant sent in remembrance of my sister. Odie & Dolores Kennedy

Congratulations



Congratulations to Alex and Rebecca Mullins on the birth of Hunter Reid Mullins. Bill and Donna Mullins are the proud grandparents.

Arms of Hope

The Arms of Hope (Boles Home and Medina Children's Home) representative will be here the week of 3/22. Here are their current needs:

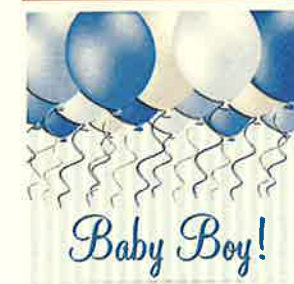
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| Mon. 3/9 | WE Hosts Karing Kitchen | 5:00-7:00 |
| Tues. 3/10 | Lunch Bunch Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution, Diaper Shirts & Quilt Making & Bandage Rolling | 8:30-10:30 |
| Wed. 3/11 | Benev Ctr: Food Distribution Bible Classes for all ages Benev Ctr: Food Distribution | 8:30-10:30 7:00 6:30-7:30 |
| Thurs. 3/12 | Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution | 8:30-10:30 |

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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.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Kara Murry**.
A friend of hers was killed in Afghanistan.

Updates

Jim Boyd is recovering at home after successful back surgery.

Bennie Bynum, mother of Jay Byum, fell and broke her ankle.
Carla Haddock, daughter of Bettie Thorne, is in ETMC.

West Erwin Family

Linda McClenny | Bill Mullins | Charles Rachui | George Daugherty | Aubrey Morman | Don Crawford | Jean Parish | Charles Starr | Beau and Pat Lewis | Marjorie Ethridge | Sharon Ketchum

Ongoing concerns: Kalli Huff | Ruby Cliver | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Velma Lemons | Tommy Lowrance | Elmer Miles | Forest McFadden | Brice Sustaire | Winona Shankle | Millie Tomlin | Joann Davis | Nella Ware | Bill McCain | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Nettie Potts | Charles Harris | Nell Beard | Bob May | Jess & Charlotte Hopkins

Family & Friends

Morgan Evans, granddaughter of Nancy Luncelford and daughter of Laurie Hartwig | **Randy Davis** and **Larry Davis**, brothers of Shirley Denman | **Justin Lee**, son of Mandy Sherrod | **Leslie Johnson**, daughter of Jo Rowland | **Rick Garrett**, nephew of Tommy Parrish | **Carla Haddock**, daughter of Bettie Thorne



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Pure Gold of Glenwood Church of Christ is hosting their annual Senior Adults Night March 19th at 6:00 p.m. Entertainment provided by Bob Markwood. Please sign up at the Information Center if you plan to attend.

Sermon Notes

Serving Today
Communion
 Brett Hone David Hammond
 James Hughes Matt Kelly
 Odie Kennedy Philip Matthews
 Matthew Kimball Jay Jones
GREETERS
 Info Center: James & Helen Gullion
 Main Doors: Roy Fraley & Jean Rutherford
 East Doors: Tom & Beverly Hale
 W. Erwin Doors: Gary & Jennifer Heath
PICK UP CARDS
 Tucker Martine, Ethan Stone, Logan Stone, Jackson Parker, & Wyatt Parker
SOUND BOOTH
 Jeff Horton & Clifton Lindsey
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
 Nursery AM: Norma Sorrells & Bailey Hammond
 Toddler AM: Emily Moore & Jaci Philpot
 Nursery PM: Cayla Ables
 Toddlers PM: Jessica Diller

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| Bible Class | 209 |
| Worship a.m. | 379 |
| Worship p.m. | 181 |
| Wed. p.m. | 142 |
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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship **Danny Snell**
 Song #517 Heaven Came Down **Gary Ables**
 Song #134 The Lord's My Shepherd
 Prayer **Gene Chandler**
 Song #376 He Paid a Debt
 Lord's Supper & Contribution **Fred Wingate**
 Song # 615 He Keeps Me Singing
 Scripture *Ruth 2:8-12* **Ron Parish**
 Song #448 The Greatest Commands
 Message: **"Why Have I Found Favor In Your Eyes?"** **Donnie Carnathan**
 Song #903 There Is Power in the Blood
 Dismiss **Leon Welborn**
 Song #874 Walking Alone at Eve

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship **Danny Snell**
 Song #474 Thank You, Lord **Lance Yarema**
 Song #837 I Need Thee Every Hour
 Prayer **Dannie Skipper**
 Scripture *James 1:12-15* **Barry Ciaschini**
 Song #509 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
 Song #666 I Am Thine, O Lord
 Message: **"That I Might Not Sin"** **Davy Carter**
 Song #943 Do You Know My Jesus?
 Song #1014 Jesus Loves Me!
 Dismiss **Dale White**

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NO DEVO TONIGHT - SMALL GROUPS

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LTC PRACTICE SCHEDULE - PLEASE READ

This is the last week of normally scheduled practices. Again, please let your coaches know if for any reason you will not be at practice. Next Sunday, we begin the annual "all day" practices leading up to the convention. THERE ARE ONLY 3 WEEKS LEFT!!! So from here on out, ALL the practices are important. On March 22nd, we will have an "all day" practice with Puppets lasting from noon-2:45, then regular schedule from 3-5. PLEASE stay and eat the provided lunch as it is very hard to get everyone started together otherwise. On March 29th, Drama will practice from noon-3:30 and Chorus will practice from 3:30-5, and immediately following our PM assembly, both chorus' will perform in the auditorium..

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FINAL LTC MEETING - MARCH 29TH

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Wednesday Night Meals

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Small Groups

Tonight our small groups meet after evening services. If you are not in a small group, see Danny, Donnie or Eric to get involved!

New Deacons for the Hispanic Church

These four men will be installed as deacons Sunday for the Hispanic Church: Manuel Meneses, Jose Gonzalez, Jesus Villasenor, and Gabriel Zavala.

Assistant Teacher Needed

We are in need of an assistant teacher in the two year old class on Sunday mornings. If interested, see Davy Carter.

This Week

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| Sun. 3/15 | Bible Classes for all ages | 9:00 |
| | A.M. Worship | 10:00 |
| | P.M. Worship | 5:00 |
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Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to **Mary Scarborough** in the death of her mother-in-law. Services were last week.

Updates

Ruth Moore will have shoulder surgery Friday at Spine & Joint. **Owen Ables**, son of Chris and Jennie Ables will have outpatient surgery on his hands March 18th at Children's Medical Center in Plano.

Austin Howse, 14 year old great nephew of Debbie Jones, was admitted to Riley's Children Hospital in Indianapolis for bone infection in his leg and staph.

Mattie Hawkins, mother of Kimberly Jordan, will have heart surgery in Houston on April 8th.

Linda Harris, Charlotte Caywer's sister, is in a Ft. Worth nursing home and hospice has been called in.

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AT ONE WITH CHRIST

In 2 Corinthians, Paul writes about the ministry of reconciliation that God had entrusted to Paul. When we are reconciled to God, we exchange a relationship of enmity with God, for a relationship of harmony with God. We have a new life at that point. It is a life that has taken on the characteristics of Christ and a life where we try to look more and more like Christ each and every day. We "put on" Christ through our baptism and our life looks different and new. We become one with Christ. What does that mean for us? When we are at one with Christ, we have a **new view of life**; *So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view...If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old has gone, the new one has come (2 Cor.5:16-18)*. When we are at one with Christ, we have a **new purpose in life**; *We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us (2 Cor.5:20)*. When we are at one with Christ, we have a **new righteousness**; *Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God (2 Cor.5:20-21)*. A Christian must become a new person to commune with the holy God we serve. Jesus is the only way to God. Have you changed? Are you "at one with Christ?"



You are invited to the
OPEN HOUSE
honoring the Hispanic congregation
in their new location.
1023 North Glenwood
April 12th, 2015 12 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

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Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 4:16 niv

Serving Today

Communion

Pete Leung Carroll Magee
Phil Marts Jim McDonald
Vance Metcalf Cody Mitcham
Kenneth Muncy Larry Murphey

GREETERS

Info Center: Jay & Debbie Bynum

Main Doors: Harold & Shirley Denman

East Doors: Barry Ciachini

W. Erwin Doors: Davy & Sonja Carter

PICK UP CARDS

Tanner Transier, Nathan Turner, Davis Carnathan, Reed Carnathan, Jackson DeLivaudais

SOUND BOOTH

Clifton Lindsey & Cody Mitcham

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM: Freida Starr & Cate Kimball

Toddler AM: Danielle Rousseau & Hannah Metcalf

Nursery PM: Kim Frick

Toddlers PM: Sharon Beaver

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Song #63 I Will Call Upon the Lord Gary Ables
Song #539 Higher Ground
Song #683 I Am Mine No More
Prayer Will Christian
Song #315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Donnie Carnathan
Lord's Supper & Contribution
Song #766 Open Our Eyes, Lord David Wicks
Scripture 1 Samuel 12:20-23
Song #23 Our God, He Is Alive Eric Thornton
Message: **"Samuel: Listen, Commit and Remember"** Bill Mullins
Song #940 Only a Step
Dismiss
Song #567 Restore My Soul

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Danny Snell
Song #405 If Jesus Goes With Me Wayne Berryman
Song #410 He Leadeth Me
Prayer Wade Weathers
Scripture Psalms 75:1-7 Chris Conder
Song #415 Each Step I Take
Song #458 Redeemed
Message: **"Genesis 41:39-57 The Non-case of Identity Theft"** Chris White
Song #483 Is It for Me?
Song #480 Blessed Assurance
Dismiss Jonathan Stone

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COMBINED DEVO TONIGHT

Tonight we have a combined devo for our 6th-12th graders in the FLC after our PM assembly. Please bring \$3, wear close-toed shoes, and the night will last from 6-8pm. ALSO, from now on, unless otherwise stated, all of our Sunday night devos will be combined, but some will be directed towards families, so be on the watch for those!

LTC PRACTICE SCHEDULE – PLEASE READ

Today is our first “all day” practice for these next two weeks leading up to LTC. Next Sunday will be our LAST Sunday for practice, so these two weeks are VERY IMPORTANT. We will be serving a lunch of fettuccini chicken alfredo and sides over in the FLC today for all of our Puppet participants and coaches, for only \$3 per person. PLEASE stay and eat the provided lunch as it is very hard to get everyone started together after lunch otherwise. On March 29th, Drama will practice from noon-2:45 and Chorus will practice from 3-5, and immediately following our PM assembly, both chorus’ will perform in the auditorium.

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| TODAY - Sunday | Lunch | 11:30 |
| | Puppets | 12-2:30 |
| | Drama | 2:30-3:45 |
| | Chorus | 3:45-5 |
| | Bible Quiz | 5-6 |
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Consider the following... 1 Timothy 4:12

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

Iron Men Breakfast

We had a great discussion and breakfast this week at the Iron Men Breakfast.

Our Iron Men's Breakfast will meet again Thursday, Apr. 16, 6:00 AM.

Important Dates

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WEDNESDAY

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Wednesday Night Meal



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Arms of Hope

The Arms of Hope (Boles Home and Medina Children's Home) representative will be here the week of 3/22. Here are their current needs: **spaghetti sauce, toilet paper, paper towels, Lysol spray and canned chili**. Bring any of these items to your classrooms or to the Information Center in the foyer.

EEM Reminder

The area wide dinner sponsored by Eastern European Missions is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, at 6:30 PM at the KE Bushman Center, 1565 FM 2493 East, Bullard, TX. The program begins at 7:00 PM as EEM representatives will give an update on the happenings in the Ukraine and other points in Eastern Europe. Even with the civil unrest and conflict in the region, much is being accomplished to share the Gospel with the people in that part of the world. Please make plans to attend. So they will know how many to prepare for, sign up on the sheet at the Visitors Center or let someone in the church office know that you plan to attend. You should sign up or contact the office staff by Sunday, March 22. You will be blessed by attending.

Baby Shower



Ladies! You are invited to a baby shower honoring Krystal Ables and baby boy, Rhydin Cash Ables.

March 22nd

Family Life Center

3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Selections are at

Buy Buy Baby and Babies R Us.

Christian Homes & Family Services

Christian Homes & Family Services (formerly Christian Services of East Texas) is looking for an experienced Social Worker to join their ministry team in East Texas. For more information about this opportunity to work in foster, adoption and maternity care services, please contact Leisa Jobe at 800.592.4725 or visit www.ChristianHomes.com.

This Week

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| Sun. 3/22 | Bible Classes for all ages | 9:00 |
| | A.M. Worship | 10:00 |
| | P.M. Worship | 5:00 |
| Mon. 3/23 | Karing Kitchen | 5:00-7:00 |
| Tues. 3/24 | Lunch Bunch | |
| | Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution, Diaper Shirts & Quilt Making & Bandage Rolling | 8:30-10:30 |
| Wed. 3/25 | Benev Ctr: Food Distribution | 8:30-10:30 |
| | Bible Classes for all ages | 7:00 |
| | Benev Ctr: Food Distribution | 6:30-7:30 |
| Thurs. 3/26 | Benev Ctr: Clothing Distribution | 8:30-10:30 |

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Prayer & Care

Updates

Ruth Moore is now home.

Owen Ables had successful surgery to his left hand last week.

Jon Sorrells has been incapacitated with back problems.

Austin Howse, nephew of Debbie Jones is recovering at home after 3 surgeries to his leg.

Mary McCoy, sister of Alice Thompson, is in Mother Frances.

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STANDING BETWEEN THE DEAD AND THE LIVING

In Numbers 16, we can read of the rebellion of Korah against Moses and Aaron. They were rebelling against Moses' leadership and Aaron's priesthood. God punished these rebels by opening the earth and swallowing them, their families, and their possessions. The next day, many Israelites came and grumbled to Moses about the death of Korah and his followers. God's wrath rose again and He sent a plague against them. Look at Moses' reaction, *And he put on the incense and made atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living and the plague was stopped. Now those who died in the plague were 14,700, besides those who died in the affair of Korah (Num.16:47-49)*. What does it take to make a stand like that? It takes someone **with a right relationship with God**. It takes a spiritual person to fight spiritual battles. It also takes someone **who loves their brothers and sisters**. I would imagine that some of those people that Moses stood for were some of the grumblers too. Love conquers differences. It also takes someone **of great faith and courage**. When we step out of what's comfortable, and put ourselves at risk for the work of the Lord, great things happen in our lives. God rewards the faithful and the faithful bring glory to God!



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We always thank God for you, mentioning you in our prayers.
 We continually remember before our God and Father
 your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love,
 and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2

Serving Today

Communion
 Pete Leung Carroll Magee
 Phil Marts Jim McDonald
 Vance Metcalf Cody Mitcham
 Kenneth Muncy Larry Murphey

GREETERS
 Info Center: Carroll & Cherrie Magee
 Main Doors: James & Sue Hughes
 East Doors: Jay & Tresa Jones
 W. Erwin Doors: Tim & Gayle Holt

PICK UP CARDS
 Tanner Transier, Nathan Turner, Davis Carnathan, Reed Carnathan, Jackson Delivaudais

SOUND BOOTH
 Clifton Lindsey & Cody Mitcham

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
 Nursery AM: Jan Cook & Cate Kimball
 Toddler AM: Danielle Rousseau & Bailey Hammond
 Nursery PM: Kim Frick
 Toddlers PM: Sharon Beaver

| Our Records | March 22 |
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| Bible Class | 259 |
| Worship a.m. | 406 |
| Worship p.m. | 209 |
| Wed. p.m. | 169 |
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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
 Gary Ables
 Song #718 We Shall Assemble
 Song #535 The Glory-Land Way
 Prayer Charles Melville
 Song #383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
 Lord's Supper & Contribution Ralph Henderson
 Song #705 A Common Love
 Scripture Lance Yarema
 Song #490 It Is Well with My Soul
 Message: Danny Snell
 Song #389 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
 Dismiss Bill Mullins
 Song #406 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
 Davy Carter
 Song #720 The Bond of Love
 Song #722 Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen
 Prayer Don Durham
 Song #533 I Am A Sheep Fred Wingate
 Scripture Psalms 32:1-5
 Song #375 Oh, the Depth and the Riches
 Message: **A Blast from the Past (Genesis 42)** Chris White
 Song #902 Nothing But the Blood
 Song #869 We're Marching to Zion
 Dismiss Tom Hale

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LTC CHORUS PERFORMANCE - TONIGHT

Immediately following the "amen" of our PM assembly tonight in the auditorium, our two LTC choruses will perform their selections for the convention for our church family. Please come and support our kids, encourage them, and wish them well!

LTC BUS LOADING – WEDNESDAY

For all Puppet and Drama teams who have props, wall hangings, backdrops, and ANYTHING else that needs to travel on the trailer to LTC this weekend, those need to be loaded into the trailer Wednesday night after classes. The trailer leaves the next day, so get it all in there!

FINAL WEEK LTC PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Today is our last "all day" practice, as we are now less than one week away from the LTC convention. Carolyn Philpot will be preparing our lunch meal and sides over in the FLC today for all of our Drama participants and coaches, for only \$3 per person. PLEASE stay and eat the provided lunch as it is very hard to get everyone started together after lunch otherwise.

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By Danny Snell

Leadership Training for Christ

This time next week, a large group from West Erwin will be with thousands of brothers and sisters in the Dallas area for our annual LTC Convention. The theme this year is "Give it Up" from the Gospel of Luke. Our young people and their coaches have spent many hours working together to prepare. May God bless them as they use their talents for honoring Him! Please keep all these families in your prayers!

Bible Class

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Consider the following... 1 Timothy 5:24-25

"The sins of some are obvious, reaching the place of judgment ahead of them; the sins of others trail behind them. In the same way, good deeds are obvious, and even those that are not obvious cannot remain hidden forever."

Important Dates

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CHORUS 3:00–5:00 PM
BIBLE QUIZ 5:00 – 6:00 PM

5:50-W.ERWIN CHORUSES SING AFTER PM SERVICE

6:00 – 8:00 – FINAL MEETING-PAY BILL & DETAILS. THE MEETING IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR LTC KIDS & PARENTS AND DINNER IS PROVIDED.

WEDNESDAY PUPPETS 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Wednesday Night Meal



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Join us at 5:30 this Wednesday in the Family Life Center. 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.

Thank You

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ;

Thank you for the many calls, cards and the kindness that they represent.

Thank you especially for the many prayers on my behalf. God has been good to me and has blessed me with healing and comfort as answer to your prayers. The healing is not complete and I will always need His help in all that the future holds.

Thank you for all the personal welcome you gave me upon returning to worship.

A special thanks to my wife and nurse for the care she has and continues to give to me.

Also two other special thanks:

Phil Marts and James Gullion for fixing our mailbox and lamppost which were knocked down just before our return from surgery.

To all of those who made a special effort to pray with and visit with Helen on the day of my surgery.

(This is significant because my surgery time was moved up over an hour and she really cherished your presence.)

We love all of you and thank the Lord for the West Erwin church daily.

In Christian Love to each one, Jim Boyd

It is such a blessing to be part of a loving and caring congregation. We really appreciate all the sympathy cards and expressions of sympathy we have received these last two weeks after the death of Charlotte's sister. You are a wonderful group of brothers and sisters and we do appreciate you so much! God bless you all and thanks again! In Jesus, Bud and Charlotte Cawyer

New Baby



Walter Dawkins was born 3/21/15 weighing 5 lbs. 14 oz. Jeanine Hughes is the great-grandmother.

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Updates

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Phil Marts had gall bladder surgery last Thursday at Mother Frances.
Ira Groom had back surgery last Wednesday at Spine & Joint.
Gage Moore had day surgery at Tyler Square last Tuesday.
Linda Boudreau is home with stomach problems and arthritis. Debbie Jones' uncle, **Jimmy Gazaway**, had a stroke and had surgery Monday. He lives in Paragould, Ark.
Phil Marts' cousin, **Jimmy Norris**, will have major back surgery at Baylor in Dallas. It is a two day procedure.
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I CAN'T FEEL MY LEGS!

Last Saturday, we kept 3 of our Lindale grandchildren. Davis was not feeling well, so he went to bed for a nap. As I went to check up on him, he looked up at me with poor, pitiful, eyes and told me, "I can't feel my legs!" So I promptly gave him the old Papaw treatment and tickled his feet. I got an immediate giggle response from him so my medical training told me that he was going to be all right. I think that Davis actually felt like he was having issues with his legs, and when you don't "feel" right, life can be hard for you. Consider this passage, *Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things – things that belong to salvation. For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises (Heb.6:9-12)*. When we love God and His children, when we have the full assurance of hope in our lives, and when we imitate those great examples of faith; then we can "feel good" about our salvation and our life. It is then we know we are living for the "better things".



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Sermon Notes

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 Jon Murry Chris Reynolds
 Dannie Skipper Jack Stringer
 James Sublette Wade Weathers
 Wynne Weathers Billy Terrell

GREETERS
 Info Center: John & Virginia Pike
 Main Doors: Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy
 East Doors: Bud & Charlotte Cawyer
 W. Erwin Doors: Louise Seaberry

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 Tucker Martine, Jackson Parker, Wyatt Parker, Brayden Reeder & Wesley Smith

SOUND BOOTH
 Terry Frick & Cal Wilkinson

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
 Nursery AM: Ruth Bell & Elizabeth Lewis
 Toddler AM: Melanie Benson & Sara Scarborough
 Nursery PM: Shirley Denman
 Toddlers PM: Dolores Kennedy

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship Stan Clark
 Gary Ables
 Song #779 I Love You, Lord
 Song #881 Mansion Over the Hilltop
 Prayer Tom Clark
 Song #364 Come, Share the Lord
 Lord's Supper & Contribution Howard Dickson
 Song #792 My Eyes Are Dry
 Scripture Matthew 19:16-22 Scott Albritton
 Song #464 Because He Lives
 Message: **The Rich Young Ruler** Chris White
 Song #662 All to Jesus I Surrender
 Dismiss Fred Wingate
 Song #15 Step by Step

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song This is the Day the Lord Has Made Lance Yarema
 Song Into Our Hands
 Prayer Gaylan Seagler
 Scripture Acts 5:12-16 Dale White
 Song #578 We Will Glorify
 Song #537 Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims
 Message: **Success Stories** Donnie Carnathan
 Song #909 There's a Fountain Free
 Song #843 God Give Us Christian Homes
 Dismiss Robert Lee

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LTC WEEKEND

Today, as you look around the West Erwin auditorium, you will notice almost all of our 3rd-12th graders and their families are not here. That's because we are worshipping with 4,000 other students and families at the LTC convention as it wraps up in Dallas this morning. West Erwin had almost 40 participants this year. Our prayer for them as they journeyed through the book of Luke is that the story of the life of Christ would be made vibrant again in their lives, and that his example in life and in death will continue to motivate them far beyond this convention. As always, this endeavor would be completely impossible without the volunteering of our coaches who've worked with the students for the past several months, as well as a special thanks to Ginger Philpot (and Marc I guess) who handled all of our food preparations this year, along with help from some other volunteers. Thank you for making this a special time for our children and teens, and please continue to pray for them to allow what they learned in preparation for LTC influence them long after this convention is over.

NO DEVO TONIGHT

Since almost all of our youth group aged families have been gone together all weekend at the LTC convention, that means very little homework was accomplished. So tonight, there will be no devo so that everyone can catch up from the long weekend and be ready for school tomorrow, YAYYYYY!

LTC AWARDS RECOGNITION NIGHT – APRIL 26TH

For our PM assembly on Sunday night, April 26th, we will have our LTC awards recognition night. In addition to that, some of our young men will lead us in a time of song, reading, prayer and speaking that night. Please make plans to be in attendance that night to support our children and teens.



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Watch our Facebook Page for pictures of our kids and families at LTC this weekend! Please keep all these families in your prayers!

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Consider the following... Matt. 28:5-6

"The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. "

Iron Men Breakfast

Our Iron Men's Breakfast will meet again Thursday, Apr. 16, 6:00 AM.

Important Dates

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Thank You

Thank you for the prayers for Owen's surgery. It went well and we plan on doing the right hand sometime during the fall of 2015. Jennie and Chris Ables

New Members

Welcome our new members, Josh and Heather Alexander and their children: Xander, Jordyn, Bryson and Josh.

Also Leonard Speaker has placed membership recently.

And Alan Bowers and his daughter, Allie, were baptized a week ago. Allie lives in Arlington. Alan and his wife, Jan, are placing membership with us. They are the daughter and son-in-law of James and Helen Gullion.

Addition to our Library

A commentary on the Book of James by Guy N. Woods has been placed in the Adult Library in memory of Joe McBee. Look for this book on the New Books shelf along with other books of interest and usefulness.

New Baby



Congratulations to J. and Tresa Jones on the birth of a new grandbaby. Erza Ray Jestin Jones was born 3/16 at 4:20 a.m. He was 20½ inches long and weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz.

Assistant Teacher Needed

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Auditorium Class

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Gospel Meeting

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Directory Updates

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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.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to Sheri Gruver in the death of her mother, Jeraldine Cannon. Services were Friday at Broadway Church of Christ.

Updates

Charles Rachui will be undergoing surgery in Dallas soon to remove the plate in his leg.

Randall Davis, Shirley Denman's brother, has melanoma that has spread to his liver.

Luan Hannah, daughter-in-law of Ruth Bell, has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer and is receiving chemo.

Sharon Gordon's mother, **Joann Woestman**, is ill.

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Howse, great nephew of Debbie Jones | **June Echols**, close friend of Matt & Judy Hamm | **Jimmy Norris**, Phil Maris' cousin |

Mary McCoy, sister of Alice Thompson | **Jimmy Gazaway**, Debbie Jones' uncle | **Luan Hannah**, daughter-in-law of Ruth Bell



THE REMINDER IN MY REAR VIEW MIRROR!

Back during Spring Break, I was careless while backing in my garage and I shattered my passenger side rear view mirror. I never realized until now how much I used that mirror. Every time I look over to use it, I am reminded that I have not fixed it yet! Every time I drive, I get the reminder to fix it **now**! God knew the value of reminders and He wants those reminders to make a difference in our lives **now**. Consider these examples. **Now, if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him...So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus (Ro. 6:8, 11).** Our baptism marks a new life for us. We no longer live like we once did. We live to a higher standard now and the sins of our old life no longer have that draw on us. **Now may the God of endurance and encouragement grant you agreement with one another, according to Christ Jesus, so that you may glorify God (Ro.15:5-6).** When we live in peace and harmony as a church, we glorify God. Lives of peace are led by the spirit. **Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Ro.15:13).** Our hope in heaven should fill us with joy! Joyous people live in peace and work together for the Lord!



You are invited to the
OPEN HOUSE
 honoring
 the Hispanic congregation
 in their new location.
 1023 North Glenwood
 April 12th, 2015 12 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

For Those With Children

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Sermon Notes

Serving Today

Communion
 Jon Murry Chris Reynolds
 Dannie Skipper Jack Stringer
 James Sublette Wade Weathers
 Wynne Weathers Billy Terrell

GREETERS
 Info Center: Harvey and Edie Strickland
 Main Doors: Glynn and Fran Starnes
 East Doors: James and Connie Sublette
 W. Erwin Doors: Wendell Potter

PICK UP CARDS
 Tucker Marfine, Jackson Parker, Wyatt Parker, Brayden Reeder & Wesley Smith

SOUND BOOTH
 Terry Frick & Cal Wilkinson

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
 Nursery AM: Shirley Chandler and Rebecca Weathers
 Toddler AM: Jessica Diller and Anne Kimball
 Nursery PM: McKenzie Fennell
 Toddlers PM: Joanna Stamps

| Our Records | April 5 |
|---------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 168 |
| Worship a.m. | 388 |
| Worship p.m. | 118 |
| Wed. p.m. | 155 |
| Contribution | \$18,183.98 |
| Weekly Budget | \$26,651.00 |

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
 Wayne Berryman

Song #470 Victory In Jesus
 Song #514 Redeemed
 Prayer Chris Ables

Song #535 Glory Land Way
 Who Am I?
 Song #83 God Is So Good
 Lord's Supper & Contribution David Hammond

Song #2 We Praise Thee, O God
 Scripture 1 Kings 2:1-4
 Song #490 It Is Well with My Soul
 Message: **So That You May Prosper In All That You Do** Michael Carnathan
 Song #374 There Is a Fountain
 Dismiss Donnie Carnathan

Song #752 God Bless You, Go With God Jay Bynum

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
 Wayne Berryman

Song #477 There Is a Place of Quiet Rest
 Song #504 In Loving-Kindness Jesus Came
 Prayer Frank Debenport
 Scripture Genesis 45:5-8 Wyatt Gruver

Song #506 No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus
 Song #525 He Knows Just What I Need
 Message: **Dances With Patriarchs** Chris White

Song #552 Have Thine Own Way
 Song #574 Oh, How I Love Jesus
 Dismiss Gene Chandler

Our Weekly Schedule

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

MONDAY
 Karing Kitchen 6 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY
 Food Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.
 Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.
 Food Distribution 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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 Please call if you need transportation.

WEYM

WEST ERWIN YOUTH MINISTRY
Eric Thornton – Youth Minister

DEVO TONIGHT

Now that the dust has settled from LTC, we will have a combined devo tonight. Please wear close-toed shoes, bring \$3 for dinner, and BRING YOUR BIBLES!!!

LTC AWARDS RECOGNITION NIGHT – APRIL 26TH

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NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES - APOLOGETICS

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Leadership Training for Christ

We had a great weekend at LTC this year... Even better than the weekend was the time our young people and their families spent together preparing for LTC. Thanks to all who helped coach, transported kids, sponsored meals and prayed for this ministry! Many were blessed by the ministry of LTC this year.

Karing Kitchen

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night, April 13. We serve from 6:00-7:00 and setup will be at 5:00. Come and help us serve the hungry and be a blessing to our community.

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes will be studying from 1 & 2 Timothy & Titus. The title of our study is "Follow The Leader" The lesson this week... "Contentment" from 1 Timothy 6:3-21. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following... 1 Timothy 6: 6-7

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it."

Iron Men Breakfast

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Important Dates

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April 16 Iron Men Breakfast

May 1-2 24 Hours of Prayer

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Bring your thoughts on baptism this week to our Wednesday night ladies' class in Room 401.

Wednesday Night Meal



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Join us at 5:30 this Wednesday in the FLC. This week we are serving **Hamburgers**. 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.

Thank You

Thank you for the visits, prayers, and good thoughts during Ira's surgery. It went well. Our church family is wonderful! God is so good and his healing touch is powerful.

Thanks again, Ira and Sherrie Groom

Dear Ones,

Just want to thank you for your visits. They mean so very much to me now that I am house-bound. Keep them coming – with nice weather approaching maybe it will be easier.

In Christian Love, Floy Winnell (Nell) Beard

Iron Men's Breakfast

The Iron Men's Breakfast is Thursday, April 16th at 6 a.m. in the FLC. Sign up at the Information Center. Don't miss it!

Children's Class Resumes

The class for children ages kindergarten through 3rd grade which meets in the small auditorium during Sunday evening worship will resume tonight.

Assistant Teacher Needed

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Gospel Meeting

Broadway Church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting April 12-15. The speaker will be Jim Laws. For more info, go to the Information Center in the foyer.

Bulletin Boards

Parents of elementary-aged children, check the birthday bulletin board in the downstairs children's wing. There is also a bulletin board dedicated to our kids involved in sports. If you have pictures, see Sharon Beaver.

LTC Congratulations – Ruger Stocking

We want to congratulate Ruger Stocking for having his LTC Speech chosen amongst hundreds of others to be shared Sunday morning during worship. We hope that Ruger will continue to use his gift to encourage others in their walk with Christ.

24 hours of Prayer



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Prayer & Care

Updates

Bill Mullins is hospitalized. No visitors or phone calls, please.
Charles Rachui's "spacer" surgery went well. They expect to do surgery in about two weeks.

Jon Sorrells will have a myelogram this Tuesday and surgery on his back at a later time.

Sue Skipper will be undergoing treatment in Plano for a few weeks. Her address is in the church office.

Sharon Ketchum will have a myelogram tomorrow because of continued pain after surgery.

Aubrey Morman has started radiation in New York and all is going well.

Michael Murphy had eye surgery last Thursday.

George Daugherty is now home.

Don Alcorn, Kristi Weathers father, was expected to have emergency pacemaker surgery last Friday.

Kathleen Nowell, former member, is in Conroe Regional Hospital after suffering a stroke.

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IT IS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers... (Deut.29:18-20). This passage is from Moses' last words to the Israelites before he handed over his leadership to Joshua. The message that stuck in my heart is about choosing life so that your offspring may live. It does matter how I live today. The way I live today means something for my children and grandchildren tomorrow. I realize that they will have to choose how they will serve God, but I still want to be the best example I can be to them. I just want to make sure they realize that the message Moses gave the Israelites is the same for them today; **God is your life!** Jesus gave the same message when He said, *I came that they may have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10).* Living with the hope of Heaven helps us cope with this world today. While we worry about where this world is headed, we live knowing that an eternity of peace awaits us. Jesus helps us live spiritually. When we live spiritually, we choose life!

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Sermon Notes

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Bill White Dale White
David Wicks Cal Wilkinson
Fred Wingate Cody Ables
Chris Ables Cameron Ables

GREETERS

Info Center: Gaylan & Margie Seagler
Main Doors: Billy & Lynda Terrell
East Doors: J.R. & Sylvia Tharpe
W. Erwin Doors: Burney Wilson

PICK UP CARDS

Owen Kelly, Logan Metcalf,
Luke Metcalf, Clay Mitcham, & Liam Harbuck

SOUND BOOTH

Terry Frick & Shaun Stamps

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM: Julie Ables & Bailey Hammond
Toddler AM: Mary Scarborough & Emma Stamps
Nursery PM: Beverly Hale
Toddlers PM: Laurie Stone

| Our Records | April 12 |
|---------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 247 |
| Worship a.m. | 430 |
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| Wed. p.m. | 170 |
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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship
Song #96 I Stand in Awe
Song #608 He Gave Me a Song
Prayer
Song #314 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Lord's Supper & Contribution
Song # 139 In Heavenly Love Abiding
Scripture *James 5:13-17*
Song #412 Jesus, Hold My Hand
Message: **"My God is Yahweh"**
Song #945 Kneel at the Cross
Dismiss
Song #722 Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen

Donnie Carnathan
Gary Ables

Ernie Gordon

Eric Moseley

Chris Conder

Eric Thornton

Greg Jones

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship
Song #144 O Worship The King
Song #490 It Is Well With My Soul
Prayer
Song #148 I Keep Falling In Love With Him
Scripture Genesis 44:30-34
Song #373 A Hill Called Mount Calvary
Message: **"Getting Better With Age"**
Song #907 Hark the Gentle Voice
Song #881 Mansion Over The Hilltop
Dismiss

Donnie Carnathan
Davy Carter

Ralph Henderson

Ruger Stocking

Chris White

Larry Murphey

Our Weekly Schedule

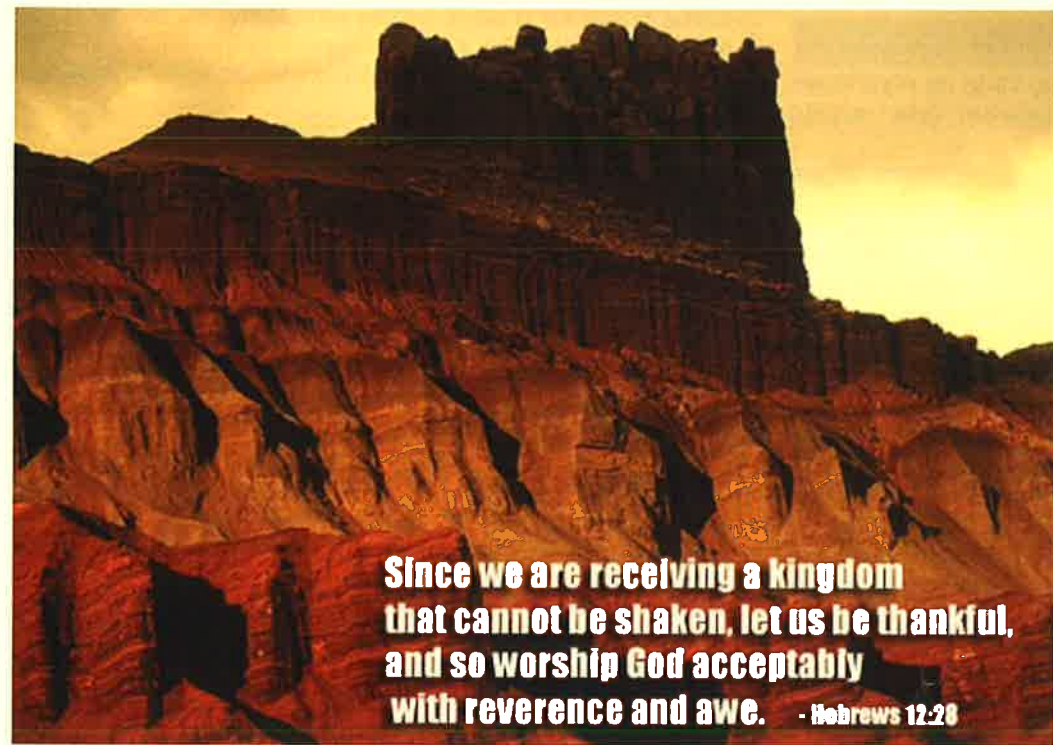
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Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe. - Hebrews 12:28

WEYM

WEST ERWIN YOUTH MINISTRY

Eric Thornton – Youth Minister

AREA WIDE "GATHERING" - TONIGHT

Tonight is our quarterly East Texas churches of Christ "Gathering" area wide, hosted by the Shiloh Road Church of Christ. We will leave West Erwin at 5:45pm and will return at 8:15. Simply bring \$3 for dinner, and come enjoy a great time!

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Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

The 1st Thursday of May each year is the National Day Of Prayer. Each year, the Mayor of Tyler hosts a breakfast at Harvey Hall for all who wish to come the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. West Erwin has helped prepare this breakfast for the last 12+ years. We need about 15 men who would be willing to help us the morning of May 7. There is a sign up list at the Information Center.

Karing Kitchen

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Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from 1 & 2 Timothy & Titus. The title of our study is "Follow The Leader" The lesson this week... "Endurance" from 2 Timothy 1:1-18. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us! Consider the following... 2 Timothy 1: 5-7

"I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."

Iron Men Breakfast

Iron Men's Breakfast will meet again Thursday, May. 21, 6:00 AM. Join us!

Important Dates

- May 1-2 24 Hours of Prayer
- May 7 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
- May 11 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
- May 21 Iron Men Breakfast
- May 31 Family Day @ Brookshire's Recreation Park

Wednesday Night Ladies' Class

Bring your thoughts on "CONFESSION" this week to our Wednesday night ladies' class in Room 401.

Wednesday Night Meal



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Join us at 5:30 this Wednesday in the FLC. This week we are serving **Don Juan's Mexican Food**. 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.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Chris and Barbara White on the birth of a new granddaughter. Harper Isla White was born to Jordan and Shaina White. She was 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and 19 inches long.

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Gospel Meetings

Rice Road Church of Christ will have a gospel meeting April 26 through May 1. Bubba Garner will be the speaker.

North Tenneha Avenue Church of Christ will be having a series of meetings May 3rd through May 6th. Dr. Edward Robinson will be the guest speaker.

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From the Welborns-

After much prayer and reflection, we have made the decision to move close to our family in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. It was not an easy decision, but we believe it is the right decision for us. It will give us an opportunity to be close to our family and hopefully be of some help to them and they can be there for us as we grow older. The Church at West Erwin has been our home for 39 years and we will truly miss each one of you. Thank you for your words of encouragement, your prayers, and especially the love that has been shown to us throughout the years. We have been blessed beyond measure from being part of God's family at West Erwin. West Erwin will always be our church home and you will continue to be in our prayers. As the Hebrew writer encourages us to stir one another on to love and good works, we too will be praying for the works and love at West Erwin. May God bless you.

Our Love,
Leon and Carolyn Welborn

This Week

| | | |
|-------------|---|------------|
| Sun. 4/19 | Bible Classes for all ages | 9:00 |
| | A.M. Worship | 10:00 |
| | P.M. Worship | 5:00 |
| Mon. 4/20 | Karing Kitchen | 5:00-7:00 |
| Tues. 4/21 | Lunch Bunch | |
| | Benev Ctr: <i>Clothing Distribution, Diaper Shirts & Quilt Making & Bandage Rolling</i> | 8:30-10:30 |
| Wed. 4/22 | Benev Ctr: <i>Food Distribution</i> | 8:30-10:30 |
| | Bible Classes for all ages | 7:00 |
| | Benev Ctr: <i>Food Distribution</i> | 6:30-7:30 |
| Thurs. 4/23 | Benev Ctr: <i>Clothing Distribution</i> | 8:30-10:30 |

Directory Updates

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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.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy are extended to the family of George Daugherty who passed away last Wednesday. Services were yesterday.

Our love and sympathy are extended to Henry McRuiz in the death of his brother, William. Services were Thursday.

Updates

Bill Mullins is home now under hospice care.

Charles Rachui is being treated for Mersa and will be in the hospital through Monday and then go to rehab in the Dallas area. He will have 42 days of IV treatment and perhaps get to come home for a while before his surgery. His doctor is very confident he will walk again.

Aubrey Morman is having radiation treatments in New York and all is going well.

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WHO ARE YOU TODAY?

One of the special things about my mornings is getting to see both Beau and Mikah before I come to work. I used to call Mikah "my little princess", until one day she informed me that she was no longer a princess but a "superhero". A week later, she was back to being a princess. At 3 years old, Mikah has every right to decide who she wants to be that day. As Christians, it is a little different for us. We need to establish our identity with Christ and live like it every day. From scripture, we can see who we are in Christ. *If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation (2 Cor.5:17)*. Coming to Christ calls for new ways and a new outlook. Living like the world is not an option. *For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, (Eph.2:10)*. With Christ, our good works come from our love for mankind and appreciation for what Jesus has done for us. *But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ (2 Cor.2:14)*. With Christ, we are victors in life. It does not matter what struggles life presents us, we will emerge victorious! *And the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus (1 Tim.1:14)*. With Christ, we live by grace, faith, and love. It is a beautiful life. Does that sound like who you are?

Join us tonight after services
in the Family Life Center for a
Sandwich Supper
honoring
Bill and Joyce Allen.

Bring sandwiches, chips & dips and desserts.

Our evening worship services tonight will be led
by young men who participated in LTC.
Awards will also be handed out.
Please join us to support our West Erwin kids!

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy are extended to the family of Tommy Lowrance who passed away Monday night. If you would like to remember Tommy, they have suggested a contribution to the East Texas Food Bank in his memory.

Our sympathy is also extended to Freida Starr in the death of her aunt, Leota Prater.

Updates

Bill Mullins is home now under hospice care.

Sue Skipper remains in the Plano Specialty Hospital receiving IV antibiotics for the infection in her anklebone. She will receive those treatments for about six weeks. Her address is available in the church office.

Jon Sorrells will have back surgery May 18th.

Charles Rachui underwent surgery last week and will have skin graft surgery on Tuesday. Doctors were pleased with his healing. He remains on his antibiotic I.V.

Aubrey Morman is having radiation treatments in New York.

Faye Kennard fell last Thursday at Health South and broke her hip. She is in Mother Frances. She had been moved to Health South following a fall earlier last week.k

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Communion

Bill White Dale White
David Wicks Cal Wilkinson
Fred Wingate Cody Ables
Chris Ables Cameron Ables

GREETERS

Info Center: James &
Helen Gullion

Main Doors: Don &
Norma Durham

East Doors: Wynne &
Kristi Weathers

W. Erwin Doors: Jimmie Philpot

PICK UP CARDS

Owen Kelly, Logan Metcalf,
Luke Metcalf, Clay Mitcham, &
Liam Harbuck

SOUND BOOTH

Terry Frick & Shaun Stamps

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Jaci Philpot

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Hannah Metcalf

Nursery PM: Mary Lee
Toddlers PM: Shelia Lewis

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| Worship a.m. | 392 |
| Worship p.m. | 160 |
| Wed. p.m. | 145 |
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| Weekly Budget | \$26,651.00 |

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West Erwin Welcomes Bill and Joyce Allen

Hello to our West Erwin family!

Joyce and I could not be more excited and grateful to be able to make that statement! We are very much looking forward to meeting everyone and getting to know you and share this journey of life in Christ with you.

Here are a few things about us that might help you get to know us a bit.

We met in the 7th grade in our hometown of San Antonio, though we didn't start dating until we were seniors in high school. You can ask Joyce for more details on that little story! We've been married since 1977 and have two grown daughters. Amy and Brian Tindell live in Russellville, AR, with their three children; Amanda and Paul Adkison live in Arlington, TX, with their son. So the important thing to remember here is that we have four wonderful grandchildren—and they are wonderful!

We both attended Oklahoma Christian, and I did graduate work at Abilene Christian and finished with a Doctor of Ministry from ACU in 1992.

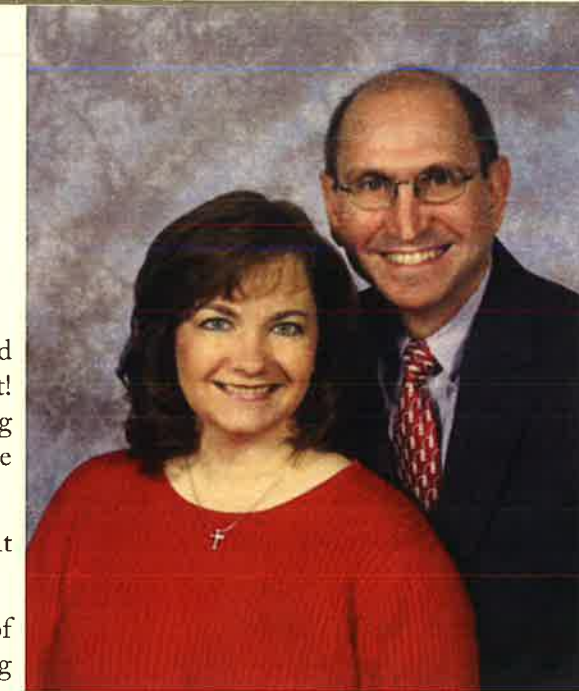
Since 1978 we have worked with three churches—Lackland Terrace in San Antonio; Woodland West in Arlington; and South Fork in Winston-Salem, NC. I was also president of the Center for Christian Education in Dallas for three years. We have been here in NC since 2005, and are excited about getting back to our native Texas.

My approach to ministry can be seen from my personal mission statement, taken from Colossians 1:28-29.

"We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me."

That is our prayer, and we are excited to share that mission with you, our West Erwin family!

We will see you all this Sunday! That sounds so great!



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

Order of Worship

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Welcome/Call to Worship | | Donnie Carnathan |
| Song #794 | Unto Thee, O Lord | Gary Ables |
| Song #484 | You Are My All in All | |
| Song#448 | The Greatest Commands | |
| Prayer | | Jim Boyd |
| Song #353 | One Day! | |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | | James Sublette |
| Song # 779 | I Love You, Lord | |
| Scripture | Matthew 28:18-20 | Vance Metcalf |
| Song #895 | I'll Live in Glory | |
| Message: | "Going Forward" | Bill Allen |
| Song #948 | I Am Resolved | |
| Dismiss | | Phil Marts |
| Song #874 | Walking Alone at Eve | |

5:00 P.M. Assembly

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Welcome/Call to Worship | | Eric Thornton |
| Song #662 | All to Jesus I Surrender | Logan Stone |
| Song #535 | The Glory-Land Way | Logan Stone |
| Prayer | | |
| Song #412 | Jesus Hold My Hand | Wyatt Gruver |
| Scripture | | Liam Harbuck |
| Song #290 | Shine Jesus Shine | Wyatt Gruver |
| Message: | Speech #1 | Ruger Stocking |
| | Speech #2 | Matthew Kimball |
| Song #122 | The Love of God | Davy Carter |
| Song #71 | As The Deer | Davy Carter |
| Dismiss | | |
| | Awards Presentation | |



24 HOURS OF PRAYER

This will be the last week you have to sign up for our 24 Hours of Prayer. It starts at 8:00 am on Friday, May 1 and ends at 8:00 am on Saturday with a breakfast at the Family Life Center. If you have not signed up for a time slot, I urge you to sign up before you leave today. Come with a family member, come with your whole family, or just come by yourself. I challenge you to get a group of your friends from church and come and pray together. You will get to pray for some people you know and also for a number of people you don't know. There will be prayers of thanks, but there will also be prayers that will break your heart. I want you to consider three things we need for our day of prayer. First, get your prayer requests back to us as soon as you can. Secondly, be a part of this tremendous effort. Third, I want you to encourage you to have breakfast with us Saturday morning as we end this time of prayer. *And this is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God (Philippians 1: 9-12).* Come pray with us!



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Bible Class

We are excited to have Bill & Joyce Allen here this weekend. Bill will be teaching a combined Adult Bible Class in the Auditorium @ 9:00 Sunday and will preach during our worship time.

Iron Men Breakfast

Iron Men's Breakfast will meet again Thursday, May. 21, 6:00 AM. Join us!

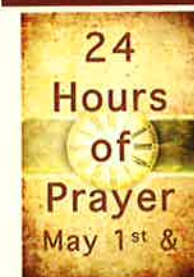
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May 1-2 24 Hours of Prayer
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24 hours of Prayer



If you have prayer requests that you would like to share, cards will be available at the exits, the Information Center and the sign up table in the foyer.

You can sign up for your time slot to come to the building and pray in our 24 Hours of Prayer. All of those who signed up for a time slot are invited to breakfast at 8:00 Saturday morning in the FLC.

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NO DEVO TONIGHT - SANDWICH SUPPER

Since our new preacher, Bill Allen, and his wife are in town this weekend, we will be having a church-wide sandwich supper tonight in the FLC instead of our previously scheduled devo. Please come have a PB&J, some dessert, and meet the Allens!

LTC WORSHIP AND AWARDS - TONIGHT

For our PM assembly tonight, we will have our annual LTC worship and awards recognition night. Some of our young men will lead us in a time of song, reading, prayer and speaking during our worship time, and then please make plans to be in attendance tonight to support our children and teens.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES - APOLOGETICS

One of the seemingly most difficult things to do in society today is have what I call "God conversations". To easily, honestly, and kindly share our faith with people who don't share the same views that we do. So often we feel inadequate in doing this, and so on Wednesday nights, we will tackle this subject head on, with a very simple beginning, and understanding what each of our worldview is, how we came into that, and what do we do with it. This week we'll be discussing why sharing our faith is so important, and how for any believer, it's not simply a request from our Creator, but rather something that God calls EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US to. Please join us each week, as we will sometimes have guest

Thank You

Thank you for the many kind things all you sweet people did for us at the time of Henry's brother's death.
 -Becky & Henry McRuiz

Congratulations

May 9th Barrett Carter will be graduating from Sam Houston State University with a B.S. in Bio-Medical Science and will then start Harding School of Pharmacy in the fall.

Wednesday Night Ladies' Class

Bring your thoughts on "THE LORD'S SUPPER" this week to our Wednesday night ladies' class in Room 401.

Wednesday Night Meal



Join us at 5:30 this Wednesday in the FLC. This week we are serving **chicken fried steak and chicken strips**. 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.

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Bill Mullins. Bill touched the lives of many, as well as served the West Erwin family as a shepherd for the past thirteen years and will be greatly missed.

Please keep Donna and the boys and their families in your prayers.

The family requests that memorials be made to Hospice of East Texas.



Congratulations to Cameron and Krystal Ables on the birth of Rhydin Cash Ables!

Born April 30th at 8:00 a.m.

8 pounds, 5 ounces

20 inches long

Peyten is the big brother.

Gary and Julie Ables are the proud grandparents.

Arnold and Agnes Ables are the great grandparents.

Prayer & Care

Updates

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Faye Kennard is in Health South.

Frances Lowe, mother of Sharon Hammond, will undergo back surgery this Wednesday at Spine and Joint.

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Myron Granberry Jim Boyd
Scott Albritton Jay Bynum
Bud Cawyer Keith Chandler
Will Christian Tom Clark

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Main Doors: Fred & Sandra Wingate
East Doors: James & Sue Hughes
W. Erwin Doors: Tom & Beverly Hale

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Jackson DeLivaudias,
Ethan Stone, Logan Stone,
Tanner Transier, Nathan Turner

SOUND BOOTH

Clifton Lindsey & Jonathan Stone

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Toddler AM:
Elizabeth Granberry & Rebecca Weathers

Nursery PM: Sharon Gordon
Toddlers PM: Diane Weathers

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| Wed. p.m. | NC |
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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
Song #622 Ring Out the Message Gary Ables
Song #881 Mansion over the Hilltop
Song #31 Be Still and Know
Prayer Robert Lee
Song #364 Come, Share the Lord
Lord's Supper & Contribution Lance Yarema
Song #705 A Common Love
Scripture Hebrews 11:30-40 Chris Reynolds
Song #853 When We All Get to Heaven
Message: **You Want Me to Do WHAT?!?!?** Danny Snell
Song #672 Give Me Thy Heart
Dismiss Gaylan Seagler
Song #15 Step By Step

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
Song #147 I Stand Amazed Wayne Berryman
Song #166 He's My King
Prayer Charles Melville
Scripture Genesis 46:1-4 Odie Kennedy
Song #176 Lamb of God
Song #181 Bless the Name of Jesus
Message: **The Measure of a Man** Chris White
Song #280 Thou Art the Way
Song #300 Praise Him! Praise Him!
Dismiss David Hammond

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BILL'S BLOG

Bill Allen, D. Min.

Joyce and I are still basking in the glow of a wonderful first weekend with our West Erwin church family. As we reflect on the joys we experienced I wanted to write down some things from these past few days that were just a few of the many incredible blessings we received.

We were so saddened to hear of the passing of Bill Mullins. Our hearts go out to Donna and all the family of this wonderful servant of the Lord and of the West Erwin church. What an incredible legacy of faith and service he has left for all to follow his example as he followed the example of Christ. (1 Cor. 11:1)

There are so many people to thank for everything that made this such an encouraging and joyous weekend. I especially appreciate the incredible staff of ministers, staff and elders and their families for all the work they did, and have done, and yes, will continue to do, until we finally get to Tyler permanently.

And yes, we were taken to eat at Spring Creek BBQ, and received a Whataburger gift card—that we've already used once!

After our time together this past weekend Joyce and I know that there is such a positive anticipation for our coming, and I can assure you that no one feels that more than we do! As God told Moses and the Israelites, and as we shared in the sermon time on Sunday, we are ready to move forward!

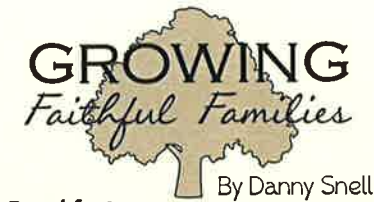
In the meantime we are all praying for God to bless us and be active in our lives working through us, in us, and on us until we are able to work side by side, together in His cause.

"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you..." (Col. 1:3)



GIVING OFFENSE

In Matthew 17, some tax collectors come to Peter wanting to know if Jesus paid his tax for the temple. Peter replied that Jesus indeed paid the tax and later talked to Jesus about this. To me, this would seem a perfect time for Jesus to claim his deity and refuse to pay the tax, but read Jesus' reply, *However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself (17:27).* Today, we would expect Jesus to take a stand, demand his right as the Son of God, and exclude himself from the tax, yet Jesus does not take that approach. Instead, Jesus chooses to submit, even submit to authorities he did not agree with and submit at a cost. I think Jesus was looking at the "big picture". He was not ready for the opposition that the church would face to start yet. As Christians, aren't we called to sacrifice our rights at times for the good of others? Do we offend others when we catch them in a wrong in order to make ourselves look good, or do we hold our tongue and keep the door open for a time of teaching in love? For Jesus, it was all about salvation and doing the will of God. Do we offer "offense" or do we offer salvation? What is your big picture?



By Danny Snell

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Eric Thornton – Youth Minister

DEVO TONIGHT

There is a devo tonight for all 6th-12th grade students in the FLC following our evening assembly. Please bring \$3 for dinner, and wear close toed shoes for our activity. We will be done at 8pm.

SUMMER UPDATE PARENT MEETING – MAY 10TH

NEXT SUNDAY, May 10th, there will be a **VERY SHORT (5-10 mins)** parent/teen meeting immediately following the morning worship assembly in the youth classrooms area, realizing many will have Mother's Day plans. Please come to find out about some important changes to the summer youth calendar.

SENIOR SUNDAY – MAY 17TH

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES - APOLOGETICS

This week, we'll be discussing knowing who Jesus REALLY is. No one in history has claimed the things that he did, and no one else in history has had as many followers, foes, and books written about them. There are some concrete things we can know about Jesus from looking at the pages of the Bible. We'll help you affirm his deity and his ministry on Earth. My prayer coming out of this series to gain new understanding of our God, and to gain a desire to share him unwaveringly with everyone we know.

Thank You

To Our West Erwin Family,
We want to thank you for all the phone calls, cards, and food sent our way. We appreciate it very much. Tuesday cooks, thank you, the food is wonderful and the delivery by Harvey and Edie is very good. We love you all and talk to the Father every night. God Bless all of you.
Clinton & Louise Culpepper

To West Erwin Church of Christ,
Thanks you so very much for the flowers sent for my brother's funeral. We love you all.
Henry & Becky McRuiz

Wednesday Night Meal



Wednesday
Night Meals

Join us at 5:30 this Wednesday in the FLC. This week we are serving **Brunos 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.

Parents

Please take time to pick up a Children's Worship Bulletin from the table located between the Children's Library and the Adult Library, located in the hallway which leads to the Children's classrooms. One set is for ages 3-6 and the other is for ages 7-12. They are filled with fun activities to teach your children. Also, pick up a copy of the Discovery Magazine for your child. Parents, please take advantage of the Children's Library. Brother David Demic and his wife, Virginia, have spent many hours equipping this library with wonderful materials for your kids.

Sermon Notes

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy are extended to Sharon Gordon in the death of her mother, Joann Woestman.

Updates

Jenny Price has the shingles.

Nettie Potts is home now.

Sue Skipper remains in the Plano Specialty Hospital receiving IV antibiotics for the infection in her anklebone. She will receive those treatments for about six weeks. Her address is available in the church office.

Jon Sorrells will have back surgery May 18th.

Charles Rachui underwent successful skin graft surgery the last week. He remains on his antibiotic I.V. His address in Dallas rehab is available in the church office.

Faye Kennard is in Health South.

Randy Davis had seeds implanted in his liver and will start radiation soon.

Frances Lowe, mother of Sharon Hammond, underwent successful back surgery last week.

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Communion

Myron Granberry Jim Boyd
Scott Albritton Jay Bynum
Bud Cawyer Keith Chandler
Will Christian Tom Clark

GREETERS

Info Center: Philip & Ellen Matthews

Main Doors: Robert & Mary Lee

East Doors: Jay & Tresa Jones

W. Erwin Doors: Odie & Dolores Kennedy

PICK UP CARDS

Jackson Delivaudias,
Ethan Stone, Logan Stone,
Tanner Transier, Nathan Turner

SOUND BOOTH

Clifton Lindsey & Jonathan Stone

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM: Wendy McAuley & Emma Stamps

Toddler AM: Emily Moore & Anne Kimball

Nursery PM: Evelyn Muncy
Toddlers PM: Sharon Beaver

| Our Records | May 3 |
|---------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 224 |
| Worship a.m. | 395 |
| Worship p.m. | 164 |
| Wed. p.m. | NC |
| Contribution | \$21,935.50 |
| Weekly Budget | \$26,651.00 |

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship Danny Snell
Song #214 Have You Seen Jesus My Lord? Gary Ables
Song #134 The Lord's My Shepherd
Prayer Brett Hone
Song #383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
Lord's Supper & Contribution Chris Conder
Song # 587 Sing and Be Happy
Scripture Jeremiah 20:7-9 Shaun Stamps
Song #875 Home of the Soul Eric Thornton
Message: **Jeremiah's Pain & His Response**
Song #929 Oh, to Be Like Thee Fred Wingate
Dismiss
Song #570 A Beautiful Life

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Danny Snell
Song #300 Praise Him! Praise Him! Davy Carter
Song #478 Nearer, Still Nearer
Prayer Don Durham
Song #395 Follow Me Randy Turner
Scripture Genesis 47:27-31
Song #560 Living By Faith
Message: **When Patriarchs Bury Patriarchs** Chris White
Song #904 Have You Been To Jesus?
Song #915 Trust and Obey
Dismiss Ron Parish

Our Weekly Schedule

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

MONDAY
W.E. Hosts Karing Kitchen 6 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY
Food Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.
Food Distribution 6:30-7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY
Clothing Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Young At Heart Game Night 6 p.m.

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Happy Mother's Day!!

To all our Godly women, who serve the Lord and the church in more ways and with more heart than we could ever acknowledge, let me say a big thank you for all you do and especially for all you are. You constantly demonstrate the love and mercy and strength of God each and every day. We need you. The church needs you. And we appreciate you.

Of course, in the special work of being a mom, you get to be involved in many, um, unique moments in the lives of those you love. So here's a funny with which I'm sure you will identify...

One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her small boy into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?" The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't, dear," she said, "I have to sleep with your daddy." A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy." [Source Unknown]

This Sunday in Winston-Salem I will share some wonderful stories from the book of Ruth, and will note a few ways that Ruth and her mother-in-law Naomi demonstrated the Godly characteristics we all should strive to develop.

Because of a famine in their own land, Naomi went with her husband, Elimelek, to Moab, the land of some of their constant enemies. In tow were also their two sons. The boys married Moabite women, and then sometime later Elimelek, as well as the two sons, died in Moab. I wonder if Naomi ever wondered, as she was deciding whether or not to go with her husband in the first place, what she would do if tragedy struck while she was there? Yet she was loyal and courageous and faithful, and went with him.

When it came time for Naomi to return to her homeland, she encouraged her Moabite daughters-in-law to stay in their homeland, marry, and have a good life. Ruth, as you know, was determined, however, to stay with her mother-in-law. It was this statement that convinced Naomi that her faithful and sacrificial daughter-in-law would not be deterred. It is a statement that is used even today to describe the ultimate devotion and sacrifice of real, true love.

"Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. (Ruth 1:16-18; ESV)

So they returned together to Naomi's homeland. Ruth goes looking for a job, while Naomi has something bigger in mind for her devoted daughter-in-law: a husband! You gotta love meddling parents, right? In this case, however, it was God who was at work. He not only blessed Naomi and Ruth with a good husband for Ruth, but also a baby boy.

A baby boy who would turn out to be an ancestor of King David, and therefore an ancestor of Jesus Christ.

So again, happy Mother's Day. Joyce and I are thankful for all the wonderful godly women that are so important to our West Erwin church family. We could never thank you enough for all you do, and we will be honored in the years ahead to serve right beside you.



A PLACE FOR ME?

When we meet someone new, a common question that is asked of us is, "Where do you live"? In this life, we place a lot of emphasis on where we live. It is a measure of our success, of our social status, and what we have accomplished in life. A far more important question that we need to ask of ourselves is, "Do you want to live with Jesus when you die"? Jesus said that we could. Read his words, *Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going (John 14:1-4).* If we really want to live with Jesus when we die, it is important that we **allow nothing to come between you and Jesus**. This includes your possessions, other people, your passions, your habits, and your pride. If you really want to live with Jesus when you die, it is important that we **please Him now!** We please Jesus when we praise Him, when we confess Him, when we persevere with Him, and when we pursue Him. We live **for** Jesus today, so we can live **with** Jesus for eternity. What home are you more concerned with?



Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

A special thanks to all the guys who showed up to help us serve the community at the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. It was early but it was good! Thanks for being the light!

Karing Kitchen

West Erwin will host again on Monday, May 11. We serve from 6:00-7:00 and setup will be at 5:00. Come and help us serve the hungry and be a blessing to our community.

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from 1 & 2 Timothy & Titus. The title of our study is "Follow The Leader". The lesson this week... "Faithfulness" from 2 Timothy 4:1-18. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us! Consider the following... 2 Timothy 4:7
"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Iron Men Breakfast

Iron Men's Breakfast will meet again Thursday, May. 21, 6:00 AM. Join us!

Important Dates

May 11 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
May 21 Iron Men Breakfast
May 31 Family Day @ Brookshire's Recreation Park

Karing Kitchen

Join us tomorrow night in the Benevolent Center as we host the Karing Kitchen. Setup is at 5 PM. We serve at 6 PM and we are finished by 7 PM.

Young at Heart

Join the Young at Heart for Game Night this Thursday, May 14th.

Family Day

Family Day at Brookshire's Park will be May 31st. Sign up on the 17th and 24th if you want to be included in the fun and fellowship.

ETCA

East Texas Christian Academy is accepting 2015-2016 applications for new students. Visit etca.org and click on the ETCA Leadership Academy Initiative link. Please contact Jan Richardson, Admissions Director, at 903-561-8642 to schedule your personalized campus tour.

Wednesday Night Ladies' Class

Bring your thoughts on "CONTENTMENT" this week to our Wednesday night ladies' class in Room 401.



Eric Thornton - Youth Minister

SUMMER UPDATE PARENT MEETING - TODAY

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DEVO TONIGHT

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES - APOLOGETICS

This is our last week specifically focusing on Jesus in our study of apologetics. Starting next week, we will dive into a study of different world views, starting with Evolution. But this Wednesday night, we are studying sin. Specifically, what is sin exactly, how has sin impacted us, and how Jesus dealt with sin. God is not the author of sin, but his plan for our redemption includes dealing with the reality of sin. Jesus is the only one who could deal with our sin and bring us back into relationship with God.

Gospel Meeting

There are several Gospel Meetings being conducted in the area. Go to the Information Center to find out more.

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Wednesday Night Meal



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Family Day Sunday, May 31st

At Brookshire's Park in Flint

Everyone's invited! We'll spend the afternoon
enjoying games and activities.

Bring a lawn chair, and your favorite
outdoor games as well as your own lunch.

Dinner will be provided at 5:30 p.m.

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Thomas Eichelberger Tom Hale
Rick Fedell Wyatt Gruver

GREETERS

Info Center: John & Virginia Pike
Main Doors: Judy Mitcham
East Doors: Roy Fraley & Jean Rutherford
W. Erwin Doors: Ruth Bell

PICK UP CARDS

Davis Carnathan, Reed Carnathan, Tucker Marline, Jackson Parker, Wyatt Parker

SOUND BOOTH

Clifton Lindsey & Jeff Horton

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM: Danielle Rousseau & Bailey Hammond

Toddler AM: Mary Scarborough & Jaci Philpot

Nursery PM: Lisa Snell

Toddlers PM: Cayla Ables

| Our Records | May 10 |
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| Bible Class | 242 |
| Worship a.m. | 463 |
| Worship p.m. | 155 |
| Wed. p.m. | 147 |
| Contribution | \$22,001.07 |
| Weekly Budget | \$26,651.00 |

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Order of Worship

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | Eric Thornton |
| Song #123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord | Gary Ables |
| Song #122 The Love of God | |
| Prayer | Greg Jones |
| Song #386 He Loves Me | |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | Wade Weathers |
| Song #492 Only in Thee | |
| Scripture Isaiah 40:28-31 | Billy Terrell |
| Song #470 Victory in Jesus | |
| Message: To Soar Like An Eagle | Donnie Carnathan |
| Song #504 In Loving-Kindness Jesus Came | |
| Dismiss | Don Crawford |
| Song #414 Anywhere with Jesus | |

5:00 P.M. Assembly

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | Danny Snell |
| Song #620 Sunlight | Lance Yarema |
| Song #349 Ten Thousand Angels | |
| Prayer | Wyatt Gruver |
| Song #464 Because He Lives | |
| Scripture 2 Timothy 3:12-15 | Thomas Eichelberger |
| Song There's a Stirring | |
| Message: So What's Next? | Eric Thornton |
| Song All Things are Ready | |
| Song #432 How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts? | |
| Dismiss | Matthew Kimball |

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SUNDAY
Bible Class 9 a.m.
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BILLS BLOG

Bill Allen

We have a contract on our house in North Carolina!

And that is great news. It seems that it's not nearly as easy to find a buyer for your house as it is to find a house that you like. However, sometimes the part that you think will be the scariest and most difficult is the one that comes along smoothly and quickly.

And THEN the scary crazy parts come—like trying to find what will be your new (at least to you) home. Then someone in the Tyler area will have a similar sign in their yard!

Being “under contract” is a bit of a scary thought, isn't it? It binds you to something. It is a commitment.

When we were baptized, we made a commitment. We bound ourselves to something. Actually, to someone.

Paul asks a rhetorical question at the beginning of Romans 6. It's a question he fully expected from those who opposed the gospel after he had spent five full chapters expressing that the righteousness of God comes strictly by faith. And he has an answer for that question.

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:1-4)

This is, in its primary context, not a passage on baptism being a part of the response of faith. I believe it is, and I believe that this passage and lots of others express that truth. But this passage carries the immediate purpose of reminding us of our commitment to Christ Jesus. For Paul, it's unfathomable that we would seek to live a selfish, sinful life, and use as our excuse that we are “saved by grace.”

There's no way we can do that. We've died to sin; we've been buried with Christ through baptism into death; we've been raised to live a new life.

We're under contract.



Eric Thornton – Youth Minister

SENIOR SUNDAY – TONIGHT

Today is the day we celebrate our 5 graduating seniors here at West Erwin... **Thomas Eichelberger, Wyatt Gruver, Matthew Kimball, Kacey Reeves, and Zack Skender**, representing 4 different school districts. Please join us tonight as we celebrate the completion of this phase of their lives, and look on toward what is next!

SENIOR RECEPTION - TONIGHT

Immediately following our 5pm assembly tonight, we will have a cake & snacks reception honoring our graduates in the Family Life Center. **THIS RECEPTION IS FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH**, so before heading off to your small groups tonight, please make plans to join us in honoring the seniors!

INTERLINK – JUNE 7TH- 12TH

Our first trip of the summer, INTERLINK, is only three 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 incoming 6th-12th graders, it's not too late to sign up! There are info and signups sheets in class!

NEBRASKA MEETING – NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 24TH

Our Nebraska trip will be here before you know it. This year, we have opened up the trip to our junior high as well as high school students.. You will need 20 service hours, so look for opportunities to serve, as well as those you may have already accumulated this year! All of those planning on going to Nebraska will need to meet next Sunday at 4:00 to split into classes, talk about work assignments, and begin working on their lessons. The dates for this year's trip are July 2nd – 11th.

Summer Series

Wednesday Summer Series 2015

“Think about such things...”

begins June 3rd with

Keith Hodges of Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Marshall. Join us in the auditorium at 7 pm.

Ladies' Ministry Panel

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AN UNEASY NIGHT

It is Monday morning as I write this. Last night the tornado ripped through Van. For many, it caused an uneasy night, for others, it turned out to be a disaster. I can only imagine the terror and fear families experienced as their homes were destroyed on that dark night. As of right now, there are 10 people still unaccounted for. I pray that they are found safe and sound. It points out how fragile life can be. Our situations in life can change suddenly. Consider Paul's words on the Day of the Lord, *For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security, then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape" (1 Thess.5:2-3)*. I am not saying that the tornado had anything to do with Jesus' next coming, but I am saying that our lives can take dramatic turns very quickly. Paul's advice on how to be ready for that day will certainly help us be better prepared for changes that come to us. Paul said, *But we belong to the day, so we should control ourselves. We should wear faith and love to protect us, and the hope of salvation should be our helmet (1 Thess.5:8)*. I don't know your struggles right now, but faith, hope, and love can surely help.

West Erwin Disaster Response Team

Over the years, West Erwin has always stepped up to help people who have been affected by disasters. We have responded to Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita, Joplin Tornado & Moore Tornado. This week we had the opportunity to take a team of 22 to Van, TX and assist with the cleanup from the tornado. This one was a little closer to home and we all know folks who were affected by it. There is still much to be done and we will help again over the next few weeks. If you are interested in helping, watch our Facebook Page and Website for information.

Karing Kitchen

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen last week. Thanks for stepping up to cover me as we were preparing for our Disaster Response Team work day. West Erwin will host again on Monday, June 15.

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from 1 & 2 Timothy & Titus. The title of our study is "Follow The Leader". The lesson this week... "Sound Faith" from Titus 1:1-16. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following... Titus 1:15-16 *"15 To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. 16 They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him."*

Iron Men Breakfast

Iron Men's Breakfast will meet again Thursday, May. 21, 6:00 AM. Join us! Please sign up at the information Center.

Important Dates

May 21 Iron Men Breakfast

May 31 Family Day @ Brookshire's Recreation Park

Thank you

Words cannot express very well how much I have appreciated your thoughtfulness and generosity at the difficult time of Bill's passing. The beautiful flower arrangement provided for the funeral, the delicious meals, cards and calls have meant so much to me and the boys. We are so blessed to have such a loving and supportive church family. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. We continue to cherish your prayers. Love, Donna Mullins and the boys

Iron Men's Breakfast

Iron Men Men - Join us this Thursday for the Iron Men's Breakfast at 6 a.m. Sign up at the Information Center.

Gospel Meeting

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Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy are extended to Rita Sitton and Nita Kennedy in the death of their sister, Shirley McCurley. Services were Saturday.

Updates

Sue Skipper is now home.

Dick Higginbotham is now home.

Dolores Kennedy had knee surgery Thursday.

Linda Boudreau had gall bladder surgery Thursday.

Betty Holt will have an aortic valve replacement surgery on June 2nd.

Jon Sorrells will have back surgery June 8th.

Cooper Goodson will have bypass surgery on June 10 at Louis and Peaches Owen Hospital.

Charles Rachui is in rehab in Dallas. His address is in the church office.

Leslie Johnson, daughter of Art and Jo Rowland, is in the hospital in McKinney. She has an infection and is also on dialysis.

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Thomas Eichelberger Tom Hale
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PICK UP CARDS

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SOUND BOOTH

Clifton Lindsey & Jeff Horton

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Nursery AM: Julie Ables & Rebecca Weathers

Toddler AM: Kim Frick & Anne Kimball

Nursery PM: Joanna Stamps
Toddlers PM: McKenzie Fennell

| Our Records | May 17 |
|---------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 274 |
| Worship a.m. | 410 |
| Worship p.m. | 155 |
| Wed. p.m. | NC |
| Contribution | \$18,538.26 |
| Weekly Budget | \$26,651.00 |

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WE West Erwin Church of Christ

May 24, 2015

Volume 46 - No. 21

Order of Worship

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Welcome/Call to Worship | Eric Thornton |
| Song #528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives | Davy Carter |
| Song #96 I Stand In Awe | |
| Prayer | Phil Marts |
| Song #725 Let Us Break Bread Together | |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | Howard Dickson |
| Song #574 Oh, How I Love Jesus | |
| Scripture Daniel 4:29-32 | James Sublette |
| Song #509 I Will Sing The Wondrous Story | |
| Message: God Is My Judge | Danny Snell |
| Song #909 There's A Fountain Free | |
| Dismiss | Jay Bynum |
| Song #538 My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less | |

5:00 P.M. Assembly

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | Eric Thornton |
| Song #226 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing | Wayne Berryman |
| Song# 221/ 222/223 | Power of His Name Medley |
| Prayer | Larry Murphey |
| Scripture <i>Jeremiah 2:5-9</i> | Gaylan Seagler |
| Song #224 Blessed Be the Name | |
| Song#218 Blessed Jesus | |
| Message: Ask Not . . . | Donnie Carnathan |
| Song#319 Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone? | |
| Song #346 He Lives | |
| Dismiss | Dale White |

Our Weekly Schedule

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| SUNDAY | |
| Bible Class | 9 a.m. |
| Morning Worship | 10 a.m. |
| Evening Worship | 5 p.m. |
| MONDAY | |
| Karing Kitchen | 6 p.m. |
| TUESDAY | |
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| WEDNESDAY | |
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BILLS BLOG

Bill Allen

You've likely heard the saying, "Freedom isn't free" in acknowledging that many men and women have sacrificed greatly for the liberties we enjoy as a nation. The loss of limb, life and loved ones has been experienced by far too many, and we could never thank them enough for the price they have paid—the price many of you have paid—for our freedoms.

We appreciate as a nation those who stand up and continue to fight, in many different ways, for "liberty and justice for all." On this Memorial Day weekend we pause and thank our God for the blessings we enjoy and continue to value in this great nation, and also thank those who through the years and even today have sacrificed to make those blessings possible.

Memorials are important. They are reminders of the important points and experiences in our past that should never be forgotten.

We remember each Sunday the sacrifice of the One who made our eternal salvation possible; the sacrifice that gives us meaning and purpose and mission as we live our lives today. The Lord's Supper is a wonderful moment where we thoughtfully show our gratitude to Christ who died for us, joyfully remember that the tomb is empty, and show that same love and concern for those gathered around the Table with us. We affirm that we are a part of His body, the church, and proclaim His death, burial and resurrection. We wait and serve together as a family until He returns. (1 Cor. 11:26)

Families today have memorials and traditions, reminding our children and grandchildren and each of us of the important values we share and blessings we have received. Through these we affirm that our loving God is the source of those values and blessings.

Joyce and I are excited that we will be with our West Erwin family on May 31st. We will be in town for a few days, and will gather around the Table and share "the church's family meal" with you. I will be leading a combined adult Bible class and will preach that morning. And we are looking forward to being a part of the Family Day at the park later that day as well. We look forward to sharing in direct worship, food and fun with all of you the end of this month!



THE FIVE P's OF WAITING ON THE LORD!

Psalms 40 opens with this passage, *I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.* The ESV Bible credits David with this psalm. I don't know the circumstances of the writing, but it strikes me that we are in the same position as the author was. We too are waiting on the Lord, and the question for us is, how are you waiting? The writer gives us some advice on how to wait for the Lord. *He drew me up from the pit of destruction...and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure (40:2).* We need to remember that there is **stability** and **security** in the Lord. In the church, we can wait in a safe place. *He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God (40:3).* Until he comes, we wait and praise him for what he has done for us. Our praise for God is a constant reminder of his greatness and work in our lives. *You have multiplied your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us (40:4a).* While we wait, it is a comfort to know that in this chaotic world, **God's power** and his thoughts are directed toward us! *None can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them (40:4b).* While we wait, God still expects us to tell others of his goodness and mercy. Waiting with **patience**, **permanence**, **praise**, **power**, and **proclamation** is the mark of a disciple!



Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from 1 & 2 Timothy & Titus. The title of our study is "Follow The Leader" The lesson this week... "Truth You Can Live By" from Titus 2:1-15. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following... Titus 2:11-12 "11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age..."

Family Day @ Brookshire's Park

Plan to be a part of our special Family Day at Brookshires Park on Sunday, May 31.

Plan to come out after church Sunday morning. Bring your lunch and a change of clothes to enjoy a day of activities. We have several activities planned throughout the day with dinner @ 5:30 followed by a time of worship.

It is gonna be a GREAT DAY!!!

Iron Men's Breakfast

Thanks to the crew for preparing to feed our Iron Men this week! Iron Men's Breakfast will meet again Thursday, June 18, 6:00 AM. Join us! Please sign up at the information center.

Important Dates

May 31 Family Day @ Brookshires Recreation Park

June 15 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen

June 18 Iron Men Breakfast

Thank You

To our West Erwin family,

Our hearts are full of love and thanks for the many kindnesses shown to us in the death of my mother, Joann Woestman. We thank the wonderful ladies that prepared and served such a delicious lunch for us prior to the service. The flowers sent from West Erwin were so beautiful and each call and card received was so special and appreciated! Thank you for every hug and sweet word of love and sympathy.

We love all of you! Sharon & Ernie Gordon & Family

My church family,

So many of you have sent rays of sunshine my way. I appreciate so much the cards, notes, phone calls, flowers, and visits. It is wonderful to have a Christian family. Your prayers and love have helped so much. Thank you.

God bless you all – Sue Skipper

Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers and remembrances for Tommy. Not just on his death, but through the years since he suffered catastrophic lung damage following heart surgery in 2004. We truly have been blessed. The family of Tommy Lowrance



Eric Thornton – Youth Minister

NEBRASKA MEETING – TODAY

Our Nebraska trip will be here before you know it. All of those planning on going to Nebraska are meeting **today in the youth classroom at 4:00pm** to split into classes, talk about work assignments, and begin working on lessons. We've opened up the trip to our junior high as well as high school students.. You will need 20 service hours, so look for opportunities to serve, as well as those you may have already accumulated this year! The dates for this year's trip are July 2nd – 11th.

NO DEVO TONIGHT

With it being a holiday weekend, and having the Nebraska meeting before church tonight, there will be no devo following our 5:00pm assembly tonight. Enjoy the holiday!

INTERLINK – JUNE 7TH-12TH

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 incoming 6th-12th graders, it's not too late to sign up! Go to www.interlinkcamp.com to register, and also sign up in class so that we can get a head count for the bus. There are sign up and info sheets in class.

Gospel Meeting

There are several Gospel Meetings being conducted in the area. Go to the Information Center to find out more.

Wednesday Night Meal



Join us at 5:30 this Wednesday in the FLC. This week we are serving **Don Juan's Mexican Food**. 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.

Wednesday Night Ladies' Class

Bring your thoughts on "HEAVEN" this week to our Wednesday night ladies' class in Room 401.

Summer Series

Wednesday Summer Series 2015

"Think about such things..." Philipians 4:8-9

It begins June 3rd with
Keith Hodges of
Eastern Hills Church of Christ
in Marshall.

"Esther: Acting in Faith"

Introduction: One of the _____ of God's people near the end of the Old Testament time is Esther.

- A. The _____ of Esther
480 B.C. Esther, Queen of Persia
- B. The _____ of Esther
Esther 4:12-17
- C. The _____ of Esther
- We must open our eyes to the _____ around us.
 - Life has its _____.
 - We should see _____ as part of God's plan.
 - Doing the right thing sometimes has _____ and consequences.
 - Our God will _____ us.

Conclusion: Esther acted in faith. So must we. And that means exactly what it says.

- Acting in faith means we are people of _____.
- Acting in faith means we are people of _____.

Updates

Leon Welborn was to undergo tests on his lungs at ETMC last Friday.
Janice Hardaway is in Mother Frances after falling at church last Sunday.
Charlotte Cawyer will have neck surgery on June 1st.
Betty Holt will have an aortic valve replacement surgery on June 2nd.
Cooper Goodson will have bypass surgery on June 3rd at Louis and Peaches Owen Heart Hospital.
Jon Sorrells will have back surgery June 8th.
Charles Rachui is in rehab in Dallas. His address is in the church office.
Marjorie Ethridge is not doing well.

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Family & Friends

Randy Davis & Larry Davis, brothers of Shirley Denman | **Jimmy Gazaway**, Debbie Jones' uncle | **Luan Hannah**, daughter-in-law of Ruth Bell | **Leslie Johnson**, daughter of Art and Jo Rowland

Serving Today

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Ralph Henderson Tim Holt
 Brett Hone Jeff Horton
 James Hughes J Jones
 Matt Kelly Odie Kennedy

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Liam Harbuck, Owen Kelly, Clay Mitcham, Brayden Reeder, Wesley Smith

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM: Jan Cook & Hannah Metcalf
 Toddler AM: Sara Scarborough & Cate Kimball
 No nursery care this evening.

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| Bible Class | 253 |
| Worship a.m. | 383 |
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May 31, 2015

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
 Song #230 Worthy Art Thou Davy Carter
 Song #239 In Moments Like These
 Prayer Dannie Skipper
 Song #332 Lead Me to Calvary
 Lord's Supper & Contribution
 Song #15 Step By Step J.R. Tharpe
 Scripture
 Song #448 The Greatest Commands Bill Allen
 Message:
 Song #943 Do You Know My Jesus?
 Dismiss
 Song #852 When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder Greg Jones

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Don Crawford
 Songs from the book Wayne Berryman
 Prayer Charles Melville
 Scripture Tom Clark
 Song
 Message:
 Song
 Song
 Dismiss Don Crawford
 Frank Debenport

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BILL'S BLOG

Bill Allen

I love the image of the church as family.

But when you think about family, everyone has a few family members that they are a little bit, um, embarrassed about. And if you say you don't have anyone like that in your family—it's probably you!!

Scripture tells us that Jesus is not ashamed to call us his family (Hebrews 2:11). And He certainly has every reason to be ashamed of us. And disappointed. And angry.

Yet He calls us His family. That passage in Hebrews has so much more to say, and it tells us how deeply Jesus cares for us and the great sacrifices He has made for us.

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. (Heb. 2:10-18)

Not only is Jesus unashamed to call us His family, He has joined with us in the human existence, made like us in every way—including temptation and suffering and death.

This Sunday we share time together with our church family. Joyce and I are so very much looking forward to being with you during our Family Day activities, and just getting to spend some more time together in getting to know our brothers and sisters. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship and bonding, of encouragement and praise. It's like our kids sing:

*God is my Father, and Jesus is my brother and the blessed Holy Spirit is my Guide.
The devil's no relation, for I'm a new creation—I'm a member of the family of God!*



ONLY GOD CAN DELIVER!

For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall, like heat in a dry place. You subdue the noise of the foreigners; as heat by the shade of cloud, so the song of the ruthless is put down. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Behold, this is our God, we have waited for him that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation (Isa.25:4-5,8-9). The message has been the same since creation. Only God can deliver! It does not matter how sinful you have become. It does not matter how destitute you are. It does not matter the mess you have made of your life. Only God can deliver! Only God can give restoration, only God can give you the peace you need, and only God can give forgiveness of sins. Only God can deliver! When we turn it over to God, we walk with our head up, our step has some life in it, and we live with hope. When you hit bottom, when you think you can't go on; just remember that only God can deliver!



Bible Class

Join us for a Combined Adult Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This coming Sunday Bill Allen will be our teacher. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from 1 & 2 Timothy & Titus. The title of our study is "Follow The Leader" The lesson this week... "Do Good Because He Is Good" from Titus 3:1-15. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following... Titus 3:4-9 "4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. 8 This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone."

Family Day @ Brookshire's Park

Family Day at Brookshire's Park this Sunday, May 31!

Plan to come out after church Sunday morning. Bring your lunch and a change of clothes & a lawn chair. We have several activities planned throughout the day with dinner @ 5:30 followed by a time of worship. It is gonna be a GREAT DAY!!!

Mission Trip Opportunity

For some months we have been working on putting together a mission trip for our families and adults. We have an opportunity to work with some of the kids in New Orleans through the Holly Grove church. We have a few spots open if you are interested. The dates are June 20-26. We will be staying at the Carrolton Ave church. If you are interested, give me a shout and we can discuss it.

Iron Men Breakfast

Thanks to all who participated in our Iron Men Breakfast this year. Due to some scheduling conflicts and the summer break, we are going to take the summer months off and meet again in September.



Family Day
Sunday, May 31st
At Brookshire's Park in Flint

Everyone's invited! We'll spend the afternoon enjoying games and activities.

Bring a lawn chair, and your favorite outdoor games as well as your own lunch.

Dinner will be provided at 5:30 p.m.

Following dinner, we will worship outside together under the pavilion.

There will be a worship service at the West Erwin building for those not wishing to participate with the group.

Maps are available at the Information Center.



Eric Thornton – Youth Minister

INTERLINK – JUNE 7TH-12TH

TODAY is the last day you can register for our camp. It is open to incoming 6th-12th graders, so for the next 12 hours, it's still not too late to sign up! Go to www.interlinkcamp.com to register, and then print off (or pick up in class) the Camp Permission and Nurse Information Forms and turn those into Eric. The cost for the camp for all West Erwin members is \$100, and can be turned into Eric as well.

NO DEVO TONIGHT – WEST ERWIN FAMILY DAY

There are no evening teen activities here at the building tonight. Instead, we hope that ALL of our youth group families will join us today out at Brookshire's Park on Lake Palestine for our West Erwin Family Day. Bring baseball stuff, footballs, kickballs (any ball will do), dominos, games, cards, anything that's fun to do with other people. Come join our church family!

NEBRASKA TEENS - IMPORTANT

With our Family Day this Sunday, and next Sunday being gone for Interlink, there are no "official organized" Nebraska Sunday meetings until June 14th. **BUT**, if you are going to be here on June 7th and not with us at Interlink, or any day between now and the 14th, **PLEASE GET STARTED** on your lesson and room preparation. Don't wait until 3 weeks before we leave to begin! Get together with your team (call, text, whatever), and figure out when you can all meet together to work on everything. We want this to be a great trip, but we need you to do the work to make that happen!

Thank You

Dear West Erwin Church of Christ, Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers. Thank you so much for all your prayers and love during this difficult time. Sincerely, Eldon & Kim McCurley

KFC

There will be no Kids For Christ this evening.

Camp Deer Run

If you registered your kids for Pee Wee Camp at Camp Deer Run, please contact Davy Carter to reserve a spot on the bus for your child.

Wednesday Night Meal

Our Wednesday night meals are over for the summer.

Wednesday Night Ladies' Class

Our Wednesday night ladies' class will not meet during the summer.

Summer Series

Wednesday Summer Series 2015

"Think about such things..." Philipians 4:8-9

It begins June 3rd with Keith Hodges of Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Marshall.

Subject: Introduction to Philipians 4:8-9

Join us in the auditorium at 7 pm.

Baby Shower



There will be a baby table shower for Chris & Jennie Ables as they prepare for the arrival of their second baby boy, William Lane Ables. Please place your gifts on the table in the foyer on June 14 and June 21. Diapers, wipes & gift cards are appreciated!

New Class for Kids

This Summer Quarter, on Wednesday nights, a class is being taught in the Heritage Room for K-5th grades. Barrett Carter, Jordan Snell, and Bailey Hammond will be working together teaching lessons on the "Miracles of Jesus". Also, the young boys in the class will be encouraged to lead in singing, prayer, and scripture reading. The older elementary girls will assist in crafts and other projects. Please make a special effort to have your children be a part of this class.

Baptism



Our congratulations to Avery Skender on her baptism on May 30th. Avery is the daughter of Keith and Jennifer Skender. May God bless her life and her service to Him.

Wedding Anniversary



We congratulate Kenneth and Evelyn Muncy on their recent 50th Wedding Anniversary.

VBS



Vacation Bible School has been set for Saturday, August 1st in the Family Life Center. The theme this year is "Go Tell It On The Mountain". Look for a teacher meeting notice in the near future.

In the Library



These books have been added to the Adult Library collection:

1. For His Glory – a history of the North Tenneha congregation
2. Commentary of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther
3. Centered in God
4. Daily Devotional – I Grow
5. When Mountains Won't Move

Look on the "New Books" shelf for these titles.

Prayer & Care

Updates

Leon Welborn has stage 3 cancer. He will undergo chemo for 3 months and then have the top part of his lung removed.

Janice Hardaway is in Health South.

Betty Holt had surgery on her carotid artery last Thursday.

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WE West Erwin Church of Christ

June 7, 2015

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
Song #718 We Shall Assemble Gary Ables
Song #539 Higher Ground
Song #683 I Am Mine No More
Prayer Eric Moseley
Song #354 I Gave My Life for Thee Tom Hale
Lord's Supper & Contribution
Song #71 As The Deer Bill White
Scripture *Haggai 2:20-23*
Song #464 Because He Lives
Message: **Restoration: The Temple and The Relationship** Eric Thornton
Song #940 Only a Step Phil Marts
Dismiss
Song #567 Restore My Soul

6:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
Song #991 This Is My Father's World Barrett Carter
Song #564 I Must Tell Jesus Ron Parish
Prayer
Song #716 Sing To Me Of Heaven Shaun Stamps
Scripture *Revelation 22:10-14*
Song #517 Heaven Came Down
Message: **The Alpha and the Omega** Chris White
Song #924 Just As I Am
Song #634 We'll Work Till Jesus Comes
Dismiss Jim Boyd

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BILL'S BLOG

Bill Allen

As I began this article Joyce and I were waiting at the gate in the Tyler airport, beginning our journey back—for the last time—to our home in North Carolina. What a wonderful weekend we shared with you!!

Our time together in worship and praise of our glorious and merciful God on Sunday was such a blessing. I hope you were encouraged as we finished the adult Bible class study with Titus 3, and then in our assembly as we were all reminded of the story of Esther and Mordecai and their heroic faith.

Sunday afternoon was an especially fun time as we celebrated the blessings of family and of our relationship together as brothers and sisters in Christ with Family Day at Brookshire's Park on beautiful Lake Palestine. And it was a wonderful day—related both to the weather and especially to the joy we shared as a family in Christ. Thanks to all who made that possible, and a special thanks to Danny, Lisa, Shannon and Jordan for all they did to make that time together so very special and encouraging. The idea of each group taking a "selfie" with Bill and Joyce during the Scavenger Hunt—genius!!

Our worship time included some spot-on songs led by Davy and a brief devotional thought or two from me taken from Deuteronomy 6. Here's a short reminder of that great passage:

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (Deut. 6:4-9)

This passage that Jesus would later reach back to when asked about the greatest commandment of the law is set squarely in the context of passing along the faith to our children and grandchildren. And this call—then and now—is for the community of faith, and not for the parents alone.

Is there a more important calling for the church today as well? As Moses shares "the Ten Commandments" in chapter 5, he follows that up in this call to "Remember" (the theme of Deuteronomy) with one of many charges to all the people to tell *the* story by telling *their* story to the generations that follow them.

I want to reaffirm to our young families and remind all of us of what I shared in the park last Sunday: *your* children are *our* children. We are grateful to share in your joys as you experience the blessings of their lives through their growing up years. We also want you to know without a doubt that we commit to sharing your struggles as well. We are blessed that you are a part of our family and want you to never doubt or question that we share your burdens and that you are not alone as you seek to share *our* story—the story of Jesus and His love—with *our* children.



MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS!

Growing up, my Dad was my song leader at church. When I see those words, "my hope is built on nothing less", I can see him so clearly at the pulpit leading that song. He loved it and it remains one of my favorite hymns today. The chorus says it all about our faith. *On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.* To me, this is a song of hope! Our hope is the fuel in our tanks. In 2 Corinthians 3:14-18, Paul gives us three reasons for hope. First, **we can know Christ.** *But their minds were hardened... whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed (2 Cor. 3:14-16).* We know about Jesus' redeeming work for us. We know about his grace and mercy. We know of his love for us and his promise. Secondly, **we are free from sin.** *Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom (2 Cor. 3:17).* There is nothing better than the sweet liberty from the burden of sin. In Jesus, there is no more regret. In Jesus, there is no more guilt. In Jesus, there is joy! Thirdly, **we reflect God's glory.** *And we... are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord (2 Cor. 3:18).* With Jesus, we can help others build their hope on nothing less! What is your hope built on?



Family Day

Our Family Day at Brookshire's Park was a great success! We had over 250 enjoy the day together. Thanks to Morris Hallman, Matt Hamm, James Sublette, David Hammond, Jimmie Philpot and all others who helped with food.... A special thanks to Lisa, Shannon and Jordan Snell who planned and organized the activities of the day! It is always good for God's people to enjoy life together!



Bible Class

Join us in Bible Class as we begin a new quarter study entitled, "Jesus Christ: Simply the Best". We will cover Hebrews, 1 & 2 Peter and Jude. This week..."Above Us, Yet With Us" ... Join us!

Consider the following:

Hebrews 1:1-4

1 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. **3** The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. **4** So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

Sunday Evening Services

For the summer months Sunday evening services will meet at 6:00 p.m.



Eric Thornton – Youth Minister

INTERLINK – THIS WEEK

We leave today for our week at Interlink! This year's theme is NEXT – Growing a Faith That Lasts. Each day we'll look at different topics, from "Owning & Growing" our own faith, "What is My Purpose", "What Do I Do With Everything I've been Taught", and finally "Our Influence" we have on others. It's going to be a fun week, full of wild and crazy games, a week of making new friendships, of strengthening old ones, and most importantly, one that will hopefully draw us closer to our Creator and will help understand His will for our lives even more. Please partner with us in prayer for ALL the teens coming to Interlink this week, but especially those who are coming from West Erwin. We'll meet today at 1pm at the Family Life Center, load up and leave from there. Please make sure your child has enough additional money for two fast food meals traveling on the road as well as any cash beyond \$10 that they would want for extra snacks at the canteen during the week.

NEXT DEVO – NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH

There are no evening teen activities here at the building tonight, due to the majority of our group being gone to Interlink. We will however have a devo next Sunday night, so make plans to join us for that!

NEBRASKA TEENS - IMPORTANT

Again, there are no "official organized" Nebraska Sunday meetings until next Sunday, June 14th. **BUT**, if you are here today and not with us at Interlink, or any day between now and the 14th, **PLEASE GET STARTED** on your lesson and room preparation. Don't wait until 3 weeks before we leave to begin! Get together with your team (call, text, whatever), and figure out when you can all meet together to work on everything. We want this to be a great trip, but we need you to do the work to make that happen!

Thank You

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Our most heartfelt thanks for the prayers, cards and support given to our family on behalf of our dear sister before and after her passing away. Nothing compares to the caring concern and love of brothers and sisters in Christ, especially during a difficult time such as the loss of a dear loved one. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will always be remembered with thankfulness and gratitude. In Christian Love, Rita Sifton, Nita Kennedy and family of Shirley McCurley

Summer Series

Wednesday Summer Series 2015

"Think about such things..."

Philippians 4:8-9

June 10th

"Whatever is True"

Tim Henderson, Tyler

Join us in the auditorium at 7 pm.



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 Toddler PM: Emma Stamps

Prayer & Care

Updates

Leon Welborn's brain scan was clear. He had his first chemo last Monday and will have another after 21 days.
Norma Durham has shingles on her face.
Janice Hardaway is in Health South.
Betty Holt is home now.
Cooper Goodson is home now and doing well.
Jon Sorrells had back surgery last Monday. He is doing well.
Charles Rachui is in Zale Lipshy Hospital and doing well. He hopes to start therapy soon.

West Erwin Family

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| Our Records | June 7 |
|---------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 240 |
| Worship a.m. | 366 |
| Worship p.m. | 159 |
| Wed. p.m. | 141 |
| Contribution | \$19,822.90 |
| 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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Order of Worship

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | Danny Snell |
| Song #517 Heaven Came Down | Gary Ables |
| Song #134 The Lord's My Shepherd | |
| Prayer | Robert Lee |
| Song #376 He Paid a Debt | |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | Don Crawford |
| Song #615 He Keeps Me Singing | |
| Scripture Ezra 9:6-9 | Cal Wilkinson |
| Song #448 The Greatest Commands | |
| Message: Ezra and God, the Promise Keeper | Donnie Carnathan |
| Song #903 There Is Power in the Blood | |
| Dismiss | Gaylan Seagler |
| Song #874 Walking Alone at Eve | |

6:00 P.M. Assembly

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | Donnie Carnathan |
| Song #291 The Great Physician | Wayne Berryman |
| Song #308 Wonderful Love of Jesus | |
| Prayer | Lee Mink |
| Scripture 2 Timothy 2:1-7 | Jonathan Stone |
| Song #260 Majestic Sweetness | |
| Song #530 Majestic Sweetness | |
| Message: The Best Advice I Can Give | Davy Carter |
| Song #594 Live for Jesus | |
| Song #679 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus | |
| Dismiss | Jay Bynum |

Our Weekly Schedule

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| SUNDAY | |
| Bible Class | 9 a.m. |
| Morning Worship | 10 a.m. |
| Evening Worship | 6 p.m. |
| MONDAY | |
| W.E. hosts Karing Kitchen | 6 p.m. |
| TUESDAY | |
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BILL'S BLOG

Bill Allen

The apostle Paul makes a very challenging statement as he begins what we call Ephesians 4. He tells us to live a life "worthy" of our calling. (Eph. 4:1) How is that even possible?

If you understand his statement to be a call for us to be *deserving* of our calling and salvation, or somehow to live in such a way that we *earn* the blessings we have received and continue to be given, then no, that is impossible. You might ask, "How do you know that, Bill?" Well, because I've read the three chapters of Ephesians that precede that statement! The apostle makes it very clear that we can do nothing to earn or deserve this salvation or any of our blessings in Christ, all of which we have been given strictly by the grace of God and the sacrifice of Christ.

However, we can live in a way that is *worthy*, conducting ourselves with the values and actions that demonstrate a sense of gratitude for the gifts and love for the Giver. And that's actually what Paul shares in the last three chapters of Ephesians, starting with chapter four.

Where he begins is with the atmosphere and basis for the unity of the church, terms Jim Woodroof used years ago and others have as well. It's a call for the church to grow up and be/live/act as the mature body of Christ, rather than in the childish and selfish ways of the world. Central to that call are these statements in Eph. 4:14-16.

¹⁴Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Anyone can follow God or believe in "the truth" when we agree with that truth. It's when the teaching is hard and we are tempted through our culture and our own desires to believe, practice, and "speak" something other than the truth. Yes, we must speak and live in love. But it must be the truth that we speak.

Tim Keller, in a new book entitled, *Preaching: Communicating Faith in an Age of Skepticism*, writes this: "Only if your God can say things that upset you will you know you have a real God and not just a creation of your imagination. So an authoritative Bible (the point of contradiction) is not the enemy of a personal love relationship with God (the point of contact). It is the precondition." (p. 113) He goes on to say not only should we not hold it against the Bible that it offends us at some points—we should expect that of God's Word!

The question for me is, do I want a God of my own creation, or do I want a God who challenges and confronts me through His authoritative Word? Will I commit to living and speaking the truth in love? Will we as a church commit to do the same? According to Paul, only then will we "grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ."



LIVING WITH DOUBT?

All of us hate it when we have moments of doubt. Without a doubt, being a faithful Christian, trying to imitate Christ in all aspects of our lives, and not having moments of weakness is a difficult thing to do. It is in our nature to doubt and Satan waits for those moments to attack. We have biblical examples of those we look up to and admire who had their moments of doubt in their walk with God. John the Baptist, Thomas, Gideon, and Peter all had moments when their faith waivered and doubt crept into their lives. Psalms 73 addresses the topic of doubt very well. The writer could not understand why God would allow the wicked to prosper and it got to a point where he questioned God about his knowledge (Psa.73:11). What changed his thinking? Consider the words of the psalmist, *But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end* (Psa.73:16-17). The psalmist realized his problem; he was worrying instead of worshipping. When we work on getting closer to God with our service, prayer life, and study, the less we doubt in life. Doubts arise when we let our faith weaken by drifting away from God! God knows, God cares, and He's always with us, don't doubt if for a minute!



Karing Kitchen

West Erwin will host again on Monday, June 15. We serve from 6:00-7:00 and setup will be at 5:00. Come and help us serve the hungry and be a blessing to our community.

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from Hebrews, 1 & 2 Peter. The title of our study is "Jesus Christ: Simply The Best" The lesson this week... "See It Through" from Hebrews 5:11-6:12. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following... Hebrews 6:11-12

"11 We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. **12** We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised."

Baby Boy



William Lane Ables "Will" was born 6/8/15 at 6:25 p.m. Weighing 7 lbs 10 ozs and measuring 18 ½ inches long. Everyone is happy and healthy. Welcomed by parents Jennie and Chris Ables, big brother Owen, grandparents Julie and Gary Ables, and great grandparents Agnes and Arnold Ables.

Baby Girl



We congratulate Bruce and Cortney Bevers on the birth of a baby girl, Kolbie Klaire. Kolbie was born June 4th at 9:57 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds and was 20½ inches long. The Bevers have been visiting with us for a while. We want to wish them well with their new baby girl.

New Class for Kids

This summer quarter, on Wednesday nights, a class is being taught in the Heritage Room for K-5th grades. Barrett Carter, Jordan Snell, and Bailey Hammond will be working together teaching lessons on the "Miracles of Jesus". Also, the young boys in the class will be encouraged to lead in singing, prayer, and scripture reading. The older elementary girls will assist in crafts and other projects. Please make a special effort to have your children be a part of this class.

VBS



Vacation Bible School has been set for Saturday, August 1st in the Family Life Center. The theme this year is "Go Tell It On The Mountain". Look for a teacher meeting notice in the near future.



Eric Thornton – Youth Minister

DEVO TONIGHT

There will be a devotional tonight following the evening assembly in the FLC, lasting until 8pm. Please bring \$3 for dinner, and definitely wear close-toed shoes!

NEBRASKA PREPARATION – THIS AFTERNOON

Groups are meeting at 4:00pm today and working until church begins on their Nebraska preparations in the workroom upstairs in the children's wing. Please make sure everyone in your group knows what your plans are (so COMMUNICATE with each other) and work together to help ease up on the workloads for everyone. We're only 2 ½ weeks away!

INTERLINK – NEXT!

We had such a great week at Interlink. This was our 5th year for this camp, done for our same group of churches that participate in our East Texas area widens with us. We had almost perfect weather all week, had a beautiful afternoon at the beach one day, and made friends that would last years to come. Our theme was NEXT, Growing a Faith That Lasts. Each day we'll looked at different topics, from "Owning & Growing" our own faith, "What is My Purpose", "What Do I Do With Everything I've been Taught", and finally "Our Influence" we have on others. We know that in youth ministry, we have done our teenagers a disservice if, once they leave our youth groups, we haven't helped them develop a faith of their own that will carry them. So it's weeks like Interlink, where we have the chance to really communicate those truths in a setting away from many of the distractions of home. Thank you for praying for us, and for loving these kids to Christ.

Baptism



Our congratulations to McKenzie Fennell on her baptism last Monday. McKenzie is the daughter of Jeff and Pam Fennell. We rejoice with this family in her decision.

Baby Shower



There will be a baby table shower for Chris & Jennie Ables and their second baby boy, William Lane Ables. Please place your gifts on the table in the foyer on June 14 and June 21. Diapers, wipes & gift cards are appreciated!

Summer

Series

Wednesday Summer Series 2015

"Think about such things..."

Philippians 4:8-9

June 17th

"Whatever is Noble..."

Jerry Savage, Sulphur Springs

Join us in the auditorium at 7 pm.

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Order of Worship

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | Donnie Carnathan |
| Song #508 A Wonderful Savior | Wayne Berryman |
| Song #475 Glory to His Name | |
| Prayer | Chris Ables |
| Song #560 Living By Faith | |
| Song # 315 When I Survey The Wondrous Cross | |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | Ralph Henderson |
| Song #36 My Tribute (To God Be The Glory) | |
| Scripture Malachi 1:8-10 | Will Christian |
| Song #4 To God Be the Glory | |
| Message: "I Don't Want It If It's Not Genuine" | Eric Thornton |
| Song #934 Softly and Tenderly | |
| Dismiss | Jay Bynum |
| Song #752 God Bless You, Go With God | |

6:00 P.M. Assembly

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | Donnie Carnathan |
| Song #238 You Are the Song That I Sing | Lance Yarema |
| Song #334 'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow | |
| Prayer | Howard Dickson |
| Scripture Mark 4:23-25 | Randy Turner |
| Song #180 Jesus is Lord | |
| Song #589 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms | |
| Message: "Take Heed How You Hear" | Chris White |
| Song #915 Trust and Obey | |
| Song Anywhere is Home | |
| Dismiss | Don Durham |

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 Toddler AM: Elizabeth Granberry & Hannah Metcalf
 Nursery PM: Sheila Lewis
 Toddler PM: Elizabeth Lewis

| Our Records | June 14 |
|---------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 218 |
| Worship a.m. | 347 |
| Worship p.m. | 140 |
| Wed. p.m. | NC |
| Contribution | \$20,066.81 |
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Prayer & Care

Updates

Joann Wilkinson underwent a heart cath at Mother Frances last week.
Don Weathers fell and cracked his hip. He had surgery at Spine and Joint and is now in Olympic Plaza for rehab.
Norma Durham has shingles on her face.
Janice Hardaway is in Health South.
Charles Rachui is in Zale Lipshy Hospital and doing well. He hopes to start therapy soon.
Sharon Steadman, daughter of Ernest and Ella Bradley is now in hospice care.
Bob Headly, friend of the Ira Wilsons and a member at Whitehouse, is in Hospice of East Texas.
Charles Wood, brother of Anna Nunn, is in Mother Frances after suffering a stroke.

West Erwin Family

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BILL'S BLOG

Bill Allen

Happy Father's Day! What a blessing are Godly men to a church family! Thank you so much for your service, and your servant leadership.

I'd like to share a couple of stories about a couple of fathers. One you're likely very familiar with. One, probably not so much.

The first is Joshua. If there is a Bible character who seemed to almost always have it together and was the epitome of faithfulness and confidence, it would be Joshua. He took on a seemingly impossible task—can you imagine taking over for Moses! Yet he did exactly as Moses and the people and God told him to do, as they all called on him to “Be strong and courageous.” Toward the end of his life and leadership of God's people, he issued them this important and familiar challenge.

“Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness...But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” (Joshua 24:14-15)

The second father is one who is not quite so famous. And in the one incident Scripture tells us of him, his faith is wavering. Even he himself acknowledges his unbelief. I'd tell you his name but it's not given, that's how anonymous this father is. But I will also tell you that he is every bit the father Joshua was, and is one that we might be able to find more in common within our own walk of faith than the man who followed Moses.

You see this father brought his son to Jesus. His son was possessed by an evil spirit, and the disciples could not help him. The father said to Jesus, “But if you can do anything, please take pity on us and help us.” Jesus seems to lash out at him in response. “If you can? Everything is possible for one who believes.” Sounds like a reprimand to me. And yet here's how this amazing father responded.

“I do believe. Help me overcome my unbelief!” (Mark 9:14-29)

I wish I could tell you that I'm always right there with Joshua, but it's just not true. Much of the time I'm more like the other father. And I imagine you are too. Not unfaithful. But not necessarily hitting on all cylinders either. It's certainly not that we don't believe. But many times we're right there with this father—this *faithful* father—needing the help of the Lord that we might overcome our unbelief.

By turning to Jesus, even during those times—*especially* during those times—we're demonstrating that our faith is perhaps even stronger than we think it is. Because it's during those times that we reveal that our faith is in our Lord, and not in ourselves.



ARE YOU LIVING TO PLEASE GOD?

How many times have you heard, “You can't please everyone”? While that is true, there is someone that we need to please all the time; God. How do we please God? Consider these passages. *Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God (Heb.13:15-16).* It pleases God when we praise Him to the world, acknowledge what He has done for us, and then share those blessings with the world. *And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him (Heb.11:6).* It pleases God when we grow in faith to serve Him and believe in the hope of his promises. *First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,...This is good and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior (1 Tim.2:1,3).* God is pleased when his people pray, especially when they pray for the salvation of the lost. What pleases God? God is pleased when we live with gratitude for his goodness. He is pleased when we step out in faith and when we pray for his will to be done in all things! Are you living to please God?



Fathers Day

As many will reflect the holiday... Fathers Day... this coming Sunday, I am reminded of the very important role we as fathers play in our families. Consider the following quotes about being fathers...

“Any man can be a father. It takes someone special to be a dad...”

“It is not flesh and blood but the heart which makes us fathers and sons.”

Mission Trip

As of this writing, eight West Erwin adults are preparing to spend four days with inner city kids in the heart of New Orleans. Please pray that we can be the light in this great city. We will be returning home on Friday.

Karing Kitchen

Thanks to all those who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday night. We had a great turn out to help serve! West Erwin will host again on Monday, July 27.

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from Hebrews, 1 & 2 Peter. The title of our study is “Jesus Christ: Simply The Best” The lesson this week... “Once, for All” from Hebrews 7:1-28. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following... Hebrews 7:26-27 “Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.”

Singing School

The 69th Annual Singing School at ACU is July 12-17. Visit www.SingingSchool.org for more information or call the church office.

Thank You

Dear church family,

Words cannot express my appreciation for the many prayers and other things showing you care for my well being during surgery and recovery. The feeling of peace and security is so great. I pray God's blessings on each and all, especially others who still need our prayers. I thank God and you.

In Christian love, Betty Holt

New Class for Kids

This summer quarter, on Wednesday nights, a class is being taught in the Heritage Room for K-5th grades. Barrett Carter, Jordan Snell, and Bailey Hammond will be working together teaching lessons on the “Miracles of Jesus”. Also, the young boys in the class will be encouraged to lead in singing, prayer, and scripture reading. The older elementary girls will assist in crafts and other projects. Please make a special effort to have your children be a part of this class.

VBS



Vacation Bible School has been set for Saturday, August 1st in the Family Life Center. The theme this year is “Go Tell It On The Mountain”. Look for a teacher meeting notice in the near future.



Eric Thornton – Youth Minister

DEVO TONIGHT

There will be a devotional tonight following the evening assembly in the FLC, lasting until 8pm. Please bring \$3 for dinner, and your BIBLES, and a friend!

NEBRASKA PREPARATION – THIS AFTERNOON

Groups are meeting at 3:00pm today and working until church begins on their Nebraska preparations in the work room upstairs in the children's wing. **PLEASE make sure everyone in your group knows what your plans are** (so COMMUNICATE with each other, group leaders) and work together to help ease up on the work loads for everyone. We're are now less than 2 weeks away!

WEGG (WEST ERWIN GRUB CLUB) – THURSDAY

It's pretty much just what it sounds like! We're getting together as a youth group, and getting' our grub on (or just plain eating lunch) This coming Thursday, for any youth groupers that want to join us at Slim Chickens down on South Broadway, we will be meeting there for lunch at 11:30am.

TULSA MISSION TRIP MEETING – NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, June 28th, immediately following our AM assembly, over in the high school classroom, we will have an informational meeting for our high school students and parents who have an interest in our second mission trip of the summer, to work with inner city kids at the Contact Church of Christ in Tulsa, OK called “Camp Contact”. The dates of the trip are July 19-24. So if your child is going into the 9th grade through graduates, and this amazing opportunity interests you, please come to the short informational meeting.

ETCA

East Texas Christian Academy is seeking the following positions for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Upper Level Math Instructor
- Elementary PE Teacher

Applicants should contact Jim Bell at jbelle@etca.org or visit the ETCA website: www.etca.org.

Baby Shower

There will be a baby table shower for Chris & Jennie Ables and their second baby boy, William Lane Ables. Please place your gifts on the table in the foyer on June 14 and June 21. Diapers, wipes & gift cards are appreciated!

Summer Series

Wednesday Summer Series 2015

“Think about such things...”

Philippians 4:8-9

June 24th

“Whatever is Right...”

Robby Arrington, Rusk

Join us in the auditorium at 7 pm.



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
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 Bailey Hammond
 Toddler AM: Emily Moore &
 Jaci Philpot
 Nursery PM: Evelyn Muncy
 Toddler PM: McKenzie Fennell

Order of Worship

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|---|------------------|
| Welcome/Call to Worship | Donnie Carnathan |
| Song #96 I Stand In Awe | Gary Ables |
| Song #539 Higher Ground | |
| Song #31 Be Still and Know | Wayne Berryman |
| Prayer | |
| Song #342 We Saw Thee Not | |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | |
| Song # 71 As the Deer | David Hammond |
| Scripture Nehemiah 1:5-11 | Tom Clark |
| Song #4 To God Be the Glory | |
| Message: The Remnant & The Cupbearer | Danny Snell |
| Song #904 Have You Been to Jesus? | |
| Dismiss | Fred Wingate |
| Song #694 Servant Song | |

6:00 P.M. Assembly

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | Donnie Carnathan |
| Song #416 Footsteps of Jesus | Davy Carter |
| Song #383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross | |
| Prayer | Tom Hale |
| Scripture Ephesians 3:8-12 | Wade Weathers |
| Song #608 He Gave Me a Song | |
| Song #625 Zion's Call | |
| Message: Why I Am a Member of the Church of Christ | Chris White |
| Song #947 Jesus Is Tenderly Calling | |
| Song #528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives | |
| Dismiss | Phil Marts |

Our Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

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|-----------------|---------|
| Bible Class | 9 a.m. |
| Morning Worship | 10 a.m. |
| Evening Worship | 6 p.m. |

MONDAY

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| Karing Kitchen | 6 p.m. |
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TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Food Distribution | 8:30-10:30 a.m. |
| Evening Bible Study | 7 p.m. |
| Food Distribution | 6:30-7:30 p.m. |

THURSDAY

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Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to Pat Lewis and her family in the death of Beau. Services were Wednesday.

Updates

Wanda Cook will have surgery on her carotid artery on July 2nd at ETMC.
Doris Neal is home now.
Don Weathers is in Olympic Plaza for rehab.
Norma Durham has shingles on her face.
Janice Hardaway is home.
Charles Rachui is in Zale Lipsy Hospital and doing well. He hopes to start therapy soon.
Charles Wood, brother of Anna Nunn and uncle of Diane Denman is in Hospice of East Texas.

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| Our Records | June 21 |
|---------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 226 |
| Worship a.m. | 394 |
| Worship p.m. | 151 |
| Wed. p.m. | NC |
| Contribution | \$24,657.24 |
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Don Ingram
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BILL'S BLOG

Bill Allen

Like me I'm sure your emotions ran pretty high at the news from this past week of nine worshippers murdered at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston. Like so many of us do, these fellow believers had gathered on a Wednesday night to worship and study and pray with their church family.

The suspected gunman is Dylann Roof, a 21-year-old man who was obviously motivated by racial hatred.

He sat in the Wednesday night prayer service for about an hour before pulling out a concealed handgun and killing those who had welcomed him into their time of worship of the Prince of Peace.

I think for all of us the emotions in response have run the gamut, and are still strong. A few that come to my mind are shocked; saddened; infuriated; violated; persecuted.

You don't know me very well—yet!! So let me be very, very clear about my take on this kind of incident.

Racism is a sin.

Seeking to manipulate others through violence and threat—also known as bullying and terrorism—is a sin.

Acts like these demonstrate hatred and cowardice, selfishness and sinfulness.

Now a word or two about the Emanuel church and other direct victims of this senseless and horrible act.

Their loss is our loss, and our hearts mourn for all who are especially victimized by such a savage act.

What are we to do now?

Perhaps we can be more mindful and compassionate of those who differ from us.

We can certainly pray to our heavenly Father for those who are especially hurting.

And we can thank Him for the amazing way that so many have responded—with honest hurt; mournful prayer and lament; and a show of unity that loudly states that acts of cowardice and hate will not destroy our purpose and mission of sharing the love and Word of Christ with all, in our words and with our lives.

This time next week Joyce and I will worship together with you, our West Erwin church family. We have committed to joining hand in hand with you in being the light of the world, and are excited that we will be there for good next week. Our calling is great; our task is at times difficult; our victory is assured.

All praise to the Prince of Peace!



SOME THINGS TO BE ENCOURAGED ABOUT!

It is important in our faith that we be encouraged from time to time. Encouragement helps build our faith and it lifts our spirits. For example, I was very encouraged by the turnout to help Anna Nunn in her situation last Monday. God gives us encouragement through the actions of others. I would like to share with you some other ways God provides us encouragement. **We are encouraged by God's loyalty to us!** *For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown in his name (Heb.6:10).* God will not ignore our service or our ministry of love. **We are encouraged by the victorious faith of others.** *And we desire each of you to show the same earnestness...imitators of those who through faith inherit the promises (Heb.6:11-12).* We should learn lessons from those who have walked before us. Learning from others can help us reduce many mistakes in life. **We are encouraged by God's fulfilled promises.** *And thus Abraham having patiently waited, obtained the promise (Heb. 6:13).* God's promises to us are the surest things in our lives. Believe in them. **We are encouraged by the hope we have in Jesus.** *We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope (Heb. 6:18).* It has been said that hope to a Christian is what a secure anchor is to a ship. Hope sustains us and braces us for the bad times. Hope is the anchor for our soul. God encourages us all the time. We are encouraged by the creation and how he works within us. Study and prayer make us more aware of God's encouraging ways! How has God encouraged you lately?



Mission Trip

We have had a great week in New Orleans working with 40 elementary age boys and girls from the inner city. Special thanks to Suzanne Braley, Sonja Carter, Ken Culpepper, Danielle Rousseau, Lisa Snell, Shannon Snell and Charity Stocking.

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from Hebrews, 1 & 2 Peter and Jude. The title of our study is "Jesus Christ: Simply The Best" The lesson this week... "Necessary Bloodshed" from Hebrews 9:1-28. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following... Hebrews 9:15 "For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant."

Thank You

To my wonderful West Erwin family:

Thank you for all the cards, letters, visits, and prayers. Today is June 23. I had my staples removed today. All I lack is a 6 week follow-up visit with the doctor. I have no leg pain and little back pain. Our God is great. He hears and answers our prayers. For that we are all thankful. I'd like to give a special note of thanks to Ira Groom, who called me the night before surgery, to inform me that he had sharpened his pocket knife; and if there was a problem with my surgeon, he was ready to step in! May God bless each and every one of you to the fullest.

In Christian love,
Jon Sorrells

Dear West Erwin Family,
I just wanted to say thank you for the Bible you gave to me. It is much appreciated.
Sincerely,
Matthew Kimball



Eric Thornton – Youth Minister

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NEBRASKA PREP – TONIGHT (AFTER CHURCH TOO!)

Since this is our last Sunday before we leave, we will also be working on decorations and VBS classes tonight after church. There will be FREE pizza, so no need for money, but plan on staying from 7-9pm like a regular devo night.

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Summer Series

Wednesday Summer Series 2015

"Think about such things..."

Philippians 4:8-9

July 1st

"Whatever Is Pure..."

Tim Grounds, Tyler

Join us in the auditorium at 7 pm.

"Biblical Freedom"

Introduction: The July 4th holiday rightly celebrates American _____ Day.

Biblical freedom, however, is an acknowledgement of _____.

A. Biblical freedom is being free from the guilt of _____.

Romans 3:21-26
John 3:14-17; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 John 1:5-2:2

B. Biblical freedom is being free from the guilt of _____.

Romans 8:1-4
Romans 1-5; Gal. 2-4; 5:1-12

C. Biblical freedom is being free to _____ and to _____.

➤ Submit to God and to His will; _____ God.
Romans 6:1-4ff; Galatians 5:16-26

➤ Submit to one another; _____ others.
Galatians 5:13-15 (Mark 12:28-34)
Matt. 20:20-28; Eph. 5:1-2, 21; 1 John 3:16-18

Conclusion: Philippians 2:1-11

- Biblical freedom is _____.
- Biblical freedom is _____.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy are extended to Anna Nunn and Diane Denman. Charles Wood, Anna's brother and Diane's uncle, passed away last Sunday. Services were Wednesday.

Our sympathy is also extended to Kim Jordan in the death of her mother, Mattie Hawkins, on Tuesday.

Updates

Phyllis Rachui had a toe amputated because of her diabetes. She should be home now. **Charles** remains in Zale-Lipshy Hospital.

Pam Fennell had surgery Monday.

Ruth Moore had carpal tunnel surgery Monday.

Wanda Cook had surgery on her carotid artery on Thursday.

Don Weathers is now home.

Norma Durham has shingles.

Beau Lewis' brother, **Leslie**, was taken to the hospital in serious condition Tuesday. **Pat Lewis** said she was having problems with high blood pressure and swelling.

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SOUND

Clifton Lindsey & Cal Wilkinson

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Toddler AM: Mary Scarborough
Nursery PM: Joanna Stamps
Toddler PM: Jordan Snell

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|---------------|-------------|
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| Worship p.m. | 194 |
| Wed. p.m. | NC |
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Believe | Connect | Serve

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship Danny Snell
Song #535 The Glory-Land Way Gary Ables
Song #881 Mansion over the Hilltop
Prayer Frank Debenport
Song #314 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Lord's Supper & Contribution Greg Jones
Song #239 In Moments Like These
Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:21 Jimmie Philpot
Song #867 To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way
Message: **Biblical Freedom** Bill Allen
Song #940 Only a Step
Dismiss Don Crawford
Song #1007 America the Beautiful

6:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Danny Snell
Song #548 The Lily of the Valley Lance Yarema
Song #959 Just a Little Talk with Jesus
Prayer Robert Lee
Scripture Colossians 3:17 Barry Ciaschini
Song #703 I Love You with the Love of the Lord
Song #543 Wonderful Words of Life
Message: **Free Servants** Bill Allen
Song #939 O, Why Not Tonight?
Song #878 Sweet By and By
Dismiss Charles Melville

Our Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY
Bible Class 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.

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Karing Kitchen 6 p.m.

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Food Distribution 6:30-7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY
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Young at Heart 6:00 p.m.

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BILLS BLOG

Bill Allen

Joyce and I are excited about this Sunday. It will be such a blessing to once again be with our West Erwin family--this time for good!

Our first Sunday assembly together now seems so long ago, partly I'm sure because of the anticipation we have felt for the day when we have actually moved to Tyler and have "officially" begun this journey together.

That day is here!

As I write this, however, we are surrounded by boxes and are hopeful (and more than a little prayerful) that everything gets there in one piece and not in pieces. As you know moving is a lot of work and is physically exhausting and emotionally draining. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers and encouragement during this transition time and seek the same in the days ahead as well.

Many of you will likely be away this holiday weekend, and will miss being a part of the excitement and blessing this Sunday will surely have for all of us. We pray safe travels and great memories made for all. And we look forward to another "first Sunday" with you! The 2015 Independence Day will always be a special one for Joyce and me. For all of us though it is a very timely reminder to pray for this great nation of ours, and for those in other nations as well. Our trust is fully in our God, and we humbly, gratefully and boldly accept His call to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.



THE BETTER THE YOU, THE BETTER THE CHURCH!

When the saints get together to fellowship, invariably, the talk gets around to the problems within the local congregation. You hear the statement, "I love my church but...", and it goes downhill from there. I came across an article from the *La Vista Church of Christ* in Nebraska on how to improve your church. If you want to better your church, consider these: **Remind yourself daily that you are not perfect.** We are all sinners, we all need the grace of Jesus, and God expects us to be unified in our service to Him and not to our own interests! **Don't pick out the weak to criticize, look to the spiritually strong and follow their example.** Paul urged the church in Corinth to follow him as he followed Christ. Following good examples is a great way to strengthen your faith. **Respect each other.** The young should respect the old; the old should treat the younger as they wanted to be treated when they were young. When we treat each other better, the church becomes better! **If you want to criticize someone, make sure you pray for them first.** They still may not change, but your attitude will certainly change. **When you see a work that is neglected, don't be critical; offer to help.** Nehemiah was determined to repair the walls; Sanballat was determined to be critical (Neh.2:12-20). Are you a worker or a criticizer? **Work to increase your circle of friends at church.** The better we know each other, the easier it is to love each other. How do you make a better church? You make a better church when you make a better **you!** A better you looks more like Christ in every way!



It's Time!

Today is the day we have anticipated for a long time. Bill & Joyce are here to begin working with our church family as the new preacher! We are excited! I believe they will be a blessing to us as we will to them. Keep them in your prayers.

As we transition into Bill preaching each Sunday, let me share a few thoughts as I reflect over the past year. It has been a great opportunity to be able to share with the rest of the staff in filling in preaching on Sundays. Thanks to the Elders for utilizing us and for supporting us through this transition time. We have had lots of positive comments and as always a few negative ones. Our greatest challenge ahead is not the new preacher but rather who we are as the church... the body of Christ. It is my prayer that we can continue to grow into people who seek to glorify our God. Let each of us do our part in keeping the spirit of unity, to make sure the words that come out of our mouths are encouraging and not discouraging. Let us all roll up our sleeves and get busy shining His light in our lives and our community. Let each of us be responsible for how the body talks and acts. Like Nehemiah and the Israelites, let each us be responsible for rebuilding that section of the wall... just roll up your sleeves and dig in. May God be glorified in our lives!

Karing Kitchen

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Consider the following... Hebrews 10:10 "And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

Bridal Shower

There will be a bridal shower honoring Molly Mink, bride-elect of Juan Quinonez, Sunday, July 19th 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Selections are at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Kohl's.

Baptism



We rejoice with Reagan Whatley in her decision to put Christ on in baptism. Reagan is the daughter of J. and Tresa Jones.

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Eric Thornton - Youth Minister

NEBRASKA MISSION - THIS WEEK

A group of 45 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 "SonSpark Labs", having a science experiments theme. Today we are leading and worshipping with the West Point church. One Monday afternoon we will be helping them with several work projects, including reroofing a small building, laying out mulch, and doing some much needed painting to the exterior of their church building. On Tuesday afternoon we'll finish up those projects, and that night we'll be providing a free screening (and free food) of the movie "Hoovey" for West Point and all the surrounding communities. 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 of VBS and begin our trip home, stopping in Springfield and Branson 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!

TULSA MISSION TRIP - JULY 19-24

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Summer Series

Wednesday Summer Series 2015

"Think about such things..."

Philippians 4:8-9

July 8th

"Whatever is Lovely..."

Ben Brewster, Bossier City

Join us in the auditorium at 7 pm.

"Proclaiming Christ"

Introduction: What happens when we _____?
(Colossians 1:28-29)

- The power of God is _____ when we proclaim Christ!
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Romans 1:14-17
- People are _____ when we proclaim Christ!
Acts 8:12; 16:29-34
- We are called to _____ when we proclaim Christ!
2 Corinthians 4:5-6; Matthew 20:20-28
- God is _____ when we proclaim Christ!
Romans 16:25-27

Conclusion: Proclaiming Christ states two things:

- We are to _____—by word and by life.
- It is _____ we are to proclaim—in truth and in love.

Prayer & Care

Updates

Jennie Melville is in Mother Frances with possible pneumonia.

Charles Rachui remains in Zale-Lipshy Hospital.

Bob Chauncey, father of Chad, suffered a heart attack Wednesday. He was hospitalized in Denton Presbyterian Hospital where he was to undergo stent procedures.

West Erwin Family

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PICK UP CARDS

Owen Kelly, Jackson Parker,
Wyatt Parker, Brayden Reeder,
Wesley Smith

SOUND

Cliffon Lindsey & Jonathan Stone

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM: Norma Sorrells & Hannah Metcalf
Toddler AM: Elizabeth Granberry & Jaci Philpot
Nursery PM: Laurie Stone
Toddler PM: Emma Stamps

| Our Records | July 5 |
|---------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 220 |
| Worship a.m. | 396 |
| Worship p.m. | 174 |
| Wed. p.m. | 120 |
| Contribution | \$37,905.30 |
| Weekly Budget | \$26,651.00 |

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July 12, 2015

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Order of Worship

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Welcome/Call to Worship | Danny Snell |
| Song #15 Step by Step | Gary Ables |
| Song #47 Holy, Holy, Holy | |
| Prayer | Ernie Gordon |
| Song #366 By Christ Redeemed | |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | Dannie Skipper |
| Song #66 Doxology | |
| Scripture 2 Corinthians 4:5-6 | Gaylan Seagler |
| Song #18 Faithful Love | |
| Message: "Proclaiming Christ" | Bill Allen |
| Song #912 Burdens are Lifted at Calvary | |
| Dismiss | Greg Jones |
| Song #957 This World Is Not My Home | |

6:00 P.M. Assembly

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|--|----------------|
| Welcome/Call to Worship | Danny Snell |
| Song #611 Heavenly Sunlight | Barrett Carter |
| Song #453 Love Lifted Me | |
| Prayer | Larry Murphey |
| Scripture 1 Corinthians 3:11 | Chris Conder |
| Song #548 The Lily of the Valley | |
| Song #874 Walking Alone at Eve | |
| Message: "Message or Messengers?" | Bill Allen |
| Song #922 Jesus Paid It All | |
| Song #851 I'll Fly Away | |
| Dismiss | Jim Boyd |

Our Weekly Schedule

| SUNDAY | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Bible Class | 9 a.m. |
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BILL'S BLOG

Bill Allen

What a blessing this past Sunday was! Joyce and I are overwhelmed with your love and prayers and encouragement as we begin this exciting time of ministry and service, of love and relationships, with our West Erwin church family.

With the holiday weekend many were enjoying special time together with family and friends. And our Nebraska youth mission team was away doing marvelous work in the name of our Lord for a community that has come to mean a great deal to our church family. Even still a good crowd gathered as we met together here in Tyler to worship our Lord and encourage one another to greater obedience and service to Him.

Of course a highlight of the day here were the baptisms of Tabitha and Keaton Conder. What a wonderful moment as their father immersed them into Jesus Christ with so many of their West Erwin family joyfully looking on and praising God for His great work among us! Prayers and blessings for our young sister and brother in Christ, and praise and gratitude for the Godly influence of both their physical and their spiritual families!

As Joyce and I have considered these first few months of ministry here we've thought and prayed about some things that we really want to do. One of those of course is get to know our new church family, and give you a chance to get to know us! A great way to help accomplish that is through and in our Bible classes. So over the next several weeks we plan to visit each of the adult Bible classes for a couple Sundays, with me teaching some of the lessons during those classes we spend with each group.

This Sunday I'll teach the first of two lessons in the young adult class normally taught by Greg Jones. We're really looking forward to being with this great group of young believers, and I am especially excited that our lesson for this coming Sunday centers on Hebrews 11, the great chapter on Biblical faith. A question to consider for this week's discussion: when is faith, really faith?

Another place to begin and to continue our journey together is considering how we see the mission and the call that our great God has called us to accept. In a few weeks I'd like for us to consider the three powerful calls that West Erwin has adopted—the calls to *Believe*, *Connect*, and *Serve*. But for a few weeks beginning this Sunday I want to share some thoughts about my own personal mission statement, which is taken from Colossians 1:28-29.

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WHAT ARE WE?

Have you ever missed the opportunity to really stand out as a child of God and make a difference in someone's life? Have you ever passed on that opportunity to tell others about the love of Christ because you were a little unsure of yourself? Have you ever had that desire to step out in faith in order to play a bigger role in the Lord's church? I want to remind us of who we are in Christ with the hope of maybe putting a little more boldness in your life. We are **children of God** (Jo.1:12), created in His image, heirs of the promise, and we have the indwelling of His spirit. We can **do all things through Christ** who can and does strengthen us (Phil. 4:13). We are the **salt and the light of the earth** (Matt.5:13-14) put on this earth to reflect Christ to the lost. We are **members of the body of Christ** (1 Co.12:27), equipped to do every good work, and in the place where God offers His salvation for mankind. We are **ministers of reconciliation** and **ambassadors for Christ** (2 Co.5:17-21). We are to show Christ to the lost and speak the message of reconciliation to those without hope. We are **complete in Christ** (Col.2:10), lacking nothing, and blessed beyond measure. We are **God's fellow workers** (1 Co.3:9), put on this earth to do His will and advance the cause of Christ! We are **citizens of Heaven** (Phil. 3:20), and we are significant on this earth for what we can offer others. We are **stewards of the mysteries of God** (1 Co. 4:1), entrusted with the most precious thing God gave the world, the message of Christ! We are remarkable and God will empower us all if we let Him!



Karing Kitchen

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, July 27. Thank you for continuing to pray for this ministry!

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from Hebrews, 1 & 2 Peter and Jude. The title of our study is "Jesus Christ: Simply The Best". The lesson this week... "Faith" from Hebrews 11:1-40. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following... Hebrews 11:39-40 "39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, 40 since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect."

Upcoming Important Dates

Aug. 1 Vacation Bible School
Aug. 12 Back To School Prayer Night
Aug. 23 All Church Luncheon

A Note

We received a note from Nell Beard expressing how much she would like to be with us. She would love your visits. Floy Winnell Beard 810 Porter Ave. Room 6A Tyler, TX 75701

Bridal Shower



There will be a bridal shower honoring Molly Mink, bride-elect of Juan Quinonez, Sunday, July 19th 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Selections are at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Kohl's.

Meetings

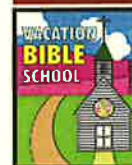
There are details at the Information Center concerning a Women's Conference in Denton November 6th and 7th and a meeting at Rice Road Church of Christ entitled, "Our Universe & Its Origin" July 31 - August 2.

Baptism



We rejoice with Tabitha and Keaton Conder as they were baptized last Sunday by their dad. They are the children of Chris and Miranda Conder.

VBS Teachers



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NEBRASKA MISSION

This week was an amazing week in West Point, Nebraska. We took a group of 45 from West Erwin for our 24th consecutive youth mission trip there. Our theme of "SonQuest Labs" this year focused on the themes beginning with creation and ending with Jesus and His desire for us to be saved. We had over 100 kids each day, peaking at over 130 VBS attendees on Wednesday. Monday afternoon put out mulch and removed a shingle roof on a building at the consolidated school here in West Point. Tuesday night we screened the movie "Hoovey" at the Community Theatre and had a great crowd of over 200 people from the area there! On Wednesday, as we do every year, we had a "concert/open house/ice cream social" 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 teenagers 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 **Cristy Lindsey, Joanna Stamps, Rachel Huff, and Ginger Philpot** kept us well fed all week, and that's a tireless effort that can easily go less noticed, that we were all VERY thankful for. And a huge thank you to our other adults, **Danielle Rousseau, Clifton Lindsey, Jennifer Skender, Laurie Kimball, Keith Skender, Shaun Stamps, Marc Philpot,** and our destination driver **Randy Turner** for helping our VBS run smoothly and drive 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.

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Thank You

Dear West Erwin Family, Thank you so much for the Bible and the Senior Sunday. I will definitely use the Bible as I go through my next chapter in life. Likewise, I will use the lessons I've learned in the youth group and on trips, in the next chapter. Thank you, again.

Love, Kacey Reeves

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Wednesday Summer Series 2015

"Think about such things..."

Philippians 4:8-9

July 15th

"Whatever is Admirable..."

Richie Hamm, Pinetree in Longview
Join us in the auditorium at 7 pm.

“Teaching Everyone”

Introduction: A central part of our mission is to _____ Christ.

A second part of our mission is to _____ that message with others.

Colossians 1:28-29

A. The _____ to Share the Gospel Message

“admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom”

Romans 1:14-17

1 Corinthians 9:19-22

Matt. 5:13-16; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15-16

B. The _____ of Sharing the Gospel Message

“so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ”

Romans 9:1-5; 10:1-4

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

C. The _____ of Sharing the Gospel Message

Isaiah 55:6-13

Matthew 28:20

Conclusion: Proclaiming _____; Teaching _____

Colossians 1:28-29

John 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:21

Prayer & Care

Updates

Wanda Cook is in ETMC with shingles on her head and face.

Jennie Melville is home now.

Charles Rachui remains in Zale-Lipshy Hospital. He is doing well.

Kalli Huff is in Children's Hospital in Dallas to build up her immune system before school starts.

Suzanne Transier's cousin, **Katie**, is fighting a bad case of MRSA.

Howard Galletly, son-in-law of Frances McBee, had surgery Wednesday for a bleeding ulcer.

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Toddler AM: Melanie Benson & Rebecca Weathers

Nursery PM: Cayla Ables

Toddler PM: Anne Kimball

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|---------------|-------------|
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| Worship a.m. | 427 |
| Worship p.m. | 222 |
| Wed. p.m. | 149 |
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Order of Worship

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Welcome/Call to Worship | Danny Snell |
| Song #2 We Praise Thee, O God | Gary Ables |
| Song #412 Jesus, Hold My Hand | Ralph Henderson |
| Prayer | Shaun Stamps |
| Song #332 Lead Me To Calvary | David Wicks |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | Bill Allen |
| Song #548 The Lily of the Valley | Phil Marts |
| Scripture <i>Romans 1:14-17</i> | |
| Song #490 It Is Well with My Soul | |
| Message: “Teaching Everyone” | |
| Song #514 Redeemed | |
| Dismiss | |
| Song #559 The Joy of the Lord | |

6:00 P.M. Assembly

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Welcome/Call to Worship | Danny Snell |
| Song #626 Christ for the World We Sing | Wayne Berryman |
| Song #652 We Have Heard the Joyful Sound | Davy Carter |
| Prayer | Don Crawford |
| Scripture <i>Acts 1:8</i> | |
| Song #566 Shall I Crucify My Savior? | |
| Song #660 People Need the Lord | |
| Song #986 Kum Ba Yah | |
| Message: “The Who and Why of Teaching Everyone” | Bill Allen |
| Song #625 Zion's Call | |
| Song #709 How Sweet, How Heavenly | |
| Dismiss | Rüger Stocking |

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BILLS BLOG

Bill Allen

The initial firsthand impression Joyce and I had of the West Erwin church was taken from the first weekend we spent here, and that time began with a dinner (Texas BBQ!!) on a Friday night with the ministers and their wives. We spent about three hours together, and talked about everything from ministry to church to family to personal relationship with God. It was an amazing time and we honestly felt like we had known these four men and their wives for years. We felt very comfortable sharing our life and thoughts with them, and knew that we had found kindred spirits and hearts that we appreciated and respected a great deal.

Throughout the transition it has been these ministers and the church office and staff that have helped the West Erwin life and ministry through this time more than anyone else, and who have helped me get this ministry off the ground in such a healthy and positive way.

That was seen again last week when Danny, Davy and Cal unloaded my books and other boxes for my office. Thanks so much brothers for your servant spirit. And to all the ministers and office staff and your families, I offer a very humble and grateful thank you for everything you have done for Joyce and me over these last several weeks.

This past Sunday began a series of weeks when I will teach in each of the adult Bible classes, and will also spend some time with the youth as well. The young marrieds and singles class is an incredible group. What a great work Greg and Debbie Jones are doing with this class. And what a very fine group of young adults this is! I was blessed to be able to share a lesson from Hebrews 11 this past week, and will close out the group's discussion of the book of Hebrews this week.

Though several of the class members had been on the Nebraska trip and had only returned home late the night before, they were in class and participating in the discussion. Clearly this is a group that is serious about their faith, their families, and their church. What a blessing you are to our West Erwin family!

This past Sunday was the first of three sermons on my personal mission statement, which is taken from Colossians 1:28-29. That lesson focused on the importance of our "proclaiming Christ." Here again is that whole passage. I'm sure you can guess what this Sunday's lesson will be about as we focus on the second part of this great call...

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.



GOD'S CONCERNS VERSES OUR WILL!

Understanding the direction of our country can be a challenging endeavor. We all struggle with the reality of being a Christian in what we feel is a "Godless" society. This is not the first time God's people have questioned this. In Psalm 9, we see the psalmist praise God's power and goodness in dealing with the external enemies of the Jewish nation. In Psalm 10, we see the psalmist question God on how he handled the "internal" enemies of the Jewish nation, in other words, why had God allowed their nation to weaken (10:1). The writer then calls for God to spring into action and take care of the evil in "his" world and "break the arm of the wicked" (10:15). Does that sound like us today? Consider God's concerns in the closing, *The Lord is King forever and ever; the nations perish from his land. O Lord, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more (10:16-18)*. From this passage we learn some timeless truths about God. **God is king forever.** All will answer to Him, all will pay for their deeds. **God is concerned for the helpless.** God looks out for those without. Jesus went to those that nobody else would. Is there a message there for us today? **God is just!** A day is coming when there will be no more oppression in this world. God will take care of it. He will deliver the fatherless, the oppressed, and those that live in fear. Where do we spend our time and energy? Do we worry more about our will being done or for God's concerns?



Family Day @ Texas Rangers

Join us on Saturday, Aug. 15 for a fun trip to the Rangers Game. We have reserved 53 tickets for the game. The cost is \$25 per ticket. We are planning to take the bus and have a tail gate party before the game. Anybody who would like to go is welcome to sign up. It will be first come first served on the 53 seats. You will need to sign up with me so we can keep track of the tickets. Text me directly. If your name goes on the list, you are expected to pay for the tickets by Sunday, August 9th. Should be a great time together for our West Erwin families. Join us!

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Consider the following... Hebrews 12:1-2 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.."

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Aug. 23 All Church Luncheon

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who honored me for my 95th birthday with cards, a cake and well wishes. Louise Caskey

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

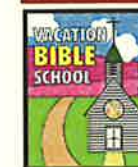
I wish I had the words to tell you what my birthday party really meant to me. The love you showed me with all your sweet cards touched my heart so much. The evening spent with all of you swelled my heart. I do feel I am more prepared to meet my Lord. Thank you so much. BillieBob Hickman

Thank you for the calls, cards, prayers, and encouragement during my bout with shingles. Again I am reminded of how thoughtful the people are at West Erwin. Norma Durham

To my West Erwin church family,

Once again thank you so much for all the prayers and support with beautiful cards, visits, calls, food (tomato sandwiches you have given me). I am doing better and should be back to my old self in a few weeks. Thank God for my church family. Love you all so much. Janice Hardaway

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Eric Thornton – Youth Minister

TULSA MISSION TRIP – THIS WEEK

A small group of our high school students left West Erwin this morning at 6am to join a larger group of teens on our second mission trip of the summer, to work with inner city kids at the Contact Church of Christ in Tulsa, OK at "Camp Contact". We will be partnering this week with high school students from Pine Tree in Longview and Chandler St. in Kilgore. This summer Contact's theme has been "Navigating Through Emotions." Camp Contact is designed to encourage character building through rotational learning. The overall goal of camp is to teach the kids that come how to transform emotions into character traits. Our specific week's theme is "Transforming Anger with Self-Control." Everything that we do and talk about will be centered on the emotion of anger & the character response of self-control. Please be in prayer for this first time mission effort for our teens, and pray not only that our teens can be a great influence during the week, but that the kids that they are ministering to will listen to them, will understand, and that it will help them form a more complete view of who God is and what he wants from their life. Our group from West Erwin includes **Eric Thornton, Wyatt Gruver, McKenzie Fennell, Adan Martinez, Emma Stamps, Miguel Santibanez, Jonathan Gunz and Katie Turner.**

UPCOMING DEVOS

There will be no devo tonight due to our group being gone on our Tulsa mission trip, but next Sunday night, July 26th, there will be a combined devo after the PM assembly time, lasting from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Close-toed shoes are NOT needed, but please bring \$3 for dinner.

Cookies for VBS

Ladies! We need cookies for VBS on August 1st! Please sign up at the Information Center and have the cookies at the Family Life Center by Friday, July 31st.

Bridal Shower



There will be a bridal shower honoring

Mollie Mink,

bride-elect of Juan Quinonez,

Sunday, July 19th 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

in the Family Life Center.

Selections are at

Bed, Bath & Beyond and Kohl's.

Summer Series

Wednesday Summer Series 2015

"Think about such things..."

Philippians 4:8-9

July 22nd

"Whatever Is Excellent..."

Bill Allen

Join us in the auditorium at 7 pm.

"Powerfully Working"

Introduction: This final part of my personal mission statement has to do with _____ efforts, and with the _____ behind those efforts.

A. Our part—to "strenuously contend" / labor / _____

1 Cor. 15:58; Eph. 2:10; Titus 3:8; Heb. 13:15-16
Matt. 7:21-27; John 13:12-17
Gal. 6:7-10; James 1:27; 2:14-26; 4:17; 1 John 3:16-18

B. Christ's part—_____ energy and power, not _____

1 Cor. 15:1-57 (58); Titus 3:3-7 (8); Eph. 2:1-9 (10)
1 Cor. 2:1-5; 2 Cor. 12:5-10
Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 4:1; 5:1-2; Heb. 13:15-16

Conclusion: In looking at Colossians 1:28-29, we have emphasized three actions:

- proclaiming _____;
- teaching _____;
- powerfully _____.

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. [Colossians 1:28-29]

Thank You

Thank you to our beloved West Erwin church family for being so thoughtful, kind, and gracious to Don and I when he took a tumble and fractured his hip. * All your visits, cards, call, prayers and well wishes provided us with strength and courage during his recovery time. * Don and I have worshiped at West Erwin most of our married life and have always enjoyed being a part of such an amazing and loving group of people. Again, a big, big thank you.
Fondly, Don and Wanda Weathers

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to Beverly Hale in the loss of her brother, Byron Bedwell, on July 17th.

Updates

Jennie Melville has shingles.

Wanda Cook is now in Providence Park

Charles Rachui continues to have an infection in his leg. He is in Zale-Lipshy Hospital in Dallas. His address is in the church office.

Kalli Huff is in Children's Hospital in Dallas to build up her immune system before school starts.

Rachel Huff's mother, **Betty Albright**, is under hospice care.

Suzanne Transier's cousin, **Katie**, is fighting a bad case of MRSA.

Debbie Jones' daughter-in-law's relative, a baby boy, **Maddox**, was born prematurely at 29 weeks. He is in NICU.

Connie Fielden, sister-in-law of Phil Marts, is going to M.D. Anderson for a special chemo treatment for cancer.

Bob Wilson, brother-in-law of Phil Marts, has improved and is now home.

West Erwin Family

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SOUND

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| Our Records | July 19 |
|---------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 237 |
| Worship a.m. | 419 |
| Worship p.m. | 175 |
| Wed. p.m. | 121 |
| Contribution | \$21,134.12 |
| Weekly Budget | \$26,651.00 |

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Believe | Connect | Serve

July 26, 2015

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Order of Worship

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | Donnie Carnathan |
| Song #96 I Stand in Awe | Gary Ables |
| Song #608 He Gave Me a Song | |
| Prayer | David Hammond |
| Song #314 Beneath the Cross of Jesus | |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | James Sublette |
| Song #538 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less | |
| Scripture Galatians 6:9-10 | Scott Albritton |
| Song #266 Majesty | |
| Message: "Powerfully Working" | Bill Allen |
| Song #625 Zion's Call | |
| Dismiss | Fred Wingate |
| Song #694 Servant Song | |

6:00 P.M. Assembly

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | Donnie Carnathan |
| Song #359 I Love the Lord | Davy Carter |
| Song #703 I Love You With the Love of the Lord | |
| Prayer | Tom Clark |
| Scripture Ephesians 4:1 | Ernie Gordon |
| Song #717 We Will Stand | |
| Song #676 Living for Jesus | |
| Message: "Putting Good Works in Their Place" | Bill Allen |
| Song #907 Hark, the Gentle Voice | |
| Song #634 We'll Work Till Jesus Comes | |
| Dismiss | Howard Dickson |

Our Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY
Bible Class 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.

MONDAY
W.E. hosts Karing Kitchen 6 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY
Food Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.
Food Distribution 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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BILL'S BLOG

Bill Allen

Joyce and I were very blessed this past Sunday to not only be in the young adult class but to also enjoy lunch with them right after our assembly. Thanks to the small group of Greg and Debbie Jones that furnished the food and shared not only the meal with us, but also the time and fellowship. It was wonderful!

This coming Sunday we will be in the class normally taught by Danny Snell. Danny and Lisa and Shannon left this week to be with his sister and help her prepare to move here to Tyler. Jordan will remain here and will be the initial caretaker of her aunt when she comes. This as you know is a very delicate and special situation. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with this wonderful, servant family that means so very much to each of us and to the West Erwin church.

Our Bible classes take a turn this week as we move from Hebrews to 1 Peter as the focus of our study. 1 Peter is such an amazing and relevant study. As our culture and surroundings continue their decades-long decline away from the Judeo-Christian values and heritage our nation was founded on (though never fully accepted), we find ourselves in a land that looks more and more like the world of the first century, and perhaps especially the world in which the recipients of Peter's epistles lived.

What a great time to be a Christian! What a great time to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world!

One of the distinctive differences between Christ's followers and the rest of the world is the subject of our study this Sunday: "holiness." It matters how we live, and as the sermon this last Sunday emphasized, many times we are able to share the love and Word of Christ with our lives long before we have the credibility to utter a single word.

As we consider the challenges of living in an environment that is at times unsympathetic and even in opposition toward those who seek to honor Christ, the sermon this Sunday morning will be a good reminder and encouragement. While we are called upon to faithfully live and work in God's world today, we also take great assurance in knowing that it is Christ's power and energy that works in, on and through us. We will consider that great promise and call as we look at the last part of my personal mission statement, Colossians 1:28-29.

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.



INCREASE YOUR FAITH!

In Luke 17, we see an interesting request from the apostles to Jesus. They ask for Jesus to "increase their faith" (17:5). I imagine that we all would make that same request after spending time with Jesus and hearing his teachings. How do we increase our faith? I think Jesus gives us four ways to do that in this chapter. To increase our faith, **we need to recognize the power of our influence** (17:1-3a). Jesus warned them of the dangers of causing someone to sin. We need to make sure we use our influence to promote the kingdom and not divide it. That is why Jesus called us to be the light of the world, a light on a stand, and the salt of the earth. We have more influence than we realize so be careful and "watch yourselves" (17:3a). In order to increase our faith, **we need to practice forgiveness** (17:3b-4). Jesus always taught that if you wanted forgiveness from God, you must be willing to extend forgiveness to others. Forgiveness obligates forgiveness. In order to increase our faith, **we need to live a life of service** (17:7-10). God calls us to be holy and to be servants. We can't be thinking of what the minimum is that God requires of us; we do right because it is right. Jesus came to serve, so should we! In order to increase our faith, **we need to have an attitude of gratitude** (17:11-19). Jesus made the point to recognize that only one of the ten lepers came back to give him thanks. In Col. 3:15-17, we see the results of a "new life" with Christ. Thanksgiving is in all three verses. Increasing your faith is helped by how you live. Are you living to increase your faith?



Family Day @ Texas Rangers

Join us on Saturday, Aug. 15 for a fun trip to the Rangers Game. We have reserved 53 tickets for the game. The cost is \$25 per ticket. We are planning to take the bus and have a tail gate party before the game. Anybody who would like to go is welcome to sign up. It will be first come first served on the 53 seats. You will need to sign up directly with me so we can keep track of the tickets. If your name goes on the list, you are expected to pay for the tickets by Sunday, August 9th. Should be a great time together for our West Erwin families. Join us!

Karing Kitchen

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, July 27. Thank you for continuing to pray for this ministry!

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from Hebrews, 1 & 2 Peter and Jude. The title of our study is "Jesus Christ: Simply The Best!" The lesson this week... "Holiness" from 1 Peter 1:3-25. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following... 1 Peter 1:13-16 "13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

Upcoming Important Dates

July 27 West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen

Aug. 1 Vacation Bible School

Aug. 12 Back To School Prayer Night

Aug. 15 Family Day @ Texas Rangers

Aug. 23 All Church Luncheon

Back to School Prayer Night



We need 20 freezers of homemade ice cream for our Back to School Prayer Night on August 12th. Sign up at the information booth.

Ranger Game



Join us for a Ranger game on August 15th. Tickets will be \$25 a piece and need to be paid for by August 9th. Call the office or text Danny Snell to reserve your tickets.

Support Group

We have been given information concerning a support group for survivors of abuse. Led by Rhonda McKenzie, a licensed professional counselor, the group meets at Shiloh Road Church of Christ on the first Wednesday of each month from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Details are at the Information Center.

Young At Heart

YOUNG AT HEART AREA WIDE AT SHILOH ROAD
AUGUST 21ST
6:00 P.M.
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PLEASE SIGN UP!



Eric Thornton - Youth Minister

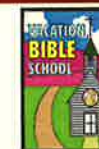
TULSA MISSION TRIP - CONTACT MISSION

A small group of our high school students have spent the last week with group of teens from the Pine Tree and Chandler St. churches on our second mission trip of the summer, working with inner city kids at the Contact Church of Christ in Tulsa, OK at "Camp Contact". Their summer theme at Contact has been "Navigating Through Emotions." Camp Contact is designed to encourage character building through going through different stations, and to teach the kids that come how to transform emotions into character traits. Our specific week's theme is "Transforming Anger with Self-Control", all based off the new Disney movie "Inside Out". Everything we did was centered on the emotion of anger & the character response of self-control. For those of you who have been praying for our West Erwin teens this week, we are very thankful for your thoughts and prayers. For those that are willing, we want to ask you to continue to pray for these kids here in this area of south Tulsa. They are precious and loved, but all face MANY uphill struggles in their lives that won't be going away any time soon. Our group from West Erwin included **Eric Thornton, Wyatt Gruver, McKenzie Fennell, Adan Martinez, Jonathan Gunz, Emma Stamps, Miguel Santibanez, and Katie Turner.**

DEVO - TONIGHT

We will be having a 6th-12th devo tonight following our PM assembly. Please bring your Bibles, and your brains, because it's a game night! You'll need \$3 for dinner, it will last from 7:00-8:30.

VBS



Vacation Bible School
Saturday, August 1st
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Family Life Center

Cookies for VBS

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Karing Kitchen

Karing Kitchen
This Monday, July 27th
at the Benevolence Center
Setup-5 p.m. Serve-6 p.m. Cleanup til 7 p.m.
Come, feed the hungry and
be a part of this great ministry.

Summer Series

Wednesday Summer Series 2015

"Think about such things..."

Philippians 4:8-9
July 29th

"Whatever is Praiseworthy..."

Greg Neill, Marble Falls

Join us in the auditorium at 7 pm.

"The Command to Believe"

Introduction: Beginning today we look at this threefold description of the West Erwin mission: **Believe; Connect; Serve**. This morning we consider the _____ to Believe.

- _____ must obey the command to believe.
 - We must believe in _____.
John 3:14-18; 8:24; 14:6
Romans 4; 10:8-15; Hebrews 11
 - We believe in Jesus through the inspired and authoritative _____.
Rom. 10:17; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 4:1-4; 2 Peter 1:16-21
John 8:31-32; 12:44-50; John 14:6, 15, 21, 23-24; 15:9-17; 20:30-31;
2 John 9
Matt. 7:21-27; John 13:12-17; Rom. 10:17; Gal. 1:8-9; Rev. 22:18-19
Eph. 4:15—"speaking the _____"
- We want _____ to obey the command to believe.
Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 9:19-22; 1 Peter 3:15-16
Eph. 4:15—"speaking the truth in _____"
1 Cor. 13; Gal. 5:13-26; Phil. 2:1-11—"_____ the truth in love"

Conclusion: The command to believe includes the _____.
Acts 16:29-34
Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; John 3:3-5
Acts 2:36-38, 41; 8:12-13, 30-39; 10:34-48; 16:13-15; 22:16
Romans 6:1-4; Colossians 2:9-15; Titus 3:3-8; 1 Peter 3:18-22

Prayer & Care

Updates

Jean Morman is in Mother Frances with pneumonia. Please no visitors at the present time.
Wendy McAuley had outpatient surgery Tuesday due to an infection from a previous surgery.
Jennie Melville has shingles.
Charles Rachui continues to have an infection in his leg. He is in Zale-Lipshy Hospital in Dallas. His address is in the church office.
Kalli Huff is now home.
Rachel Huff's mother, **Betty Albright**, is under hospice care.
Andrew and Jonie Loyd were born prematurely. Andrew had surgery Tuesday and is in critical condition in Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. Jonie is doing well. They are the great grandchildren of Arnold and Agnes Ables. Parents are Jeremy and Ashley Loyd.
Louise Seaberry's granddaughter has a friend whose baby girl, **Bailey**, was born with a cancerous brain tumor. Doctors are trying to decide when/if they can do successful surgery and remove the tumor. She is two months old and in St. Jude's Hospital.

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Toddler AM: Sharon Beaver &
Emma Stamps

Nursery PM: Cayla Ables
Toddler PM: Kim Frick

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|---------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 260 |
| Worship a.m. | 417 |
| Worship p.m. | 201 |
| Wed. p.m. | NC |
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Song #77 Glorify Thy Name Gary Ables
Song #823 Lead Me Gently Home, Father Tom Hale
Prayer Eric Thornton
Song #354 I Gave My Life for Thee Wayne Berryman
Lord's Supper & Contribution
Song #450 Give Me the Bible Bill Allen
Scripture 2 Timothy 3:16-17 Gaylan Seagler
Song # 432 How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?
Message: "The Command to Believe"
Song #943 Do You Know My Jesus?
Dismiss
Song #449 Thy Word

6:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
Song #103 He Has Made Me Glad Davy Carter
Song #449 Thy Word
Prayer Chris Conder
Scripture Psalm 119:97-98 Myron Granberry
Song #457 How Firm A Foundation
Song #543 Wonderful Words of Life
Message: "Loving God's Law" Bill Allen
Song #915 Trust and Obey
Song #452 Standing on the Promises
Dismiss Don Durham

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BILL'S BLOG

Bill Allen

One of the things that Joyce and I have realized about our new church family is that West Erwin is a hub for a whole lot of people in their spiritual journeys. Even more are acquainted and connected with our church family because of shared family, friends, and history at some points in their lives. We love that!!

And we are especially excited that West Erwin is now *our* hub!!

As I write this article there are many of our members and others that are helping Anna Nunn at her house. Thank you to all who have helped and are continuing to be there to help this dear sister of ours. Others helped serve at Karing Kitchen this past Monday evening. I appreciate your servant spirit and willingness to help others, whatever that help and service and ministry looks like.

The servant-leader of this part of our West Erwin ministry is our Donnie Carnathan.

What a true servant spirit this man is! I've come to love and appreciate Donnie in a very short time. I have already seen the compassionate way that he values everyone he comes in contact with, and all who come to him for help of some sort.

And each week that is a lot of people!

God has gifted Donnie in some incredible ways, and he is absolutely suited to lead our West Erwin family in the part of our ministry that reaches out with love and help to so many in our community and in our congregation. Thank you, Donnie and Suzie, for the special place you have in our church family and in our hearts.

This Sunday our sermons take a bit of a turn. We will still be considering the great mission God has given us. But instead of focusing on my own personal mission statement, we will begin three weeks of looking at the three aspects our West Erwin family highlights each week in our bulletin and in our life and ministry as a church.

Believe / Connect / Serve

We begin with the command to believe.

But believe what?

And believe based on what?

Those are the issues we look at this Sunday. I'm looking forward to these next few lessons as we consider not only what God has called us to do, but the call He has given us to encourage and help others to join us.



WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK?

In John 11, we can read the story of how Jesus brought Lazarus back from the dead. I would like to look at three quotes of Jesus that day and see how they can apply to our own lives. **Take away the stone (11:38)**. We all have something that stands between us and a full and abundant life with Jesus. For Lazarus, it was a stone. What is it in your life? Is it your pride, your lack of faith, or maybe your love of material things? We can't be fooled by the deceitful promises of Satan. We need to trust Jesus completely and claim the life of promises he offers. **Lazarus, come out (11:43)**. Just like Lazarus, we need to just listen for Jesus' voice and come out of that darkness in our lives. Jesus wants us to come to him with an open heart and a willingness to unload the "baggage" that keeps us down. He wants us to live with assurance and confidence. He wants us to be able to stand up and face life's hardships from a position of strength; knowing that we are promised nothing here, but everything in the end. He wants us to lead a life of faith! **Unbind him and let him go (11:44)**. We sometimes let so many things from the past hold us back from the true joy of Jesus. We don't let go of old disagreements, so we allow them to fester into serious heartaches. We worry and fret over distractions that Satan puts in our lives and as a result, the work of the church often suffers. Jesus can help us get rid of the things that hold us down. Our life is better when we are walking in the light of Jesus. Our life is better when we are focusing on our fellowship with Him. What's holding you back?



Karing Kitchen

Thanks to all those who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday night. We had a great turn out to help serve! West Erwin will host again on Monday, August 31st.

Bible Class

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Consider the following... *"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us."* (1 Peter 2:9-12)

Back to School Prayer Night



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Ranger Game



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Meeting Canceled

There will be no Deacons, Elders, Preachers meeting on August 3.

Young At Heart

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Eric Thornton - Youth Minister

DEVO - TONIGHT

We will be having a 6th-12th devo tonight following our PM assembly. Please bring your Bibles, and wear close-toed shoes! You'll need \$3 for dinner, it will last from 7:00-8:30.

END OF SUMMER THOUGHTS

It's hard to believe that in just a few short weeks, the summer will be over and school will be back in swing! As you begin to think about the transitions ahead for your child and all the intentional work you are about to do in the next two weeks to get them set up for a successful school year I wanted to leave you with a thought. It is obvious that you value school being a success for your child. You will be buying new school supplies because academics is important and a good start means good grades, and good grades opens all sorts of doors for the future. We work really hard to make our children's academic and social careers a success. We spend countless hours being anxious about their success and failures in these areas. But, we always need to be reminded that above their social success, their sporting success and even their academic success needs to be their success in faith. Unlike those other areas, our children will get absolutely very little real help and support from the people around them at school in their walk with Christ. And it is for this reason that I, as a parent, and you as a parent, must be just as much if not more proactive in helping our children find success during their time here at West Erwin and the seemingly short times they have in our homes. We must be SO intentional. We cannot be passive or think others will carry the ball for us. It is on us as parents and the community of believers here at West Erwin to be those role models and encouragers for our kids. Think of the strategy you use when your child gets a teacher they don't like or the push back you get when they don't want to wake up for school. Those complaints don't matter because school is a non-negotiable. Imagine the different kind of conversations you would be having with your children, the different battles you would have, the conversations that we would no longer even entertain. Imagine if your child's spiritual development and community were a non-negotiable. Answer for yourself how different their life could be if you encouraged that growth and relationship as the number one thing in their life, and yours too!

Summer Series

Wednesday Summer Series 2015

"Think about such things..."

Philippians 4:8-9

August 5th

"Whatever You Have Learned, Received or Heard—"

Sean Fitzgerald

Brownwood

Join us in the auditorium at 7 pm.

“The Need to Connect”

Introduction: Last week we began a look at the West Erwin mission by noting the command to _____.

Next week will be the last of these three messages with a look at the call to _____.

Today’s message focuses on the one part that seems to get lost in the middle—the _____ to Connect.

A. Each one of our members needs to connect—with _____ members.

Acts 2:42-47

B. This is especially true of _____ members, _____ members, and _____ Christians.

Hebrews 10:19-25; 3:12-14
Philippians 2:1-11

Conclusion: The challenge of assimilation is a difficult one, especially in a church that is _____ years old.

What’s it going to take for that to happen?

Things that help—

For people to come to believe and serve as a part of this church family, the

“middle child” of _____ has to happen.

From Davy Carter – I would like to thank everyone who helped with VBS this year. It would take far too much space to mention everyone individually that took part, but please know you are much loved and appreciated for your hard work. I saw areas that I feel can be improved upon to make next year’s VBS even better. Most importantly, though, I believe the children were taught some wonderful lessons from God’s word, and they had an enjoyable time. What more could one ask for than that!!! Leslie Martine has taught the Little Children’s Worship on Sunday mornings for a good while, and she is needing a break. She has accepted a teaching position this coming school year with Tyler Public Schools. We need someone to step up to the plate and take over that position for her. It would be nice perhaps, if some of the parents of the 3-5 year olds would rotate as teachers for that period of Children’s Worship. If interested please contact Davy Carter. Randy and Stacy Turner have agreed to rotate as teachers for Sunday morning BLAST for K-3rd grades. Thank you so very much!!!

Prayer & Care

Nancy Lunsford's 9-month-old great grandson was killed in a car wreck last Monday. Services were Friday in the Woodlands. Her granddaughter, Carter McIntosh was treated and released and Nancy's 3-year-old great grandson was treated for minor injuries and is home now.

Jean Morman is in HealthSouth for rehab. She is expecting to go home Tuesday.

Nina Crow is in Briarcliff for rehab.

Dick Higginbotham is in rehab at STAR in Briarcliff.

Charles Rachui continues to have an infection in his leg. He is in Zale-Lipshy Hospital in Dallas. His address is in the church office.

Rachel Huff's mother, **Betty Albright**, is under hospice care.

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| Keith Chandler | Will Christian |
| Tom Clark | Don Crawford |
| Ken Culpepper | David Demic |

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Toddler AM: Melanie Benson & Hannah Metcalf
Nursery PM: Shirley Denman
Toddler PM: Elizabeth Granberry

| Our Records | August 2 |
|---------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 235 |
| Worship a.m. | 410 |
| Worship p.m. | 195 |
| Wed. p.m. | 155 |
| Contribution | \$22,341.09 |
| Weekly Budget | \$26,651.00 |

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August 9, 2015

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Believe | Connect | Serve

Order of Worship

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Welcome/Call to Worship | Danny Snell |
| Song #647 Soldiers of Christ, Arise | Gary Ables |
| Song #731 Take Time to Be Holy | |
| Prayer | Charles Melville |
| Song #386 He Loves Me | |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | Fred Wingate |
| Song #705 A Common Love | |
| Scripture <i>Hebrews 10:23-25</i> | Michael Carnathan |
| Song #624 Seeking the Lost | |
| Message: “The Need to Connect” | Bill Allen |
| Song #672 Give Me Thy Heart | |
| Dismiss | Jay Bynum |
| Song #738 Take the Name of Jesus With You | |

6:00 P.M. Assembly

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | Danny Snell |
| Song #703 I Love You with the Love of the Lord | Wayne Berryman |
| Song #704 Bind Us Together | |
| Prayer | Lee Mink |
| Scripture <i>Ephesians 2:17-20</i> | Clifton Lindsey |
| Song #722 Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen | |
| Song #719 Love One Another | |
| Song #744 God's Family | |
| Message: “A Shared Connection” | Bill Allen |
| Song #902 Nothing But the Blood | |
| Song #711 Blest Be the Tie That Binds | |
| Dismiss | Jonathan Stone |

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Don Ingram
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Please call if you need transportation.

BILLS BLOG

Bill Allen

This past Saturday many of our West Erwin families were involved with Vacation Bible School. Like me you probably have fond memories of the times you took part in VBS as a child. What a blessing it is that our children today are making similar memories! We were especially thankful, for we had two grandchildren that were last minute additions to the fun and learning!

Thanks so much to all who helped make that day happen. Literally months are spent preparing for VBS, with lots of planning and praying and working in lots of different ways. Special thanks of course go to our Davy Carter for the leadership he gives not only to our VBS but to our Children's Ministry throughout the year. Davy and Sonja are true servants who give so very much to the future of our church and our community and God's kingdom by working with our children. I especially appreciate their strong commitment to the Word of God, and their equally strong desire to pass that commitment along to our children. Thank you, Davy and Sonja, for all you mean to our children, to our families, and to all of us.

We began this past week looking at the threefold aspect of our mission here at West Erwin.

Believe / Connect / Serve

We started with the command to believe, and affirmed that our faith is in Jesus and our faith comes through the inspired and authoritative Word of God. As we sang last Sunday, and as we considered this foundational commitment in our sermons, with the psalmist we say, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105); and we also exclaim, "Oh, how I love your law!" (Psalm 119:97)

But for us to make that transition from a mere faith to a faith that works and serves we must have the middle step of connecting. We sometimes are tempted to think that if people believe strongly enough they'll just automatically live for Jesus by serving others. But for many that is simply not true. And our gracious and wise God knew that would be the case.

They need encouragement from others; they need a group of people they can connect with and serve with.

They need the church! And they need relationships within their church family!

Who are you reaching out to in order to build such a relationship? Who do you look to for encouragement? And just as important, who are you cultivating and building a relationship with in order that you might very deliberately be an encouragement to them?



SETTING YOUR HEART TO SEEK GOD!

In 2 Chronicles 30, we read the story of "Hezekiah's Passover". Hezekiah is trying to unite the divided kingdoms with a mutual observance of the Passover. It was not a normal Passover as far as Passovers go, but I want you to note these verses. *For a majority of the people ... had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover otherwise than as prescribed. For Hezekiah had prayed for them, saying, "May the good Lord pardon everyone who sets his heart to seek God, the Lord, the God of his fathers, even though not according to the sanctuary's rules of cleanness". And the Lord heard Hezekiah and healed the people (2 Chron. 30:18-20).* This story tells me three important things about dealing with spiritual matters. First, when we are seeking God's favor; **the conditions of our heart matters.** Pride, selfishness, envy, doubt, hatred, and harsh judgments are a few matters of the heart that can hurt our spirituality. Secondly, when we are seeking God's favor; **prayer should be our top priority.** Prayer should start our day. Prayer should start our worship. Prayer should be the first step in conflict resolution. Prayer should start our efforts in forgiveness. Spiritual matters take humble, contrite, and sincere prayer. Thirdly, when we seek God's favor; **we need to realize the power of God's healing.** We are never too broke where we can't be healed by God. We are never too far away where we can't be brought back to God. When we are in Christ, nothing can separate us from God's love (Ro. 8:38-39). Are you setting your heart to seek God?



Family Day @ Texas Rangers

Join us on Saturday, Aug. 15 for our trip to the Rangers Game. We have reserved 12 tickets left for the game. The cost is \$25 per ticket. We have made a slight adjustment in the plans due the excessive forecasted heat! Instead of the tailgate party, we are going to eat at Fuddrucker's on the way to the game. We plan to leave the church at 2:30...so be there early so we can leave on time! Please bring money for your dinner. Contact me directly ASAP if you want tickets.

Karing Kitchen

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, Aug 31. Thank you for continuing to pray for this ministry!

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from Hebrews, 1 & 2 Peter and Jude. The title of our study is "Jesus Christ: Simply The Best" The lesson this week... "Christlikeness" from 1 Peter 4:1-19. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following... 1 Peter 4:8-10 "8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

Upcoming Important Dates

Aug. 12 Back To School Prayer Night

Aug. 15 Family Day @ Texas Rangers

Aug. 23 All Church Luncheon



Eric Thornton - Youth Minister

SWIM PARTY - AUGUST 14TH

On Friday evening, August 14th, Clifton and Cristy Lindsey are hosting a swim party for the youth group at their home in Whitehouse. The fun will start around 4:30, and for those who might live further north that could use a ride, there will be a van leaving from West Erwin at 4:00pm. As always, girls please wear appropriate swimwear, either a one-piece or a tankini. We'll be done by 8:00pm, so for those catching the van, we'll be back at West Erwin at 8:30pm. Come join us for a fun night together before back to school!

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER NIGHT - THIS WEEK!

Teens and families, don't forget that this Wednesday is our back to school prayer night. When you come into the Family Life Center, we'll have the chairs set up for worship first, and then we'll break off into our different school districts, and of course afterwards... homemade ice cream! So please join us at 7:00pm, it will be a great night.

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES - "EVANGAPHOBIA"

Few things hold the power to paralyze our lives like fear—fear of heights, of spiders, of clowns, but when it comes to our faith, it's the fear of evangelism. After finishing our series on Apologetics, we're going to begin having conversations now on how to overcome your fears about sharing your faith and cultivate a passion for sharing the gospel, so that we're not held back from telling others about Jesus by "evangaphobia". It all **begins** by asking God for the courage to face down your evangelism fears, praying for friends who truly need Jesus, and then sharing the story of what God has done in your own life!

Join us for the All-Church Luncheon on August 23rd.
After an afternoon devotional we will be dismissed for the day.

Garage Sale

On August 13, 14 & 15 there will be a garage sale for Anna Nunn from 8 til 3 each day. The address will be 4588 Old Troup Hwy. We need workers! If you can help call Sharon Beaver at 903-530-9593.

Back to School Prayer Night

On Wednesday evening, August 12th, please join us for our Back to School Prayer Night in the Family Life Center at our regular class time, 7pm. We as a church have the opportunity to spend a night together in worship and prayer for our students of all ages here at West Erwin. We will also acknowledge all of our teachers and administrators as well, so that we can be praying for their very important jobs throughout the upcoming school year. Regardless of your age or phase of life, prayer is a desire and part of that life that we all share, so please come and join our church family in lifting these young people up to our Father.

Homemade Ice Cream Needed



We need 20 freezers of homemade ice cream for our Back to School Prayer Night on August 12th. Sign up at the information center.



We rejoice with the Mink family as Chase Mink was baptized Wednesday night. Let's all be an encouragement to him.

Ranger Game



Join us for a Ranger game on August 15th. Tickets will be \$25 apiece and need to be paid for by August 9th. Call the office or text Danny Snell to reserve your tickets.

Hurry! They are going fast!

Thank You

How thankful I am for all the cards and calls this last month. I am truly blessed to have this Christian family. Jennie Melville

To the West Erwin church. I want to thank you for all the prayers that have gone up to God on behalf of Jean and I. Yesterday (Sunday), I was so thankful to see her improving. I haven't gone up this morning but plan to go in a few minutes. God gave me strength to take care of her in the hospital but now I just feel real bad, so continue to pray for both of us.

In Christian Love, Aubrey and Jean Morman

Young At Heart

YOUNG AT HEART AREA WIDE
AT SHILOH ROAD
AUGUST 21ST 6:30 P.M.
HIS HARMONY,
A GOSPEL A CAPPELLA SINGING GROUP,
WILL BE PERFORMING.
SIGN UP SHEET IS AT
THE INFORMATION CENTER.

“The Call to Serve”

Introduction: Today is the last of several messages on our mission, and considers the call to _____.

Matthew 20:20-28; 28:18-20

John 13:1-17; 15:9-17

James 2:14-26; 4:17

1 John 3:16-24; 4:7-21

- The call to _____ is the call to _____.
- We serve _____ in response to what Jesus did for _____.
- Serving others will _____ us some things.
- If we are to make _____ out of believers they must be encouraged to serve.
- _____ we are called to serve is not enough. We must _____ it.

Conclusion: The mission to **Believe; Connect; Serve** is one we will do _____.

_____ But it is one we can commit to doing _____.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Lewis Graves, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law, passed away in Mississippi on Tuesday. Beverly Hale's sister, Nancy Pena, passed away Wednesday in Durant, Oklahoma.

Updates

Linda McClenny had surgery last Wednesday.

Cathy Hallman fell Monday and broke her shoulder.

Jean Morman is home now.

Nina Crow is in Briarcliff for rehab.

Dick Higginbotham is in rehab at STAR in Briarcliff.

Charles Rachui is in Life Care Hospital in Dallas.

Cindi Galletly, daughter of Frances McBee, will have knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, August 18th at Mother Frances.

Diane Denman's father, **Bobby England**, will have heart valve surgery on Monday, August 17th.

Linda Mart's mother is in ETMC in Pittsburg.

Rachel Huff's mother, **Betty Albright**, is under hospice care.

Laurie Osborn, Dot and Dale White's daughter, is having problems with her M.S. and seizures.

Gayle Holt's father, **Jerald McMillan**, will start radiation treatments this week.

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Nursery PM: Joanna Stamps
 Toddler PM: Dolores Kennedy

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|---------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 283 |
| Worship a.m. | 460 |
| Worship p.m. | NC |
| Wed. p.m. | 175 |
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August 16, 2015

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Order of Worship

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Welcome/Call to Worship | | Eric Thornton |
| Song #993 | What A Mighty God We Serve | Davy Carter |
| Song #605 | I Will Serve You | |
| Song #693 | Heart of a Servant | |
| Prayer | | Ron Parish |
| Song #337 | Halleluhah! What a Savior | |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | | Robert Lee |
| Song #694 | Servant Song | |
| Scripture | 1 John 3:16-18 | Frank Debenport |
| Song # 429 | Oh, To Be Like Thee | |
| Message: | “The Call to Serve” | Bill Allen |
| Song #674 | I Have Decided to Follow Jesus | |
| Dismiss | | Don Crawford |
| Song #309 | in My Life, Lord, Be Glorified | |

6:00 P.M. Assembly

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Welcome/Call to Worship | | Eric Thornton |
| Song #162 | All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name | Lance Yarema |
| Song #831 | Let Me Live Close to Thee | |
| Prayer | | Larry Murphey |
| Scripture | Matthew 25:21 | Cal Wilkinson |
| Song | Wonderful, Merciful Savior | |
| Song #869 | We're Marching to Zion | |
| Message: | “Faithful Servants” | Bill Allen |
| Song #935 | Sinners Jesus Will Receive | |
| Song | I Want to be a Worker | |
| Dismiss | | Dannie Skipper |

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| FRIDAY | |
| Young at Heart at Shiloh | 6:30 p.m. |

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BILLS BLOG

Bill Allen

Welcome to the family of God, Chase Mink! Chase was baptized last Wednesday evening. We are excited and thankful for your decision, and are grateful to God for the growing faith of our young people!

And welcome to the West Erwin family, Kevin and Kris Keele! We are thankful to have you join us as we seek to love and serve the Lord and others.

And we will certainly honor the request for prayers from Marc and Ginger Philpot. Our hearts are broken because of the job loss and the difficulty it causes. Thank you so much for sharing this difficult moment with your church family. I was especially touched by looking up at the front following our assembly and seeing you both swarmed with love and encouragement from your church family.

All of these events and more are a part of who we are and what we're about as a church.

And that's what we've been considering over the last several weeks as we have looked at the mission of our West Erwin church family, summed up in these three words.

Believe / Connect / Serve

After considering my personal mission statement from Col. 1:28-29, we noted **the command to believe**, and called each other once again to believe and trust in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, and to recognize and acknowledge and obey the inspiration and authority of God's Word.

Last Sunday we emphasized **the need to connect** with one another. In order to be here and learn the truth of God's Word, and to actively participate in the work of the church, we all need to build relationships with one another and connect with others in our church family.

We end the series this Sunday by taking a look at **the call to serve** others in the name of Christ. The importance of that call can be seen in these words of our Lord.

"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you...Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." (John 13:15, 17)



THE END IS NEAR! WHAT WILL YOU DO?

If the end of all things were coming next month, what would the world tell you to do? Some would tell you to get all your money out of the bank, liquidate your jewelry, cash in your CD's, and sell your house and cars. Some would tell you to live it up and enjoy what time you had left. Some would tell you not to worry about anyone else; just take care of number one. Peter talked about such a time as this; consider his words: *The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Peter 4:7-10).* Some believe Peter is talking about Judgment Day and others say he is writing about the end of the Jewish state prior to the destruction of Jerusalem. Either way, he is talking about a time of great upheaval and he does not tell them to run and hide or take care of only themselves. He tells them to continue to love each other, to be watchful with their prayer life, to continue to serve one another, and to continue to watch their motives. That is quite a change from what the world would say. What about us today? Whatever your situation in life, God expects you to keep your covenant with him intact. He expects you to show Christ to others at all times. He expects you to live in harmony with His will no matter if the end comes tomorrow or years from now. How are you spending the time that God has given you?



Thank You!!!

What a great time we had this past Wednesday night with all of our children, praying for them and their school year. We had a full evening with each child and teacher sharing their prayer requests for the year. Thanks to all the adults who participated and your commitment to pray for our children this year.

Family Day @ Texas Rangers

We plan to leave the church at 2:30...so be there early so we can leave on time! Please bring money for your dinner. We will be going to Fuddruckers for supper before the game.

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Consider the following... 2 Peter 1:3-4 "3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires."

Upcoming Important Dates

Aug. 15 Family Day @ Texas Rangers

Aug. 23 All Church Luncheon

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There will be no evening service at the building.

Setting Up Chairs in the FLC

After church this Wednesday night, we need help setting up tables and chairs for the All Church Luncheon on Sunday, August 23rd. We also need help serving lunch on Sunday and with cleanup afterwards. Your help would be appreciated!

Address Change

Wyatt Gruver's new address is 2735 Genoa Ave. Apt 11A Lubbock, TX 79407. Let's all be an encouragement to him.

New Members

We welcome Kevin and Kris Keele to the West Erwin Family. They have two college-aged children, Kaulie and Kerrigan. Make them feel welcome.

Response

Marc and Ginger Philpot came forward to ask for prayers of the congregation. Marc is no longer employed and they ask for prayers for peace and understanding, that God will lead them exactly where they need to be.



Eric Thornton – Youth Minister

NO DEVO TONIGHT – SMALL GROUPS

Tonight is the 3rd Sunday of the month, and that means small groups night. As always, we encourage all of our teens and families to be a part of a small group tonight after our evening assembly and join other members of West Erwin in a night of fellowship. We will be back to our regularly scheduled Sunday nights next week.

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Young At Heart

YOUNG AT HEART AREA WIDE
AT SHILOH ROAD
AUGUST 21ST 6:30 P.M.
HIS HARMONY,
A GOSPEL A CAPPELLA SINGING GROUP,
WILL BE PERFORMING.
SIGN UP SHEET IS AT
THE INFORMATION CENTER.

Summer Series

Wednesday Summer Series 2015

"Think about such things..."

Philippians 4:8-9

August 19th

"Whatever You Have Seen In Me..."

Bill Rasco, Spring Creek – Tomball

Join us in the auditorium at 7 p.m.

"Moments of Decision"

Introduction: The classic pop song, "Did You Ever Have To Make Up Your Mind," asks the question, "Did you ever have to finally _____?"

1. A Decision to _____
_____—Joshua 1:1-9
"Be strong and courageous."
2. A Decision to _____
_____—Joshua 2:1-21; 6:22-25
"For the LORD your God *is* God..."
3. A Decision to _____
_____—Joshua 24:14-15
"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Conclusion: One thing for sure about Jesus: He calls us to finally _____. He calls us to make up our minds.

Revelation 3:14-16
"I have decided to follow Jesus."
"I am resolved..."

Donation Opportunity

If you are interested in donating to the Jeremy Cotham Sports Journalism Memorial Scholarship Fund at Kilgore College please call the church office for more information.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to Rachel Huff in the death of her mother, Betty Albright Burnett. Services were yesterday.

Updates

Carolyn Womack had a CT scan done last Thursday.
Ginny Wicks had surgery on her right hand last Friday.
Nina Crow is in Briarcliff for rehab.
Charles Harris was expected to go to rehab.
Dick Higginbotham is home now.
Charles Rachui is in Life Care Hospital in Dallas.
Cindi Galletly, daughter of Frances McBee, had successful knee replacement surgery on Tuesday. She is home now.
Diane Denman's father, **Bobby England**, was scheduled for heart valve surgery. It will be rescheduled. Diane's mother, **Patsy England**, moved to the Wesley House Assisted Living in Lindale.
Linda Mari's mother was dismissed from ETMC and is back in assisted living in Pittsburg.
Cici Lyons, granddaughter of Danny and Lisa Snell is in NICU in Ft. Worth.

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| Our Records | August 16 |
|---------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 238 |
| Worship a.m. | 425 |
| Worship p.m. | 185 |
| Wed. p.m. | 156 |
| Contribution | \$19,863.45 |
| Weekly Budget | \$26,651.00 |

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Order of Worship

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | Eric Thornton |
| Song #794 Unto Thee, O Lord | Gary Ables |
| Song #484 You Are My All in All | |
| Prayer | Wade Weathers |
| Song #364 Come, Share the Lord | |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | Clifton Lindsey |
| Song #705 A Common Love | |
| Scripture Revelation 3:14-16 | Howard Dickson |
| Song #674 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus | |
| Message: "Moments of Decision" | Bill Allen |
| Song #948 I Am Resolved | |
| Dismiss | Don Crawford |
| Song #874 Walking Alone at Eve | |

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After an afternoon devotional
we will be dismissed for the day.
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Our Weekly Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| SUNDAY | |
| Bible Class | 9 a.m. |
| Morning Worship | 10 a.m. |
| Evening Worship | 6 p.m. |
| MONDAY | |
| Karing Kitchen | 6 p.m. |
| TUESDAY | |
| Tuesday Lunch Bunch | 8 a.m.-12 p.m. |
| Clothing Distribution | 8:30-10:30 a.m. |
| WEDNESDAY | |
| Food Distribution | 8:30-10:30 a.m. |
| Evening Bible Study | 7 p.m. |
| Food Distribution | 6:30-7:30 p.m. |
| THURSDAY | |
| Clothing Distribution | 8:30-10:30 a.m. |

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BILL'S BLOG

Bill Allen

Sunday morning was a, um, surprising and wonderful adventure! Due to a power outage we had to shuffle Bible class meeting places and groups. And our worship assembly Sunday morning was changed at the last minute to meet in the Family Life Center. A special thanks to all who pitched in on a moment's notice and helped make that happen. What a blessing it is to be a part of this West Erwin church family!

Our FLC will be put to great use again this Sunday as we will have our All Church Luncheon immediately following our morning assembly. I know once again this week will be filled with folks pitching in to help set up, serve, and clean up. Be part of those efforts and lend a hand where you can. We will have a short time of devotion and worship following our luncheon, and there will be no Sunday evening assembly. Plan on spending this quality family time with your church family this Sunday!

Somewhere around 60 of our West Erwin family cheered the Texas Rangers on to a great victory this past Saturday. A great night for baseball was combined with a great time of fellowship and fun. Thanks to Danny and to all who helped make that fun time happen!

What a blessing it was recently as our church family gathered on a Wednesday evening to pray for our students and teachers and other school workers as this new school year begins! Thanks to Eric and Danny and all who helped make that happen, and to all who participated. Be sure and send your card out to encourage a young person or two if you've not done so yet. And continue to pray for that student throughout this school year. Meet them if you haven't done so, and talk to them and let them know you are glad you have their name and have them on your heart and in your prayers. Find ways to encourage them throughout this school year, and be prayerful and encouraging to all our young people and their families, our school teachers and staff and youth workers.

Over the last several weeks we've looked at Col. 1:28-29, the passage that I've adopted as my own personal mission statement. And we've also looked at the call to Believe; Connect; Serve that can be found on our West Erwin bulletin and elsewhere.

Now that we've finished this series I hope that you will be reminded of that call regularly, and that you will ask yourself a few questions occasionally. Such as:

- Am I looking to the inspired and authoritative Word of God to determine my beliefs?
- Am I steering others to the Scriptures, speaking and living the truth in love?
- Am I connecting with my church family and building relationships with my brothers and sisters?
- Am I encouraging others to connect with this church family as they grow in their faith?
- Am I actively working and serving in a few areas of church life here at West Erwin?
- Am I helping others to find areas where they can use their interests and gifts to serve here?
- Am I seeking to be a more committed disciple of Jesus Christ?
- Am I helping and encouraging others in their journey of faith to be closer to Christ and His church?



OUR OUTLOOK DETERMINES OUR OUTCOME!

It's not easy to maintain a holy walk in this world with the anti-God atmosphere it promotes. The world is always trying to change our "outlook" on life! The story of Abraham and Lot is a perfect example. Lot looked to the world, while Abraham looked to his faith. Lot's outlook brought judgment, while Abraham's outlook brought blessing. Peter addresses this in 1 Peter 1:17-19. Consider his words; ... *You shall be holy, for I am holy. And if you call on him as Father, who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.* Peter gives three reasons why we should have a positive outlook on our lives and they all have to do with our redemption. First, **we are redeemed from an empty way of life without Christ.** Jesus promises us an abundant life with him (John 10:10). Secondly, **we are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ.** We were bought with a price and that price ensures that we can be free from the problems of sin. Thirdly, **we are redeemed so we can live a life of holiness.** What we do, what we say, and the way we think can have such an impact on our friends and family. The more we imitate God, the more we can show our holiness and the stronger we can make our families. How is your outlook on life? Are you living with doubt and fear, or instead, living for the blessings?

Sunday evening services will return to 5:00 p.m. starting September 6th.



Thanks!

You never quite know when you might have to make adjustments on the fly when it comes to plans. Such was the case Sunday morning when we discovered that the power was out in the main building. Thanks to all who stepped up and did what needed to be done for our class and worship time to continue in another building. It was great to see everyone, both young and old work together to set up chairs and move classes and many more adjustments... All with a great attitude! Thank You!!!

Bible Class

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Aug. 23 All Church Luncheon

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Wings 4 Moms

Wings4Moms is a support group for women with postpartum depression which meets at Shiloh Road Church of Christ on the 4th Thursday of every month. For more information go to www.wings4moms.com. Their next meeting is August 27th at 6:30 p.m. til 8:00 p.m.

Thank You

Dear Church Family, Words cannot express how much I appreciate the outpouring of support through cards, meals, visits, and prayers since my surgery in August 2014. I am much improved, however, the myasthenia gravis is an ongoing chronic condition and I will appreciate continued prayers as I manage the issues this brings. It is so wonderful to be a member of such a caring and loving Christian family. I pray God's richest blessings on each of you. In appreciation, Nettie Potts

Thank you for the lovely plant you sent in remembrance of our sweet baby, Sawyer McIntosh. It was very comforting at the visitation and funeral to see that our church family was with us in spirit. We appreciate so much your kind thoughts, words, hugs, cards, and prayers.

With much love, Laurie Hartwig and Nancy Lunceford

I want to thank the congregation for your prayers, visits, food and beautiful cards you sent to me. Your love and concern are greatly appreciated! In Christian love, Wanda Cook

Dear Ladies, I just want to let you know how much I appreciate the lovely birthday cards sent to me on my birthday. I love and miss all of you. I enjoyed visiting with James and Helen and appreciate them so much. Love you, Winnie Bell



Eric Thornton – Youth Minister

FAMILY DAY TODAY – NO DEVO

Twice a year, West Erwin has a Family Day, where we have a luncheon together after our AM assembly, then share a devotional time together in the FLC before heading home for the rest of the day. We will be back to our regularly scheduled Sunday nights starting next week.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES – “EVANGAPHOBIA”

We are about to begin our new series about the fears behind evangelism and how we can overcome them, but first, for one more week, we're talking about what it is like to truly "thirst" for the Lord, as talked about in Isaiah 55 and John 4. We need to know that overwhelming desire for Christ before we would even WANT to share Him with others. Because few things hold the power to paralyze our lives like fear—fear of heights, of spiders, of clowns, but when it comes to our faith, it's the fear of evangelism. After finishing our series on Apologetics during the summer, we're talking about how to overcome your fears about sharing their faith and cultivate a passion for talking about the gospel, so that we're not held back from telling others about Jesus by "evangaphobia". It all **begins** by asking God for the courage to face down your evangelism fears, praying for friends who truly need Jesus, and then sharing the story of what God has done in your own life!

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Ladies' Wednesday Night Class



Make the book of James come alive with a creative memorization technique! Join us September 2nd in Room 401 and be prepared to discuss James 1:1-8.

Summer Series

Wednesday Summer Series 2015

"Think about such things..."

Philippians 4:8-9

August 26th

"The God of Peace Will Be With You..."

Bill Allen

Join us in the auditorium at 7 p.m.

"A Noble Task"

Introduction: The work of an elder is an important and _____ task. (1 Timothy 3:1)

A. An elder is _____ to serve. The term "**elder**" implies the qualities required to serve faithfully.

Acts 14:23; Acts 20:17-38; 1 Tim. 3:1-16; Titus 1:5-16; 1 Peter 5:1-4

Elders _____ the congregation by experience and knowledge, Bible study and prayer.

Elders should ask themselves...

B. An elder is an _____. This is the term "**bishop**."

Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:1-2; Titus 1:7; 1 Peter 5:1-4

Bishops _____ the life and ministry of the church.

Bishops should ask themselves...

C. An elder is a _____. This is the term "**pastor**."

Ezekiel 34; Psalm 23; John 10:1-18; Acts 20:17, 28; Eph. 4:11-16;

1 Peter 5:1-4

Elders serve as _____, and are overseers and shepherds of God's flock, the church.

Shepherds should ask themselves...

Conclusion: Our church needs men of _____ and _____ to serve in the important and noble task of elder, overseer, and shepherd.

A sincere thank you to all who helped make last Sunday's luncheon a great success. Thank you for setting up tables and chairs, for helping prepare the meal and for cleaning up afterward. Thank you for showing us a servant's heart.

David Hammond

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Doris Neal passed away last Monday evening. Our love and sympathy is extended to Cathy Hallman and her family. Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Jaynes Memorial Chapel in Duncanville. Visitation will be Monday at 10.00.

Updates

Nina Crow is home now.

Charles Harris is now in Providence Park room #117D for rehab. Visitors welcome.

Charles Rachui is in Life Care Hospital in Dallas.

Becky Murphey is home.

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| Worship a.m. | 447 |
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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
Song #535 The Glory-Land Way Gary Ables
Song #959 Just a Little Talk with Jesus
Prayer Jim Boyd
Song Off We Come Together
Lord's Supper & Contribution Eric Moseley
Song #991 This Is My Father's World
Scripture Acts 20:28 **Don Durham**
Song #867 To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way
Message: "A Noble Task" Bill Allen
Song #940 Only a Step Phil Marts
Elder's Prayer
Song #528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

6:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
Song Lance Yarema
Song
Prayer Stan Clark
Scripture Isaiah 40:10-11 Jay Bynum
Song
Song
Message: "What Happens When the Lord is My Shepherd?" Bill Allen
Song
Song
Dismiss Ralph Henderson

Our Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY
Bible Class 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
MONDAY
w.E., hosts Karing Kitchen 6 p.m.
TUESDAY
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BILL'S BLOG

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Sunday we enjoyed a great day together as the West Erwin family!

It began in Bible class as we considered the teaching of God's inspired Word and how it applies in our lives and in our world today. In our teen and adult classes we looked at the great passage of 2 Peter 3. But more about that in a bit...

In our worship assembly we sang and prayed and gave, communed and considered together God's great blessings and His great call. We were especially concerned for our young children and teens who are starting a new school year, as well as the teachers, administrators and staff who will be working with them each day.

I mentioned it in the sermon, but I was especially moved by two fathers who helped lead our worship. Wade Weathers' prayer and Clifton Lindsey's communion thoughts were spoken from the hearts of two dads who love their children and who love the children of our church family and our community. Thanks to all our wonderful parents who continue to seek to pass along their love and faith to their kids, and to all in this church family as we seek to do the same—share the love and Word of God with all **our** children. Know that your church family will be praying for you throughout this school year.

Don Crawford shared the exciting announcement from our shepherds that Wade Weathers is being placed before the congregation in consideration of his being added to our eldership. Please be in prayer for Wade and Diane and their family, for our current elders and their families, and for our church as we go through this important moment in the life and ministry of the West Erwin church.

How God continues to bring us such great opportunities to serve Him! How God prepares and enables and provides for us to be able to answer His call! Praise Him!

Our day ended with a wonderful meal that was shared in the FLC, followed by a brief devotional and more fellowship as everyone pitched in to help with the clean-up. A special thanks to all who worked especially hard to make that happen and make it happen so smoothly and effectively.

So back to 2 Peter 3. We learn something about our great God in this passage. At times we may ask, "What's keeping God from sending His Son? With the condition of this world, what's holding Him back?" There is a simple answer: His love and mercy and grace. Every day is another day that a sinner can repent. But it is also affirmed that the day will come when His patience will expire. So the question is, "How should we live?" If we really believe this, what kind of people should we be?"

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming... (2 Peter 3:9-12)



BY HIS GRACE; TO HIS GLORY!

Last Friday, at the Area Wide for the Young At Heart, I had the privilege to hear a great singing group from the Dallas Area called His Harmony. One of the songs they sang was entitled *By His Grace, To His Glory*. Those words just stuck in my mind for the rest of the weekend. It is such a beautiful way to describe our relationship to God, and how it should affect the way we live for God. Consider these words of Paul to the church at Ephesus. *To the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through the blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, (Eph.1:6-8a)*. By our faith in God, by our belief in scripture, and acceptance of what God did for us through his Son; we **know** where we would stand at judgment without a savior. Mercy, redemption, the forgiveness of sins, and grace would not be in the picture for us. This love for us, this underserved favor with God demands a response on our part. What is that response? Paul once again lets us know in his instructions to the church at Philippi. *And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that your may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God (Phil.1:9-11)*. Our ability to love as Christ loved, our power of discernment, and our ability to live Godly lives, come from the Spirit within us. When it all works, the glory belongs to God!

Sunday evening services will return to 5:00 p.m. starting September 6th.



Thanks!

Thanks to the amazing food crew who fed all of us at our all church luncheon this week! Way to go David Hammond and the rest of you servants! Thanks also to SO MANY of you who helped us clean up afterwards. That was the quickest we have ever done it!

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from Hebrews, 1 & 2 Peter and Jude. The title of our study is "Jesus Christ: Simply The Best" The lesson this week... "The truth Stands Tall" from Jude 1-25. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following... Jude 20-21 *"20 But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life."*

Karing Kitchen

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, Aug 31. We would love to have you come and serve with us! We set up at 5:00, serve at 6:00 and usually all cleaned up by 7:00. Join us! Thank you for continuing to pray for this ministry!

Upcoming Important Dates

Aug. 31 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen

New Members

Tia Clark has placed membership with West Erwin. She is the sister of Brian Brown.

Also Samuel and Kara Mink have placed membership along with children, Tyson and Taryn Tapley. Please make them feel welcome.

Showers



You are invited to a baby shower honoring Kolbie Claire Bevers, new baby girl of Bruce and Cortney Bevers born June 5, 2015.

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Please join us for a bridal shower honoring Chelsie Reynolds, bride-elect of Tanner Fedell, Saturday, September 12 from 2 until 4 p.m. in the home of Diane Weathers. 9797 County Road 2167 Whitehouse, TX. Chelsie is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Amazon.com



Eric Thornton – Youth Minister

DEVO TONIGHT

We will be having a devo tonight. PLEASE bring your Bibles tonight, it will be very important that you do. Also bring \$3 for dinner. **We will be done at 8:30pm.** That ending time will change starting next week though. When the evening assembly reverts back to 5:00pm, our devos will last from 6-8pm. So keep that in mind starting next week.

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Have you ever truly experienced “thirst” for the Lord, as talked about in Isaiah 55, John 4, and Psalm 63? I think it's imperative that we find that overwhelming desire for Christ before we would even WANT to share Him with others. It seems that only when we completely rely on everything God offers us through his Son, and know that we can do nothing to have that ourselves, can we find real true desire to want others to have it. Because few things hold the power to paralyze our lives like fear—fear of heights, of spiders, of clowns, but when it comes to our faith, it's the fear of evangelism. After finishing our series on Apologetics during the summer, we're talking about how to overcome your fears about sharing their faith and cultivate a passion for talking about the gospel, so that we're not held back from telling others about Jesus by “evangaphobia”.

LAST CALL FOR SCHEDULES

I still haven't received any schedules for the fall, so this is the last request! If you are playing any sports in the comings months, or are on drill team, band, or any other extra-curricular activities of any kind, please get those schedules to Eric so that I can do my best to make it to some of your events to support you! Many times, if I don't have a schedule, I don't know you're doing it.

Schedule Change

Beginning Sunday, September 6th, our Sunday evening worship time will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Children's Bible School Teachers

See Davy Carter for your teaching materials for next quarter.

Karing Kitchen

Karing Kitchen

This Monday, August 31st at the Benevolence Center Setup-5 p.m. Serve-6 p.m.

Cleanup til 7 p.m. Come, feed the hungry and be a part of this great ministry.

Ladies' Wednesday Night Class



Make the book of James come alive with a creative memorization technique! Join us September 2nd in Room 401 and be prepared to discuss James 1:1-8.

"A Labor of Love"

Introduction: Scripture reminds us that we _____ have a Chief Shepherd, and that serving Him is a labor of _____.

A. Faithfully _____ as an _____ is a labor of love.

1 Peter 5:1-4; Ezekiel 34; Acts 20:28-32; 2 Cor. 11:28-29; 1 Tim. 5:17-22

Some characteristics of faithful _____

B. Faithfully _____ as an _____ is a labor of love.

Hebrews 13:7-8, 17-19

Some characteristics of faithful _____

Conclusion: What happens when shepherds—and all of us—_____ we have a Chief Shepherd?

Thank You

On behalf of Sawyer McIntosh...

Dear Church Friends, Thank you for your concern during our loss. The expressions of support have meant the world to us. We cannot thank you enough for the lovely plant you sent to us. We would not be able to get through this difficult time without the love of our family and friends.

Sincerely, J.P. Carter McIntosh and The Ingram Family

For your cards, calls and most of all your prayers during my hospital and rehab stay. I missed you and I'm so glad to be back with my West Erwin family! Faye Kennard

Young At Heart

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MOVIE NIGHT AT WEST ERWIN SEPTEMBER 27

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to Arnold and Agnes Ables in the loss of their great grandson, Andrew Loyd. Services were last Sunday.

Updates

Charles Harris is now in Providence Park room #217 for rehab. Visitors welcome.

Charles Rachui is in Life Care Hospital in Dallas.

Diane Denman's father, **Bobby England**, will have heart valve surgery on Wednesday, September 9th at 8:00 am.

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| Bible Class | 268 |
| Worship a.m. | 448 |
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September 6, 2015

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Song #768 Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You
Prayer Michael Carnathan
Song #315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Lord's Supper & Contribution Shaun Stamps
Song #611 Heavenly Sunlight Ernie Gordon
Scripture Ezekiel 34:30-31
Song #18 Faithful Love
Message: "A Labor of Love" Bill Allen
Song #940 Only a Step Gaylan Seagler
Elder's Prayer
Song #694 Servant Song

6:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
Song #416 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Davy Carter
Song #134 The Lord's My Shepherd Tom Hale
Prayer Tom Clark
Scripture Psalm 100:3
Song #126 The Lord My Shepherd Is
Song #389 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say Bill Allen
Message: "The Good Shepherd"
Song #930 Jesus, the Loving Shepherd
Song #416 Footsteps of Jesus Ruger Stocking
Dismiss

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Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.
Food Distribution 6:30-7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY
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Young at Heart 6 p.m.

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BILLS BLOG

Bill Allen

A warm West Erwin welcome to **Austin Moseley** who came forward Sunday requesting to place membership here and be a part of our church family. We have had several people become a part of our West Erwin family over the last several weeks. Are you meeting them? Are you making them feel welcome with a note or a hug? Are you wearing your name tag? Just thought I'd throw that last one in there...

We continue in the process of adding **Wade Weathers** to our eldership. I know that you continue to be prayerful for all our shepherds, and certainly are keeping **Wade and Diane and their family** in your thoughts and prayers as they commit to this great and critical service to the Lord and to our church. We are so blessed with great leadership and a great future here at West Erwin!

This is the first week of September, and that brings with it a few **changes to our schedule**.

Remember that we will meet for our **Sunday evening assembly at 5:00 PM starting this Sunday**. This is a timely change as it gets our families home sooner during the school year and allows all to have less driving after dark as our daylight time each day gets shorter and shorter. This Sunday evening **Davy Carter** will lead us in a great song service, and I'll be sharing from the uplifting passage in John 10 which speaks of Jesus as **"The Good Shepherd."** You will be blessed, and will be a blessing to others, by being here this Sunday evening—**at 5:00!**

Another change is **our new classes**. **Wednesday evenings** I am beginning a series of classes in the **small auditorium** considering the story of **Joseph** and his betrayal, his plight in Egypt, and finally his part in the deliverance of God's people. Interestingly enough, it was because of his suffering that he was able to have that part. Which brings up some very difficult theological questions and issues. **Our ladies class** will be centered on the **book of James**, and the **men's class** will be considering important and timely topics from a book by Gene Getz, *The Measure of a Man*. Our singing class meets every Wednesday evening and is led by Wayne Berryman. Add in **great classes for our young children and teens** and there is every reason for you to be here and be a part of our Wednesday night Bible studies.

And our **Sunday morning Bible classes** begin a new quarter this Sunday. We start at the beginning—with the book of beginnings and origins, the book of Genesis. Our study starts off with one of the most crucial beliefs that a person can come to: **"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."** See you in Bible class.



BUILDING YOUR SPIRITUAL HOUSE

Suzie and I like to watch HGTV. I love to see the shows where folks go in and take an old, neglected house and make it like new. It is so cool to see something that most people gave up on, and then it is turned into a real treasure. It really shows me the dangers of neglect. At one time, each of those houses was brand new. Some family made the decision to invest their time and money into the building of that house, but over time, it was forgotten and so began the process of ruin. We invest so much time and money in protecting our homes. It is the largest investment most of us will ever make, and it deserves our time and attention. Even though our house is our largest investment money wise, it is still not the most important house we will build. Our spiritual house should hold that position. What is our "spiritual house"? Just as we feel that our physical home should reflect where we are in society, I believe our spiritual house should reflect where we are "in Christ". I believe it is how we live, how we function as a family, how we represent Christ to the world, and how we honor God in our lives. Over the next few weeks, I would like to share with you some ways we can build and maintain our spiritual house. It is more than just a new coat of paint every few years. It is more than the annual "spring cleaning". It is what we do to the inside of our house or our hearts. Jesus said that, *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matt.6:21)*. These ideas on how to build your faith came from the magazine Vibrant Life. I pray they will help you as you work on your house!



Thanks!

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past week. We served a full house and had lots of help! West Erwin Will host again on Oct. 5.

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from Genesis & John. The title of our study is "In the Beginning, God..." The lesson this week... "God Created..." from Genesis 1:1-2:3. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following... Genesis 1:31 "31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.."

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- Oct. 11 Family Day @ Brookshires Park

New Member



Austin Moseley is a student at TJC from Paris, TX. Austin wishes to place membership with us. Please welcome him to West Erwin.

Showers

You are invited to a bridal shower honoring
Brittany Beaver, bride-elect of Jerrod McCoy
September 13th 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Brittany's selections are at
Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.
Brittany is the granddaughter
of Danny & Sharon Beaver.

Please join us for a
bridal shower
honoring
Chelsie Reynolds,
bride-elect of
Tanner Fedell,
Saturday, September 12
from 2 until 4 p.m.
in the home of Diane Weathers.
9797 County Road 2167
Whitehouse, TX.
Chelsie is registered at
Bed, Bath & Beyond
and Amazon.com



Eric Thornton – Youth Minister

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Every single school in our area has a football bye week on Friday night, Sept. 18th, and so we are planning an activity that night for several Tyler churches. We will let you know the cost for the event today (the 6th), but mark your calendars now so that you can enjoy this evening together!

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Schedule Change

Beginning today our Sunday evening worship time will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Addition to the Eldership

Today (September 6th) is the final day to submit any signed comments to the elders regarding Wade Weathers being added to the eldership.

Young At Heart

EAST TEXAS STATE FAIR SENIORS DAY
FRIDAY, SEPT. 25, 2015
COMPLETE DETAILS ARE AT
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Free admission until 6 PM.

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Ladies' Wednesday Night Class



Make the book of James come alive with a creative memorization technique! Join us September 9th in Room 401 and be prepared to discuss **James 1:9-20**.

“Called by God and the Church”

Introduction: Each of you men who serves as one of our elders is _____, You are called by God. And you are called by the church, Acts 20:28; 1 Tim. 3; Titus 1; (1 and 2 Timothy; Titus) Ezekiel 34; John 10:1-18; Acts 14:23; 20:17-38; Eph. 4:11-16; Phil. 1:1; Heb. 13:7-18; 1 Peter 5:1-4

A. Remember that true godliness springs from the _____.
1 Timothy 3:14-16; Titus 2:11-14

B. Remember it is the Holy Scriptures which are able to make us wise for _____.
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

C. Remember we all share the same goal—the _____ of righteousness and glory.
2 Timothy 4:6-8; 1 Peter 5:1-4

Conclusion: Keep watch over yourselves and all the [_____] flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God [_____], which he bought with his own blood. (from Acts 20:28)

Thank You

Dear West Erwin Family, We appreciate so much the beautiful flowers you sent and every loving expression we received after the loss of our great grandson, Andrew Loyd. We love you. Arnold and Agnes Ables

To our dear West Erwin family: Words cannot express our appreciation for the outpouring of love and encouragement at the loss of our dear mother and grandmother. The plant basket is beautiful and will be a sweet reminder of the care and concern you have shown us. Thank you for all the cards, meals, kind thoughts, hugs, and prayers. It is so wonderful to be a part of the West Erwin family! In Christian Love, Rachel, Krista, & Kalli Huff and Rebecca Albright

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Prayer & Care

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Bettie Thorne has a broken foot.
Charles Harris has been moved to Azalea Trails – Room 120.
Charles Rachui is in Life Care Hospital in Dallas.
Diane Denman's father, **Bobby England**, had heart valve surgery last Wednesday.
David Wicks' mother, **Willa Wicks**, had angioplasty last Thursday. She is doing well and is home now.
Susan Anding's mother, **Barbara Fisher**, had a mastectomy last week. She is home.

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Matt Kelly Odie Kennedy
Robert Lee Pete Leung

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Main Doors:
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East Doors:
Frank & Gail Debenport
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James & Helen Gullion

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Prayer
Song #383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
Lord's Supper & Contribution
EEM Update
Song # 412 Jesus, Hold My Hand
Installation of Wade Weathers as Elder
Message: **“Called by God and the Church”**
Song #374 There Is a Fountain
Elder's Prayer
Song #406 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Danny Snell
Gary Ables

Will Christian

James Sublette
Dale Mitchell

Bill Allen
Fred Wingate

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship
Song In Christ Alone
Song Who Am I?
Song How Long Has It Been?
Prayer
Scripture Mark 12:28-31
Song #691 Make Me New
Song #693 Heart of a Servant
Song #694 Servant Song
Message: **“Called to Serve”**
Song #111 Grace Greater Than Our Sin
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Dismiss

Danny Snell
Wayne Berryman

Jim Boyd
Myron Granberry

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Lee Mink

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BILL'S BLOG

Bill Allen

Our West Erwin family has so very much going on right now! Here are some notes on a few of the many great things happening that affect our ministry and mission now and in the days and years ahead.

We will hear Sunday morning from **Dale Mitchell of Eastern European Mission (EEM)**. Dale is no stranger to West Erwin or the Allens. Dale and Donna's daughter Megan and I were part of "Team Imagine" on a mission trip in 2009 to Ukraine to work with EEM's Summer Youth Camp program. Dale spoke at our former church in North Carolina several times while we were there. It will be good to hear of all the great opportunities God is giving us through EEM.

Also, our elders have been wanting to give an **update on the progress of our Hispanic brothers and sisters**. Here is that report:

The elders are proud to report on the success of the Hispanic church. Since this local mission moved to the new location they have baptized 11 souls and attendance is up—one Sunday they reached 140! This growth will allow them to take responsibility for many of their expenses through their own contributions. We will continue to support this work, however as they continue to grow and mature they will evolve into an independent church in the future. Congratulations to Israel and all the members; we will continue to pray for this mission work. [From the Elders]

Sunday our eldership goes from six to seven as Wade Weathers is installed as one of our shepherds. What a gracious God we serve! He has provided such **faithful, genuine overseers** for our church family! I know you will join me in keeping **Wade and Diane and their family** in your prayers, as well as all our leaders and all our West Erwin family, as together we seek to fulfill God's great mission for us.

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9)



BUILDING YOUR SPIRITUAL HOUSE - 2

This is the second in a series of articles about building your faith or your spiritual house. It is based on a story from the Vibrant Life magazine. In order to build up your spiritual house, **you must be a river, not a swamp**. Jesus said, *Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water (Jo.7:38)*. A mountain stream carries fresh, life-giving water because it flows out. A swamp is stagnant and life-devouring. A swamp collects and retains water that comes its way. Don't be the kind of person that collects and never allows God's blessings to flow on. Christians are to pass God's blessings on to others. When we don't, we run the danger of becoming spiritually stagnant. In order to build up your spiritual house, **you must be like Moses and speak words of blessing**. Read these words of Moses, *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance (face) upon you and give you peace (Num.7:24-26)*. Faithful Christians speak words that uplift, encourage, hearten, and bless others. As you build others up, your own spirit gets stronger. In order to build up your spiritual house, **you must nurture a shared prayer life**. When we make the effort to share our prayer life with others, we increase the time we are in communion with God; and that is a good thing. What a blessing we become to others when we expand our circle of friends through prayer. Become a person that is known as always being available for prayer. How is your house coming along?



Movie Night

Join us Sunday night, Sept. 27 for Movie Night. *Seven Days in Utopia* is a great movie that you will enjoy...

"Luke is a young up-and-coming golfer. His father has pushed him to succeed on the green his entire life. After finally hitting rock bottom, he runs from his circumstances and his past and meets a man who took the time to care, Johnny Crawford. Johnny continues to surprise Luke at every turn, as he tries to help him bury his past and uncover the key to his future." Invite your friends to join us after church on the night of the 27th. Hotdogs & Popcorn will be provided.

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“Colossians: The Supremacy of Christ and the Gospel”

Introduction: Notice anything _____ about our world today than, say, 20 years ago?

THEN:
NOW:

The book of Colossians compares Christianity to the _____ of the day and affirms this: Christ is better. (Col. 2:6-8)

Colossians 1:1-8

A. Paul affirms the _____.

- 1) Paul affirms their _____ in Christ Jesus.
- 2) Paul affirms their _____ for all God’s people.
- 3) Paul affirms their _____ stored up in heaven.

B. Paul affirms the _____.

- 1) The _____ was spreading to the Colossians and throughout the world.
- 2) The _____ had continued to bear fruit and grow.

Conclusion: The answer for living in the difficult culture the Colossian Christians faced is the same as the one for us today: Live a life that _____ Christ. Col. 3:17)

Nothing this world or the philosophies of the day offer can compare with _____.

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[Resource: Milton Jones, *Christ: No More, No Less*]

Thank You

I want to thank all who have expressed concern and have offered prayers on my behalf regarding my health issues. I am still undergoing further tests while awaiting a positive diagnosis. Please to continue your prayers for me and Harvey. Your fellow servant in Christ, Edie Strickland.

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Order of Worship

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| EEM Video | | |
| Welcome/Call to Worship | | Danny Snell |
| Song #77 | Glorify Thy Name | Wayne Berryman |
| Song #76 | How Great Thou Art | |
| Prayer | | Chris Conder |
| Song #199 | His Name is Jesus | |
| Song #273 | More Precious than Silver | |
| Song #275 | O Lord You're Beautiful | |
| Song #276 | Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus | |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | | Bud Cawyer |
| Song #186 | Christ, We Do All Adore Thee | |
| Scripture | Colossians 2:6-8 | David Hammond |
| Song #162 | All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name | |
| Message: | Colossians: The Supremacy of Christ and the Gospel | Bill Allen |
| Song #911 | Bring Christ Your Broken Life | |
| Elder's Prayer | | Jay Bynum |
| Song #752 | God Bless You, Go With God | |

5:00 P.M. Assembly

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | | Danny Snell |
| Song | Wonderful, Jesus Is to Me | Lance Yarema |
| Song #189 | Master, the Tempest Is Raging | |
| Prayer | | Robert Lee |
| Scripture | 1 John 5:11-13 | Odie Kennedy |
| Song #749 | The Battle Belongs to the Lord | |
| Song #410 | He Leadeth Me | |
| Message: | That You May Know | Bill Allen |
| Song | Who at the Door Is Standing? | |
| Song #885 | How Beautiful Heaven Must Be | |
| Dismiss | | Dale White |

Eastern European Missions Million Dollar Sunday
September 27th

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BILL'S BLOG

Bill Allen

Sunday morning was a joyous time for our West Erwin family as **Wade Weathers** was installed as one of our shepherds. What a tremendous blessing! **Wade and Diane and their family** have been such wonderful servants of the Lord and of His church for such a long time. What a special blessing to see and hear Wade's heart shine through in the comments he shared Sunday, as he reflected on the decades of service that his family has had as a part of the West Erwin church family. Please continue to keep Wade and Diane and all their family, as well as **all our elders**, in your thoughts and prayers always. Praise God from Whom all blessings so graciously flow!

We were also treated Sunday to an update on the work of **Eastern European Mission (EEM)** by **Dale Mitchell**. It was a blessing to have **Dale and Donna** with us and to be reminded not only of the incredible work this great mission organization has had for such a long time, but also of the amazing open door that God has given us in the Ukraine and in other areas of Eastern Europe. In spite of—and in many ways, **because of**—the political crisis that is taking place there we have opportunities continuing to open up in many areas of that region.

With that in mind be prayerful for EEM's **Million Dollar Sunday** which will be **Sept. 27th**. Our West Erwin church family supports this great ministry and is blessed to be a part of it. Whatever is given above our weekly budget on Sept. 27th will be sent to EEM to help provide the funding necessary for souls all around the world to receive a copy of God's Word, **including public schools and youth camps** in Ukraine. Praise God!

We've finished the "Bill and Joyce Tour" through the adult Bible classes, and we are excited to be in the **youth class** starting this Sunday and next Sunday. We are looking forward to getting to know **our incredible young people** a bit better and I hope that as many as possibly can will be in class and take part!

This Sunday I'll begin two new sermon series—**Colossians** on Sunday morning and **1 John** in the evening. The Colossians series I've titled "**The Supremacy of Christ and the Gospel**," and will use as a resource a book by Milton Jones, **Christ—No More, No Less**. We will apply the teaching of Paul to some of the philosophies and teachings of today. Consider whether or not these words from Col. 2:6-8 have an application today:

"See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ."



BUILDING YOUR SPIRITUAL HOUSE - 3

This continues a series of articles taken from the magazine Vibrant Life on how to build up your faith or your spiritual house. In order to build up your spiritual house, **you must take a step of faith**. Faith becomes stronger when we put it to the test. We need to let God lead us and trust in him to provide what we need to be a success. In order to build up your spiritual house, **you need to restore someone's faith**. We need to take the time to heal a wounded heart or to extend a kindness to someone that really needs a friend at that moment, even if we don't know them well. We need to show others what God's unconditional love looks like in us. In order to build up your spiritual house, **you need to be a grateful person**. Start every day with a prayer of thanks for all the blessings God has given you. We have the promise of heaven, and that gives us the power to get through anything that Satan throws our way. In order to build up your spiritual house, **you need to share the journey**. Whatever we do in life, it is easier when we have someone to share the burdens. Look for someone who wants to mature spiritually and help each other to reach your goals. Jesus sent his disciples out two by two. There was a reason for it. It gives us encouragement and also some accountability. In order to build your spiritual house, **you need to find a way to serve the Lord**. Read John 13 and reflect on the actions of Jesus. Find a way to serve in the community and show the love of Christ to others. We all need help in building up our spiritual homes; who can you help today?



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Invite your friends to join us after church on the night of the 27th. Hotdogs & popcorn will be provided.

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Consider the following... Genesis 3:1 "Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not...?'"

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Family Life Center
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EAST TEXAS STATE FAIR SENIORS DAY
FRIDAY, SEPT. 25, 2015
COMPLETE DETAILS ARE AT
THE INFORMATION CENTER.
Free admission until 6 PM.

Wednesday Night Meals
5:30 p.m.
\$5.00/adults \$3.00/children
This week:
Mexican Food

WEYM

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YOUTH AREA-WIDE - TONIGHT

Our first area-wide of the fall is tonight, Sept. 20th, at Glenwood. We will leave West Erwin at 5:45pm to head over there. It begins at 6 and ends at 8, so we will be back at West Erwin by 8:15pm, or you can be picked up at Glenwood by your parents at 8pm if that is easier for your family. Please bring \$3 for dinner.

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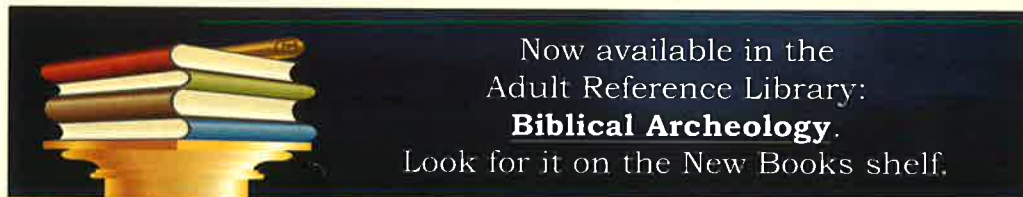
"Worthy of the Lord"

Intro: How can we live a life that is _____ in a world that seems so very _____?

Colossians 1:9-14

- 1) Be filled with _____ wisdom, knowledge and understanding.
Col. 1:9; 1 Cor. 1:18-2:15; 3:18-20
- 2) Bear fruit in every _____ work.
Col. 1:10; 1 Cor. 15:58; Gal. 5:13-26; 6:7-10; Eph. 2:10; Titus 3:8; Heb. 13:15-16; 1 Peter 2:12, 15
- 3) _____ in the knowledge of God.
Col. 1:10; Eph. 4:1-16; 2 Peter 1:5-11; 3:17-18; Heb. 5:11-14
- 4) Be _____ by His power.
Col. 1:11; James 1:2-12; 1 Peter 2:9-24; 3:8-22; 4:12-19
- 5) Give _____ thanks.
Col. 1:12; Phil. 4:4-7; 1 Thess. 5:16-18

Concl: To live the worthy life is to remember that we have been _____ and _____.
Col. 1:12-14; John 3:14-17; Rom. 5:6-11; 6:1-4; 2 Cor. 5:21; Eph. 2:1-10; Titus 3:3-8; 1 John 1:5-2:2



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Carol Trimble Milton, sister of Cindy Trimble and niece of Judy Venable-Grogan, broke both ankles in a fall. She also has multiple fractures in her right leg. She is home now.

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | | Danny Snell |
| Song #15 | Step by Step | Gary Ables |
| Song #121 | Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing | |
| Prayer | | Davy Carter |
| Song #364 | Come, Share the Lord | |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | | Howard Dickson |
| Song #416 | Footsteps of Jesus | |
| Scripture | Colossians 1:13-14 | |
| Song #464 | Because He Lives | Ralph Henderson |
| Message: | "Worthy of the Lord" | Bill Allen |
| Song #672 | Give Me Thy Heart | |
| Elder's Prayer | | Don Crawford |
| Song #759 | Shall We Gather at the River? | |

5:00 P.M. Assembly

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | | Danny Snell |
| Song #23 | Our God, He Is Alive | Wayne Berryman |
| Song #57 | Great Is Thy Faithfulness | |
| Song #113 | His Grace Reaches Me | |
| Prayer | | Charles Melville |
| Scripture | Acts 1:8-11 | Billy Terrell |
| Song #96 | I Stand In Awe | |
| Message: | "This We Proclaim" | Bill Allen |
| Song #493 | It Is No Secret | |
| Song #290 | Shine, Jesus, Shine | |
| Dismiss | | Larry Murphey |

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BILL'S BLOG

Bill Allen

This week has been wonderful and exhausting for Joyce and me. We officially closed on the sale of our house in North Carolina a couple of weeks ago, and closed on our home here in Tyler last Friday. The big move began Monday afternoon with an **incredible group of servants** from our West Erwin family helping with what seemed like thousands (millions??) of boxes and other things that were making the trip with us. We could never thank you enough for the work and the workers that made such a big step toward getting us moved in and on the way to being settled. We thank God for you and all the ways you have blessed us.

As I write this article there is a group of movers here taking the "big" stuff—I couldn't say "heavy" stuff, because though it is that, a few (?) of those boxes Monday night were prettttty heavy as well... After everything is "in" the house we begin the wonderful job of making that place home, and have more servants from our West Erwin family helping with that part as well. Thank you again for all you've done and continue to do for us.

This Sunday is **Eastern European Mission's Million Dollar Sunday**. We saw a great video this past Sunday of the incredible opportunities that God is giving us to share the love and Word of Christ through this great ministry. Please remember the faces that light up when these excited children and families and adults receive their very own copy of the Bible, some for the first time, and give generously.

Joyce and I loved **LOVED LOVED** being in class with **our incredible young people** this past Sunday. What an impressive group! We look forward to one more week with them and then will join the young adults for the rest of the quarter starting the next week.

Lots of positive comments as we began our Sunday morning sermon series based on the book of Colossians, "The Supremacy of Christ and the Gospel." It is only **the gospel of Christ** and **the sacrifice of Jesus** that can provide us with the greatest of all blessings. We will again proclaim this blessing on Sunday.

"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." [Colossians 1:13-14]



BUILDING YOUR SPIRITUAL HOUSE - 4

This is the last installment in a series of articles inspired from a story in the magazine Vibrant Life. We are looking at ways to build up our own spiritual house. In order to build up your spiritual house, **you need to turn your worries over to God**. This advice comes from scripture; *Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved (Psa.55:22)*. When we learn to surrender our burdens to the Lord, it brings freedom to our lives. In order to build up your spiritual house, **you need to spread love wherever you go**. There was a famous quote that said, *Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier*. We represent Christ's church and we need to show His kindness to the world. Spreading God's love starts with us! In order to build up your spiritual house, **you need to keep your priorities straight**. Remember the words of Jesus, *Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness (Matt.5:33)*. It is imperative that we learn what is ultimately important and what is not. In order to build up your spiritual house, **you must strive for excellence**. The Bible tells us that *whatever your hand finds to do, do it with you might (Eccl.9:10)*. Be the best you can be in whatever situation in life God has placed you. Finally, in order to build up your spiritual house, **you must learn to exercise your power of choice**. God has given us the freedom of choice. We can choose joy over despair. We can choose love over hate. We can choose spiritual life over spiritual death! Build you house on the rock (Matt. 7:27)!



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NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT - DEVO

Next Sunday night we will have a devotional after the evening assembly. The night will last from 6-8pm. You do not need to bring money for dinner as Davy and Sonja Carter are providing our meal for the night, just bring your **BIBLES!**

Family Day at
Brookshire's Park
is October 11th!

MOVIE NIGHT AT WEST ERWIN

September 27 after evening services



Family Life
Center
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Bring Your Friends!

"The Supremacy of Christ"

Introduction: Christ is supreme and preeminent and the _____ One worthy of our worship and obedience.

Colossians 2:6-8

Colossians 1:15-20

A. Christ is the _____ of God.

Colossians 1:15

Col. 1:19; 2:9-10; Heb. 1:1-3; John 1:1-3, 14-18; 14:6-11

B. Christ is the _____ and _____.

Colossians 1:16-17

John 1:3; Heb. 1:2; Acts 17:28

C. Christ is the _____ of the Church.

Colossians 1:18

Matt. 28:18-20; Eph. 1:18-23; 4:15-16

D. Christ is the _____.

Colossians 1:19-20

Col. 1:13-14, 21-23; Acts 20:28; Rom. 3:21-26; 5:6-11; 6:23; 2 Cor. 5:17-21; Eph. 1:3-10; Phil. 2:5-11; Heb. 1:1-3; 9:11-10:18

Conclusion: Though other people and teachings make promises, the supremacy of Christ is based ultimately on one great truth: **it is only Jesus Christ who is _____**. And the good news of the gospel is the same great truth: **"Jesus _____."**

New Members

Kelly and Heather Monahan wish to place membership at West Erwin along with their children: Jett, Koen and Jude. Please make them feel welcome!

SIGN UP TO DECORATE AND RUN A BOOTH AT THE FALL FESTIVAL!

P O U N D I N G for the Preacher!

Let's fill Bill & Joyce's pantry in their new home with a pound-a-this and a pound-a-that. Beginning 9/20 through 10/4 bring items to the foyer table. A detailed suggestion list will be provided. Gift cards are welcome! Dry goods, cleaning supplies, spices, complete meals to make, etc. are good ideas.

Please help us set up tables and chairs in the Family Life Center this Wednesday after classes for the Young at Heart Area Wide on Thursday.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy: Our love and sympathy is extended to Jean Morman and the family of Aubrey Morman. He passed away Thursday morning and services were yesterday.

Updates: Lois Smith, Connie Sublette's mother, fell Wednesday and fractured her hip. She had surgery Thursday morning in Temple.

Virginia Shull, friend of the Sublettes and Mallorys, is battling cancer.

Sandra Wingate is in Mother Frances after an appendectomy last Wednesday.

Kalli Huff is in Children's Hospital in Dallas.

Charles Rachui is in Life Care Hospital in Dallas.

Leon Welborn is in ETMC.

Charles Starr's mom, Gwen Starr, had back surgery last Wednesday in Tyler.

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Morgan Wilson, Dale White's brother-in-law remains in the hospital in serious condition.

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| Our Records | Sept. 27 |
|---------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 266 |
| Worship a.m. | 427 |
| Worship p.m. | 168 |
| Wed. p.m. | 180 |
| Contribution | \$40,393.95 |
| Weekly Budget | \$26,651.00 |

Our EEM Million Dollar Sunday donation was \$20,000.00.

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Order of Worship

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| Welcome/Call to Worship | Eric Thornton |
| Song #162 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name | Wayne Berryman |
| Song #163 His Name is Wonderful | |
| Song #24 Blessed Be the Name of the Lord | |
| Prayer | Don Durham |
| Song #792 My Eyes Are Dry | |
| Song #845 Gentle Shepherd | |
| Song #817 See His Glory | |
| Song #791 On Bended Knee | |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | Tom Hale |
| Song #21 Thou Art Worthy, Great Jehovah | |
| Scripture Hebrews 1:1-3 | Clifton Lindsey |
| Song #652 We Have Heard the Joyful Sound | |
| Message: The Supremacy of Christ | Bill Allen |
| Song #662 All To Jesus I Surrender | |
| Elder's Prayer | Greg Jones |
| Song #752 God Bless You, Go With God | |
| 5:00 P.M. Assembly | |
| Welcome/Call to Worship | Donnie Carnathan |
| Song #615 He Keeps Me Singing | Davy Carter |
| Song #226 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | |
| Prayer | Jonathan Stone |
| Scripture John 1:4-5 | Bill White |
| Song #213 He Is Able | |
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| Message: Walking in the Light | Bill Allen |
| Song #911 Bring Christ Your Broken Life | |
| Song #704 Bind Us Together | Frank Debenport |
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Our Weekly Schedule

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Food Distribution 6:30-7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY
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BILL'S BLOG

Bill Allen

Thank you for your sacrificial contributions this past Sunday! Money given enabled us to have a great part in **Eastern European Mission's Million Dollar Sunday**. In doing so we have fellowship in the great work EEM is doing in getting the Word of God to children in schools and camps in Ukraine; their teachers, camp staff, and families; as well as all the other good works of this great ministry. We share the desire and mission of EEM: "The Bible: We want everyone to get it."

This Lord's Day we consider the great truth of "The Supremacy of Christ." Consider the following quote. I imagine it's even more true today than six years ago.

"For much of America's history, the assumption was that if you were born in America, you would affiliate with the Christian faith. A nationwide survey by The Barna Group, however, indicates that people's views have changed. The study discovered that half of all adults now contend that Christianity is just one of many options that Americans choose from..." ["Christianity is No Longer Americans' Default Faith", The Barna Group, 1/12/2009] <https://www.barna.org/barna-update/faith-spirituality/15-christianity-is-no-longer-americans-default-faith#.VglauPIViko>

I think it's great that we live in a diverse culture. And I'm fine with people taking a close look at Christianity and checking it out to see if it actually holds water. Because it's the only thing that does.

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. (Col. 2:6-10)

Though these words were written almost 2000 years ago, they have a relevance to today more so than at any other time that I can remember. Why are the others "hollow and deceptive?" What makes Christ supreme and preeminent and worthy?

That's the issue we focus on this Sunday, and I am excited and glad to do it. No one and nothing can compare to Jesus Christ and the gospel—the salvation and forgiveness and eternal life available to all through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords. See you Sunday.



BEING A CHRISTIAN; A PERSON REBORN!

Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him. Jesus answered him, Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God (John 3:2b-3). This is part of the exchange between Jesus and Nicodemus, who came to learn from Jesus one night. From that conversation we can see the value of becoming a Christian. The apostles carried on that message as they taught new converts the necessity of that "new life" after their "new birth" of baptism. Paul said that if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation** (2 Co. 5:17). That means our old life is behind us. We are now living a "new life" of love for our brothers and sisters, of service to others, and of glory to God. After our rebirth, we also start living a **new life**. Paul wrote that we are *dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus (Ro. 6:11)*. We now live a life that is transformed by the renewing of our minds (Ro. 12:2). We live a life of new behavior because we are set free from sin and have become slaves to God instead (Ro. 6:22). After our rebirth, we also have a **new loyalty**. We no longer live for ourselves but we seek ways to bring glory and honor to God. We need to be like Paul who after being told by the high priest to quit preaching about Jesus said, *We must obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29)*. There is a change after our rebirth, if we there is no change, we are not being led by Jesus. Jesus said that He came so that his sheep *could have life and have it abundantly (Jo.10:10)*. Have you been taking advantage of your "new life"?



Thanks!

Thanks to all who came to our Movie Night! We enjoyed eating together and watching Seven Days in Utopia. SFT...

Thanks to all who helped and especially; James & Connie Sublette, Terry & Kim Frick, Randy Turner, Jonathan & Laurie Stone, Marc Philpot, Shannon Snell, Donnie Carnathan, David & Sharon Hammond.

Family Day @ Brookshire's Park

Join us Sunday, Oct. 11 for a great day at Brookshire's Park. We'll have lots of fun activities, good food & an uplifting time of worship to end the day. Everyone is invited. Please join us!

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from Genesis & John. The title of our study is "In The Beginning God..." The lesson this week... "Why Does Evil Exist" from Genesis 3 & 50. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Karing Kitchen

West Erwin is hosting the Karing Kitchen this Monday night (Oct. 5). If you would like to help, please come! We prepare at 5:00, serve @ 6:00 and finish cleaning up around 7:00. Join us as we serve the community.

Upcoming Important Dates

Oct. 5 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen

Oct. 11 Family Day @ Brookshires Park

Karing Kitchen is tomorrow night. Be at the Benevolent Center at 5 p.m. We serve dinner at 6 p.m. and are usually done with cleanup by 7 p.m.



My dear West Erwin family,

I want to tell you how fortunate we are. As soon as I received the check for my medical bill, I called Valentina and told her. She cried. Then we laughed. Your love for us is **overwhelming** and I really do not know what to say to that. You even sent the monthly help as well! Unbelievable! Thank you so much. For a guy who makes his money talking, I am at a loss for words. Working hard to make a difference for God and my brethren, G.W. Cliver

There will be a table shower honoring Elizabeth Lewis, bride-elect of Cody Kovarik October 11th and 18th. Bring your gift to the designated table in the foyer. Elizabeth's selections are at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target. Elizabeth is the daughter of Shelia Lewis.

Young at Heart
Area-Wide Hot Dog Supper
October 8th 6:00 p.m.
Sign up **TODAY!** at the Information Center if you are coming -so we can get a count.

Wednesday Night Meals
5:30 p.m.
\$5.00/adults \$3.00/children
This week:
BBQ

Ladies Wednesday Night Class
Join us October 7th in Room 401 and be prepared to discuss **James 3:1-12**

Family Day at Brookshire's Park
Is **October 11th!**



Tonight after our PM assembly, we will be having a devo in the Family Life Center from 6-8pm. We'll be playing a new game called 9 Square in the Air, so everyone that comes will need to wear close-toed shoes. Davy and Sonja Carter will be providing dinner tonight, so just come ready to have a great time, and BRING YOUR BIBLES!

WEST ERWIN FALL FESTIVAL - OCT 24TH

For many years, West Erwin's youth group has put on a fall themed carnival style festival at the end of October for the young children here. This year, we will continue that tradition, but we are asking for others to help us in this ministry! If you would be willing to help by decorating and running a booth for a few hours on Sunday night, Oct. 24th, that would be a great help and mean a great deal. Perhaps you and your spouse would like to do it together, or just with several friends! If you can help, please sign up on the sheet at the information center or see Eric for any questions you may have!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES - "EVANGAPHOBIA"

After being sick this past week, we'll pick back up where we left off the week before on our study of evangelism. We'll be helping answer some of the difficult questions teens will inevitably face when talking about the Bible, such as "Is the Bible pro-slavery?", "If God is good and loving, how can there be so much suffering and evil in the world, "Can I be homosexual and still a Christian", and "Seriously, he rose from the dead...". You will be challenged, and you will have to live in the tension of that awkwardness because the end result is always where we are supposed to be. If your child doesn't normally come on Wednesday nights, this would be a great time to bring them and start!

"The Supremacy of the Gospel"

Introduction: There are some voices in religious society today calling for a "new battle for the _____."

A. The Supremacy of _____—the Divine _____
Colossians 1:15-20

B. The Supremacy of the _____—the message of _____
Colossians 1:21-23

1) The gospel is the good news that we are saved through the _____ of Christ.

Colossians 1:19-22
Isa. 53; Jer. 31:31-34; John 3:16; Rom. 5:6-11; 1 Cor. 15:1-5ff.;
2 Cor. 5:17-21; Eph. 1:3-2:10

2) The gospel calls us to continue in our _____ and be unmoved from our _____.

Colossians 1:23
Col. 1:3-5; Titus 2:11-14; Heb. 6:13-20; 1 Peter 1:3-5
Matt. 7:21-27; John 8:31-32; 12:44-50; 14:6; 20:30-31
Rom. 10:17; Gal. 1:8-9; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; 4:1-4; 2 Peter 1:16-21; 2 John 9; Rev. 22:18-19

Conclusion: The supremacy of the gospel leads to the _____ of the gospel.

Colossians 1:23
Col. 1:3-8; 2:6-8; Acts 1:8; 2:38-47; etc.
1 Cor. 9:19-22; 1 Peter 3:15-16

This same gospel will spread in the same way _____.

SIGN UP TO DECORATE AND RUN A BOOTH AT THE FALL FESTIVAL!

Prayer & Care

Sympathy: Our love and sympathy is extended to Burney Wilson in the death of her sister.
Updates: **Charles Rachui** is in Park Place #115. **Phyllis Rachui** has some health issues.
Leon Welborn is home now.
Freida Starr's sister, **Becky Harman**, is having hip replacement surgery in Lufkin on Oct. 12.
Jerry Fennell, father of Jeff, will have colon cancer surgery at Mother Frances on Oct. 15.
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Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
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Song #797 Lord, We Come Before Thee Now
Prayer J.R. Tharpe
Song #314 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Lord's Supper & Contribution Fred Wingate
Song #416 Footsteps of Jesus
Scripture Titus 2:11-14 Charles Melville
Song #867 To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way
Message: **The Supremacy of the Gospel** Bill Allen
Song #940 Only a Step Phil Marts
Elder's Prayer
Song #885 How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

The 5:00 P.M. Assembly will meet in Room 112.

Call to Worship & Prayer Chris White
Song Ralph Henderson
Scripture Howard Dickson
Song
Sermon Chris White
Song
Song
Dismissal
Prayer Gene Chandler

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BILL'S BLOG

Bill Allen

This past Sunday morning's sermon was a key part of the message of Colossians. Truly "the supremacy of Christ" is more than just a key part of the gospel—it is the gospel. This Sunday we look at the supremacy of that gospel. And in so doing we acknowledge the importance of the Scriptures that announce that gospel.

While Biblical authority and the Truth the Bible reveals are being rejected by many, there are some voices today that are sounding the alarm that not only in our secular culture but in our religious culture as well there is a deepening illiteracy when it comes to the Word of God. Consider this excerpt from a recent editorial in *Christianity Today*, "Why We Need the New Battle for the Bible."

Today we need a new battle for the Bible—not for a precise definition of biblical authority that all evangelicals can agree on, but a simple return to the Bible as the final authority in matters of faith and practice—and especially Christian doctrine... Consensus, as important as it is at times, cannot be the final rule of faith and practice, certainly not for evangelicals. The Bible is. Evangelicals recall that at times it is only a remnant who remain faithful to God (Rom. 11:1-5). It is crucial, despite a consensus to the contrary, that we remain faithful to what we believe God has revealed in his Word... We believe that the Bible has the very fingerprints of God all over it, and we describe it as inerrant or infallible especially in all matters of faith and practice. We argue with one another about what exactly terms like inerrancy mean, and how to rightly read certain passages given their genre. But underneath those arguments is our strong bias to grasp and apply the plain meaning of the text. Unfortunately, we have to deal with many false teachings today. Each misreads the Bible in crucial ways. Some currently teach that "You shall not murder" does not apply to human life in the womb. Others that true faith leads to physical health and financial prosperity. But perhaps no false teaching is more confusing or divisive than that the church should bless same-sex relationships. It's a good example of the doctrinal challenge before us... The biblical passages that deal with this issue "are unambiguously and unremittingly negative in their judgment." In a 2010 study commissioned by the Episcopal Church, even revisionists acknowledged that same-sex marriage "exceed[s] the marriage practices assumed by Scripture," justifying the new ethic because it "comports with the mission of God celebrated by the Spirit in the body of Christ." Or, as those revisionists put it elsewhere, "The Holy Spirit is doing a new thing." Naturally, we remain unconvinced that the Holy Spirit would reverse course from a divinely inspired biblical teaching.

[\[Battle-for-the-Bible-article\]](#)

It seems to me what this editorial acknowledges is that we have passed the point of disagreeing about what the Bible teaches and are now at a place where we no longer agree that the Bible is the actual "final authority in matters of faith and practice—and especially Christian doctrine." Whereas I think in our Churches of Christ that is likely less the case than with most, I don't think we're immune to that thinking. How else could some not condemn abortion? Homosexuality? Materialism? The message of Scripture is clear. The Bible calls them sins.

The question is, Does that mean anything to us? Or maybe another question first: Have we even considered what the Biblical teaching is on those and other issues facing us today? The good news of the gospel is not that sin no longer exists. The good news of the gospel is that we can be forgiven of our sins and triumph over sin through the sacrifice of Christ.



THE CHALLENGES OF CHRISTIANITY!

As I grow older, I am finding out Satan attacks me in different ways than he did when I was younger. Satan gets after my patience, my endurance, and my joy sometimes. I find that sometimes I have a hard time showing my spirit. I find myself getting cynical and a lot of the times way too critical. I get frustrated when things don't go my way and while though I used to embrace change, I wonder now if I might be a dinosaur. The world is changing all around me, yet there is one thing I need to remember. I was put here on this earth, in my most blessed position, to show others Christ. How do I do that? Consider these words of Paul, *So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interest, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, (Philippians 2:1-5).* Have I received encouragement from Christ? Most assuredly, have I received comfort from his love? You bet, have I participated in the Spirit? No doubt, then what does God want me to do? He wants me to love better, stand united with my brothers and sisters in Christ in peace, and put my ego aside and count others better than myself. No matter my age, my physical stature, I am to have the mind of Christ. That is my biggest challenge!



Family Day @ Brookshire's Park

Join us today (Sunday Oct. 11) for a great day at Brookshire's Park. We have lots of fun activities, good food & an uplifting time of worship to end the day. Everyone is invited. Please join us! Grab some lunch and bring it to the park or eat on the way. We will start the activities at 2:00, dinner served at 5:30 and a time of worship following supper. Bring your favorite games. Don't miss it!

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from Genesis & John. The title of our study is "In The Beginning God..." The lesson this week... "A hurting world" from Job 2:11-13 & Romans 5:3-5. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following: Romans 5:2b-4 "And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope."

Karing Kitchen

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday. Thanks for making a difference in our community! West Erwin will host again on Nov. 9.

Upcoming Important Dates

- Oct. 11 Family Day @ Brookshire's Park
- Nov. 9 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
- Nov. 29 Family Service Day @ Boles Home



Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Words cannot express how loved we all felt by your generous display of love toward our family. The flowers/plant was beautiful and the meal after the funeral was delicious. But even more the love and concern you showed in calls, prayers, visits and help. Thank you so much!
Love, Jean, Barry, Patti, Jan, Brenda and Mark (The Morman family)

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5:30 p.m.
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This week: Bruno's



Eric Thornton - Youth Minister

NO DEVO TONIGHT - FAMILY DAY AT THE PARK

There is no devo at West Erwin tonight because this afternoon and this evening are our Family Day at Brookshire's Park! We want to encourage all of our youth group families to join us at the park today to have fun, get to know each other better, and spend time together praising our God.

WEST ERWIN FALL FESTIVAL - OCT 25TH

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES - "EVANGAPHOBIA"

After tackling two rather difficult questions about the Bible's stance on issues this past week, we will continue down that road this week by tackling questions related to the Bible and slavery, "If God is good and loving, how can there be so much suffering and evil in the world, and from an outsiders perspective, how a deity who is ALL God could still come to each and become man, and hopefully how and why miracles happened the way they did then versus how things are now. You will be challenged, and hopefully encouraged as well. If your child doesn't normally come on Wednesday nights, this would be a great time to bring them and start!

Family Day at Brookshire's Park Is October 11th!



The Weathers family is proud to announce the graduation of Ross Walker Weathers from Baylor University School of Law. Ross has moved back to Tyler and joined the Hampe & Iglesias law firm in downtown Tyler. Ross is the son of Rhonda Weathers and the late Walker Weathers and the grandson of Don & Wanda Weathers.

Ladies Wednesday Night Class

Join us October 14th in Room 401 and be prepared to discuss [James 3:13-18](#).

"Back to the Future"

Introduction: Anybody know what this Wednesday is? It's _____ Day!

A. The _____ goes back to the future.
Colossians 1:24-27; 2:2; Acts 9:15-16; 22:14-16; 26:12-20;
Rom. 9-11; 11:25-36; 16:25-27; Eph. 1:3-10; 3:2-12

The salvation of _____ through _____
"Christ _____ you, the _____ of glory"

B. The _____ goes back to the future.
Colossians 1:28-29; Matt. 20:28; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16;
Luke 19:10; 24:45-49; John 3:16-17; 10:10-11, 14-16; Acts 1:8

The sharing of the _____ with _____

C. The _____ goes back to the future.
Colossians 2:1-3; 1:28-29
1 Cor. 9:19-23; 2 Cor. 5:10-21; 1 Peter 2:9-12; 3:15-16

To help _____ know the mystery—and that mystery is _____.

Conclusion: There is one place that even a souped-up DeLorean time machine can't go—_____. The good news—the mystery—of the gospel is that through His death _____ can take us there.

Romans 8:35-39

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Family Life Center

- ❖ Carnival Booths for Children
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- ❖ Prizes & Costume Contest

Hot dogs and Nachos will be served!

Please bring wrapped, bagged candy for Fall Festival and place it in the tubs in the foyer.

Sign up at the Information Center to bring homemade cookies and cupcakes on 8/25.

Prayer & Care

Updates: **Betty Willis** fell recently and is at home with broken ribs.
Suzie Carnathan fell and fractured her elbow.
Phyllis Rachui has some health issues.
Melanie Murry's mother, **Delores Skaggs**, fell and broke her hip and pelvis. She has Alzheimer's. She was moved to hospice in Denton.
Freida Starr's sister, **Becky Harman**, had hip replacement surgery in Lufkin on Oct. 12.
Nathan Vanbuskirk, son-in-law of Terry and Kim Frick, had back surgery on Oct. 13.
Jerry Fennell, father of Jeff, had colon cancer surgery at Mother Frances on Oct. 15.
Morgan Wilson, Dale White's brother-in-law remains in serious condition.
Jonie Loyd, Arnold & Agnes Ables' great granddaughter, remains in the hospital.
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W. Erwin Doors: Jim & Helen Boyd

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| Our Records | October 11 |
|---------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 229 |
| Worship a.m. | 413 |
| Worship p.m. | 155 |
| Wed. p.m. | 189 |
| Contribution | \$36,215.00 |
| Weekly Budget | \$26,651.00 |

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
Song #895 I'll Live in Glory Gary Ables
Song #448 The Greatest Commands
Prayer Ernie Gordon
Song #353 One Day! Tom Clark
Lord's Supper & Contribution Lee Mink
Song #238 You Are the Song That I Sing Bill Allen
Scripture Romans 8:35-39
Song #15 Step by Step
Message: **"Back to the Future"**
Song #948 I Am Resolved Gaylan Seagler
Elder's Prayer
Song #874 Walking Alone at Eve
5:00 P.M. Assembly
Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
Song #766 Open Our Eyes Lord Davy Carter
Song #273 More Precious Than Silver
Song #274 Lord, I Want To Love You More
Song #275 Oh Lord, You're Beautiful
Song #276 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Prayer Wade Weathers
Scripture 1 John 1:6-7 Lance Yarema
Song #703 I Love You With The Love Of The Lord
Song #705 A Common Love
Message: **"The New/Old Command"**
Song #922 Jesus Paid It All Bill Allen
Song #915 Trust and Obey
Dismiss Chris Conder

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

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Food Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.
Food Distribution 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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Our time together Sunday afternoon at the park was a great time of fun and fellowship. Thanks to our wonderful Danny Snell and all who had a hand in making that happen as well as all who participated.

As we've been going through Colossians we're finding some strong parallels between the first century world and our own. One of the things that sets our culture apart from so many others is the fast rate of change. Lots of things are different now, and sometimes those differences seem to happen at warp speed.

Milton Jones in his book, *Christ—No More, No Less* shares a chart that highlights a few of the differences.

| | MEDIEVAL | MODERN | POSTMODERN |
|------------------------|----------|---------|------------|
| How People Communicate | ORALLY | PRINT | HYPertext |
| How the World Is Known | MYSTERY | SCIENCE | BOTH |
| Who's in Charge | GOD | MAN | NO ONE |

In today's world we value both mystery and science as we consider our world. And if you have no idea what "Hypertext" is, your roots are likely in the modern world of the printed page rather than the ever-changing world of today's Internet!

And who's in charge in our world today? While we believe that God remains Sovereign, our society as a whole it seems has "graduated" from the Enlightenment/Modern era's worship of Man to the cynical, secular response of today: No one is in charge.

Enter the Christian! Enter the Church!

To this pessimistic, secular, selfish view comes the message of the hope and joy of the gospel.

And we are able to bring this positive witness to each other as well as to those outside of Christ. We can be a positive influence to one another and encourage each other to greater faith. In fact, I believe that's the whole purpose behind God's creation of the church—that we might encourage each other to grow in Christ, to be active in His church, to be faithful to His will, and to live faithfully in His world.

So instead of "If you're not going I don't think I will either," our message to each other is, "I'm going! Why don't you come too!"

Instead of "You can't come here until you've got your life together," our message to others is, "I don't have my life all put together either! You'll fit right in!"



MY SOUL THIRSTS FOR YOU!

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth; they shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals. But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, but the mouths of liars will be stopped (Psa. 63). This psalm was written by David while he was in the wilderness of Judah, supposedly during the revolt of Absalom. As David was struggling with his family problems, he realizes his need for God. He acknowledges God's power and his own need to worship and praise God for who He was. David realizes when his worship is right, then blessings flow from God. David sees the **satisfaction** he can receive from God (vs 5). David also realizes the **protection** his relationship with God brings (vs 7). Finally, David acknowledges the **support** God gives him (vs 8). We are better people when we thirst for God! He alone, is better than life, let's praise Him!



Thanks!

Thanks to so many who helped us with Family Day last week! We all had a great time and it was a real joy to worship together with a beautiful sunset. Thanks to Logan Stone, Cole Benson & Jude Monahan for helping lead our singing!

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from Genesis & John. The title of our study is "In The Beginning God..." The lesson this week... "The Reality of Hell" from Romans 1, Matthew 10 & 2 Thess. 1. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Upcoming Important Dates

- Nov. 9 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
- Nov. 29 Family Service Day @ Boles Home

New Member!
Wendy Nelson wishes to place membership with West Erwin. Please make her feel welcome.

Wednesday Night Meals
 5:30 p.m.
 \$5.00/adults \$3.00/children
This week:
 Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon & Sausage



NO DEVO TONIGHT - SMALL GROUPS

There is no devo at West Erwin since tonight is the 3rd Sunday of the month. That means after our PM assembly Small Groups are meeting around the Tyler area. Please join your families and take this opportunity to get to know others from West Erwin even better.

WEST ERWIN FALL FESTIVAL - OCT 25TH

Next Sunday, Oct. 25th, is West Erwin's Annual Fall Festival. Many here in our church are helping the youth group this year with this effort, and we are very thankful for everyone who volunteered. If you are helping decorate and run one of our booths, we will be at the Family Life Center on Saturday the 24th from 10:30am - 2:00pm decorating and setting up those booths. So please come on Saturday to make sure those are ready to go for Sunday night. The festival will run from 6:00pm right after our evening assembly to 8:00pm, and is for kids ages birth through the 5th grade. Parents, please help your children into their costumes AFTER the assembly, and as always we ask the costumes be tasteful and not gory, bloody or gross. We will be serving hot dogs and nachos, along with cookies so come eat and join us for a fun night together. And for everyone, PLEASE BRING CANDY!!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES - "EVANGAPHOBIA"

We've finished up our "challenging questions" portion of our study, and this week we wrap it all up, and issue the final challenge of doing what many people choose not to do, or feel like is someone else's job, and that is, sharing you faith and attempting to direct others to Christ, INTENTIONALLY. It won't happen by accident and it won't happen if you never decide you're going to be a part of that calling from God.

Serving Others First - Always
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 fabric ■ fiberfill ■ thread
 recycled magazines ■ large baskets
 Take your donations to the Information Center.



To our Christian Friends: Words cannot express our gratitude for the multitude of prayers, cards, visits and words of encouragement. We have been blessed by all the acts of kindness shown to us. Please continue to pray for healing and strength as we will continue to pray for this great church of Christians that we love. God bless - Leon and Carolyn

There will be a table shower honoring
 Elizabeth Lewis,
 bride-elect of Cody Kovarik
 October 11th and 18th.
 Bring your gift to the designated table in the foyer.
 Elizabeth's selections are at
 Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.
 Elizabeth is the daughter of Shelia Lewis.



Dear Church Family,
 Your expressions of care and concern during my recent surgery and recovery blessed Fred and me in so many ways. All the calls, cards, food and visits prove that God's Spirit is alive and active among His saints at West Erwin. We are so blessed to be part of such a loving family.
 Sandra and Fred Wingate

Ladies Wednesday Night Class
 Join us October 21st in Room 401 and be prepared to discuss **James 4:1-12**.

"Settling for Less"

Introduction: It's doubtful that any of us want to be known as people who _____.

Could it be that we are settling for a modern-day _____ of _____? (Gen. 11:1-9)

Colossians 2:1-10

A. Don't be _____.

- By fine-sounding _____ (v. 4)
- By hollow and deceptive _____ (v. 8)

Matt. 28:18-10; Rom. 6; 10:17; Eph. 4:1-16; Heb. 5:11-6:3

B. Jesus Christ is the only foundation that will _____.

- Our faith in Him must remain _____ (v. 5)
- We must _____ in Him. (Vs. 6-7)
- He has the _____ (Vs. 9-10)

Col. 1:15-20; Eph. 1:15-23; Rom. 1:1-4; Heb. 1:1-3

Conclusion: Don't settle for less when it comes to the _____ for your life!

1 Cor. 3:9-11; Col. 2:6-10

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Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Our love and sympathy is extended to Jean and Ron Parish and the family of Marjorie Ethridge. Marjorie passed away Tuesday. Services were Friday in Greenville, TX.

Updates:

Larry Davis, brother of Shirley Denman, is getting a pacemaker.

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song #577 We Bow Down
 Song #800 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
 Prayer
 Song #264 O Come, Let Us Adore Him
 Song #376 He Paid a Debt
 Lord's Supper & Contribution
 Song #538 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 3:9-11
 Song #457 How Firm a Foundation
 Message: **"Settling for Less"**
 Song #589 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
 Elder's Prayer
 Song #578 We Will Glorify

Donnie Carnathan
 Gary Ables
 Davy Carter
 Don Crawford
 Eric Moseley
 Bill Allen
 Wade Weathers

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song #469 Faith Is the Victory
 Song #626 Christ for the World We Sing
 Song #985 When Morning Comes
 Prayer
 Scripture 1 Peter 2:9
 Song #957 This World Is Not My Home
 Message: **"Anti-world, Antichrist, Or...Neither?"**
 Song #951 The Savior Is Waiting to Enter Your Heart
 Song #988 I'll Be Listening
 Dismiss

Donnie Carnathan
 Wayne Berryman
 Don Durham
 Frank Debenport
 Bill Allen
 David Hammond

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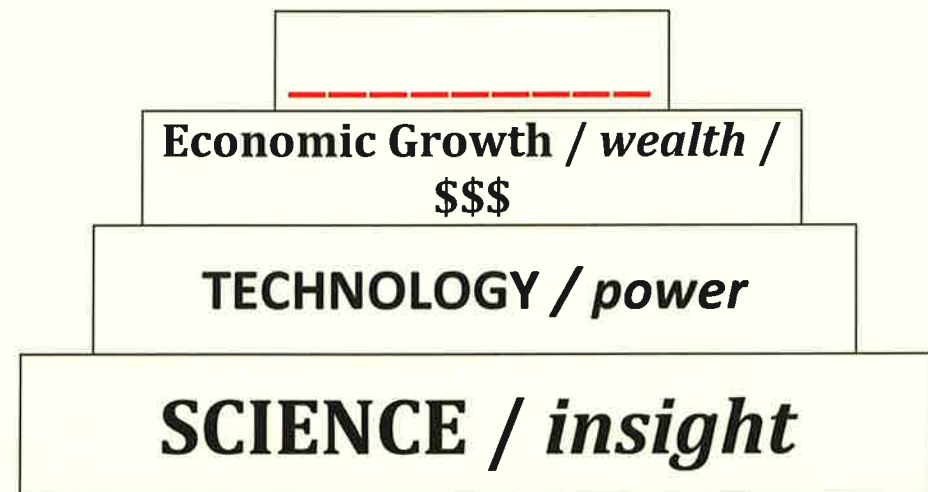
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It may have surprised you when we noted Sunday that the date Marty and Jennifer and Doc went "Back to the Future" was Oct. 21, 2015—this past Wednesday! Seems like it was a lot farther into the future than, um, this last week!

This Sunday we'll share some thoughts that find similarity between the ancient Tower of Babel and the tower of our lives today, including the foundations on which our modern and post-modern cultures have sought to build. Here's a little preview.



You may notice that I don't have the top one on here. Hey, some things need to wait till the sermon, right?

Actually I've taken the lower three levels from Milton Jones and his book, *Christ—No More, No Less*. The top one I've added. What do you think it is? What would you put as the top layer that turns our 21st Century culture?

You may want to build one of these yourself, because there are other things that we could say drive us and impact our society as we build our towers today. For the Christian, however, there is only one foundation for our lives, and that we implore others to use as their foundation. Any other foundation results in a tower that is sure to crumble.

"No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 9:11)



ONLY THE LONELY KNOW THE WAY I FEEL TONIGHT!

Those words are from a Roy Orbison song that was released in 1960. That song came to mind after something that was said to me after last Sunday's worship. I was alone that day, Suzie was at home with her arm, and my children were not here, so I sat in a different spot. I just did not feel like being in my old place. Alice Thompson came up to me and said that now I knew what it was like to be alone at church. Her comment made me think of one of the sisters from Lake Houston whose husband never came to church and was not a person of faith. She told me that I was blessed because I had a spouse that would pray for me; she did not have that blessing. Both those comments touched my heart. It made me think of how we need to be **aware** of the needs of our church family and know that everybody's situation is different. Blessings that we take for granted every day may be sorely missed by someone else. Church should be a place of refuge, a place of caring, a place of comfort, and a place of worship to the great God we serve. To be that place, it takes all of us looking to what **we** can do to lift each other up, to edify one another, and to encourage each other to be more like Christ. It takes all of us bringing the best of our "spiritual sacrifices" (1 Pet.2:5) to the Lord. It takes the putting of "my needs" aside and helping with the needs of others. It does not always happen inside the church walls either. Sometimes, great things happen when we make the effort to be **together** away from the church. What kind of "sacrifices" are you bringing to God?



By Danny Snell

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from Genesis & John. The title of our study is "In The Beginning God..." The lesson this week... "It's Not Fair!" from Psalm 73 and Romans 8:12-23. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following From Romans 8: **18** *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.* **19** *For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.* **20** *For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope* **21** *that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.*

Upcoming Important Dates

- Nov. 9 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
- Nov. 29 Family Service Day @ Boles Home

Lucia Gomez and her grandsons, Kenny and Kevin, were baptized by Israel Sandoval at the Hispanic congregation last week. Pray for them to be encouraged in their Christian walk.

Wednesday Night Meals
5:30 p.m.
\$5.00/adults \$3.00/children
This week:
Mexican Food

New Members

Sean and Elizabeth Sillavan
have placed membership with West Erwin.
Please make them feel welcome.

Beginning November 1st the 4th and 5th grades will have dinner and a devotional after evening services in the annex next to the Family Life Center on the first Sunday night of each month. They will be finished by 8:00 p.m.



Eric Thornton - Youth Minister

WEST ERWIN FALL FESTIVAL - TONIGHT

West Erwin's annual Fall Festival for kids from ages birth through the 5th grade is TONIGHT! As always, we will have a bounce house, food, and an abundance of fun game booths for our children to enjoy, some run and manned by our teenagers, and others by members of our church family who have stepped up to help us with the event this year! There will be contests for best costumes by age groups, and LOTS of candy to give away. We will be providing food for everyone as well! So please make plans to stick around after our evening assembly from 6:00-8:00pm in the Family Life Center. Wear regular clothes to worship, and then CHANGE INTO YOUR COSTUMES! The entire church, regardless of age, is invited to share this night with us. You'll leave with a smile on your face, I promise.

JUNIOR HIGH AREA WIDE - NOV. 8TH

Two weeks from tonight, Nov. 8th, is the annual Junior High Only "Gathering" Area Wide, and as in years past, West Erwin will be hosting the evening. We will start at 6pm and end at 8pm. So if you are in junior high, please bring \$3 for dinner, wear your runnin' shoes, and come join us!

ZEW RETREAT - NOV. 20-22

This year's ZEW Retreat, our junior high area fall retreat, is less than one month away now. This year's theme is "Proof". It isn't so much about proving our position to the world, but rather using our lives as proof of the change God has made in us. Mark your calendars for Nov. 20-22. The cost is \$70, and the deadline to sign up and GET A SHIRT is Nov. 11th. You can still sign up to come after that, but we cannot guarantee a shirt order after the 11th.

Christian Homes & Family Services will be hosting their Champion for Children Dinner in Tyler on Tuesday, Nov. 17th at 7:00 pm at the Green Acres Baptist Church Crosswalk. Make plans to attend and hear feisty Leigh Anne Tuohy, the inspirational matriarch who inspired the Academy Award winning movie *The Blind Side*. For more information visit our webpage at the link below, or call Anna Kathryn Shultz at 903-509-0558.

Serving Others First - Always

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You have been an encouragement to me during these long months of my recuperation through your prayers, visits, calls, cards and treats. Thank you. We are hopeful that Park Place is the last step to my getting home. Please continue to pray for my complete recovery. We are looking forward to being back in worship services with you. Charles Rachui

Ladies Wednesday Night Class

Join us October 28th in Room 401 and be prepared to discuss James 4:13-17.

"So What's Your Metanarrative?"

Introduction: A metanarrative, according to Milton Jones, is "a big, all-encompassing _____." (*Christ: No More, No Less*) Our metanarrative is centered on _____.

Col. 2:6-10

A. _____ believed he had a story, and he shared it several times in Scripture.

Acts 9; 22; 26; Phil. 3:1-14
1 Tim. 1:12-17

B. Scripture calls on the Christians in Colossae—and _____ to remember our story as well.

Colossians 2:11-15
Romans 6:1-4, 5ff.
Eph. 2:1-10; Titus 3:3-8 (John 3:3-5); 2 Cor. 5:16-17

- Buried and raised with Christ in _____
- Baptism and the _____

Baptism as a part of the response of faith is the power of God at work in our lives.

Matt. 3:13-17; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; John 3:3-5; Acts 2:36-38, 41; 8:12-13, 30-39; 10; 16:13-15, 29-34; 22:16; Rom. 6:1-4; Gal. 3:26-28; Col. 2:9-15; Titus 3:3-8; 1 Peter 3:18-22

Conclusion: The truth is, Jesus not only belongs in the story, Jesus _____ the story. Jesus is _____ story.

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Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Our love and sympathy is extended to Mary Adams and family in the death of Tony. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday.

Matt Hamm had knee surgery in Oklahoma on Friday.

Jim Boyd is in Mother Frances and is improving.

Ruby Cliver was in Mother Frances last week. She is home now.

Updates:

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November 1, 2015

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship--Matthew 21:6-9

Song #167

Hosanna

Song

How Great is Our God

Song

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Prayer

Song

Above All

Lord's Supper

Song #354

I Gave My Life for Thee

Contribution

Song #470

Victory in Jesus

Scripture

Romans 6:3-4

Song

Open The Eyes of My Heart

Message:

So What's Your Metanarrative?

Song #480

Blessed Assurance

Elder's Prayer

Song

Light The Fire

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship

Song #742

When Upon Life's Billows

Song #540

O For a Faith That Will Not Shrink

Song #239

In Moments Like These

Prayer

Scripture

Ephesians 2:8-10

Song #852

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

Message:

Children of God!

Song #381

Years I Spent in Vanity

Song #414

Anywhere with Jesus

Dismiss

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

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Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.
Food Distribution 6:30-7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY
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Robert Lee

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Dannie Skipper

In Colossians—as in all of his letters as well as the rest of the NT—one of the main concerns of the apostle Paul for the church members of Colossae is how they live their lives. NT writers do this by emphasizing several things, including and especially these three:

1. The Gospel
2. The Response of Faith
3. The Life of Faith

The gospel is, quite simply, the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ for our sins. We are constantly reminded throughout the NT that Jesus gave His life for us. Without that sacrifice we would have no way of forgiveness, no reason to believe, no call to live faithfully, no hope of heaven.

However, because Jesus *did* give His life and He *did* shed His blood for us, we have *all* of those things. Because of His sacrifice there is a **response of faith**.

That response of faith, according to the teaching of Scripture, includes baptism. Forgiveness and salvation come absolutely and only because of the love and grace and mercy of God seen in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. But because Jesus has died for us, there is a response of faith. We *believe* in the One who sacrificed His life for us; we change our lives (*repent*) and seek to live faithfully to Him; we *confess* that this is our genuine belief and desire; and we *are baptized* in His name, by His authority, because of His sacrifice.

Our sermon this Sunday morning is taken from Col. 2:11-15. When you read these verses along with other similar passages—Rom. 6:1-4; Eph. 2:1-10; Titus 3:3-8; 1 Peter 3:18-22; etc.—it is clear that baptism is a part of the response of faith and is based solely and entirely in the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is interesting that typically when the NT speaks of baptism—except perhaps in the conversion stories of the book of Acts—the purpose is to remind Christians of our story in order to call us to faithfully and obediently live **the life of faith**. Remembering our conversion and commitment to Christ is more than just appreciating that we are saved. Baptism is not only key in bringing about our *salvation* through Jesus' sacrifice, it is also *transformative* in calling us to a life of selflessness rather than selfishness. Baptism is our new birth that begins a new life in the way of the cross.

What we want for our children and grandchildren and everyone, more than anything else, is for them to see *their* story in *the* story. We want them to have that connection with Jesus and His blood, with Christ and His church.

I'm looking forward to reminding us of *the* story this Sunday, and in doing so sharing *my* story, and reminding us all of *our* story.



ALL DAY BREAKFAST

The world has become a better place now. McDonalds is now serving breakfast all day. To me, breakfast has always been the best part of McDonalds. It makes me wonder why they took so long to offer me "their best" any time I wanted it! Of course I'm kidding about this making the world a better place, but I am not kidding about offering your best at all times. To be successful today, a business has to offer their best all the time. The world has become too competitive to offer anything less. It works the same way in how we offer our life to God. God expects our best always. In Proverbs 3:9-10, we read, *Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce, then your barns will be filled with plenty.* God will bless us when we offer back our physical blessings to his service. I also believe God will bless us when we offer our spiritual gifts too. He wants our best. He wants our best in the way we represent His church. He wants our best when we speak and when we act. He wants our best efforts when we are involved in the work of the kingdom. He wants our best when we worship him and when we pray for each other. He wants our best in the way we deal with our brothers and sisters. He wants us to love each other, bear with one another, and help each other get through the struggles of this world. *Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light... Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him (Psalm 37:4-7).*



Bible Class

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**Reminder to all Deacons:
You have a meeting Sunday
afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in room
#403 in the office complex.**

**Wyatt Gruver's latest newsletter is
available at the Information Center.**

**Wednesday Night Meals
5:30 p.m.
\$5.00/adults \$3.00/children
This week:
BBQ**

We received a card from Mozelle Brown thanking you for all of her many birthday cards delivered by the Care & Concern team.

Beginning November 1st the 4th and 5th grades will have dinner and a devotional after evening services in the annex next to the Family Life Center on the first Sunday night of each month. They will be finished by 8:00 p.m.



Eric Thornton – Youth Minister

WEST ERWIN FALL FESTIVAL – THANK YOU!!!

Sometimes things don't always go the way they have in the past, or the way it seems they should have to in order to be successful. Normally, the youth group 100% sets up, decorates and runs our Fall Festival each year at West Erwin. But this year, we were in desperate need of help, and I personally could not have been more blessed by the group of people that came out last Saturday to help up setup and decorate for the event, and all of those who helped run the event on Sunday night. It takes such a lot of work to pull off something of that size, and on behalf of all of the children who the Fall Festival blessed (including my own) your willingness to help does not go unnoticed. So from the young to the "not as young but still young" that help, thank you so so much. You'll all be getting thank you cards from me, but be patient please. ☺

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Words cannot express the depth of love and gratitude we feel for this church. You have supported our family so much the last few years, the cards, visits, prayers and the delicious food. We thank you for all and we love you.

Ron & Jean Parish A.D. & Chi Ethridge

Ladies Wednesday Night Class

Join us November 4th in Room 401 and be prepared to discuss **James 5:1-6**.



"Angels We Have Seen—Everywhere!"

Introduction: Seen any books on _____ lately? TV shows? Movies? "Knick-knacks?"

Angels today offer a pain - _____ - cost spirituality.

Colossians 2:16-23

A. In today's world, _____ is in, but _____ and _____ are out.

- Everything is _____; or
- Everything is _____;
- And _____ are wrong.

Rev. 22:18-19; John 12:47-50

Matt. 5-7; 6:1-18; Rom. 6; 14:1-15:7; 1 Cor. 6; 8-10; Eph. 4-6; Col. 3

B. Spirituality and religion can—indeed must—exist _____.

Col. 2:18-19; Deut. 13:1-5; Gal. 1:6-9; Heb. 1:1-2:4

Conclusion: Our spirituality and our religion are based on the centrality of _____.

Col. 1:13-23; 2:6-15; 3-4

The Young Adults are invited to "Breakfast with Bill!"
Sunday, Nov 15th 8 a.m. at the FLC with class afterwards.....kids welcome.



Welcome New Members!



Sean and Elizabeth Sillavan live in Athens. Sean is employed with UTMB and works in the prison system. Elizabeth is a 7th grade history teacher with Athens ISD. Make them feel welcome.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Services were Tuesday in Cisco, Texas for Dorothy Simmons, mother of Evelyn Muncy. Shirley Denman's brother-in-law passed away. Services were Monday in Atlanta, Texas.

Updates:

Charles Rachui is in Mother Frances in ICU.

Ila McLemee is in Briarcliff S.T.A.R., Room 23.

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship--Revelation 21:1-3, 9-10 Eric Thornton
Song #718 We Shall Assemble Gary Ables
Song #100 Holy Ground
Song #101 Holy Ground
Prayer
Song In Christ Alone
Lord's Supper & Contribution Dannie Skipper
Song #2 We Praise Thee, O God
Scripture Psalm 125:1-2 Wynne Weathers
Song Surround Us, O Lord Wayne Berryman
Message: "Angels We Have Seen - Everywhere!" Bill Allen
Song #797 Lord, We Come Before Thee Now Jay Bynum
Elder's Prayer
Song #559 The Joy of the Lord

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
Song #323 The Way That He Loves Me Wayne Berryman
Song #379 If That Isn't Love
Song #348 That Last, Lonely Mile
Song #387 Tell Me the Story of Jesus
Prayer Phil Marts
Scripture 1 John 3:18 Charles Melville
Song #359 I Love the Lord
Message: "One Great Truth; Two Great Commands" Bill Allen
Song #389 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Song #421 There's A Sweet Sweet Spirit
Dismiss Ralph Henderson

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This past Sunday was a great blessing as our church family met and sang and praised God together. We were able to be challenged by God's Word in our continued studies of John, Colossians and 1 John. We met around the Table of our Lord together and prayed together. We shared family needs and blessings. We gave of our money and ourselves in order to praise our God and encourage one another in the walk of faith.

One of the special things about this past Sunday was the singing. A special thanks to Gary and to Davy for leading us, and to all for singing out in praise of our great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

I appreciate so very much the wonderful response to the sermon, taken from Col. 2:11-15. As I said Sunday morning, baptism without the cross is just getting wet. And the response of faith without baptism takes away the connection to the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Baptism as a part of the response of faith is the power of God at work in our lives. But not everyone accepts and appreciates the teaching of Scripture.

In our sermon this coming Sunday morning we'll examine the remainder of Colossians 2, including these statements in verses 18 and 19:

Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

Jon Tyson in his book, *Sacred Roots: Why the Church Still Matters* (part of the FRAMES series produced by the Barna Group in 2013) says this: "Welcome to the post-religious age—where the once clean-cut ideas about faith and Christianity are breaking down...There are new disclaimers and perceptions when it comes to matters of the soul: Those who self-describe as 'spiritual, but not religious'—individuals who like to associate with what they perceive as the positive elements of spirituality but not the negative associations of organized religion..."

"Spiritual, but not religious." You see, it's okay to be spiritual—that's all about how you feel and what you experience. But to be religious—well, that requires you to answer to someone: a church; the Bible; Jesus Christ.

That's a little too demanding for some. But to refuse to do so is to lose connection with the Head; to cut yourself off from the rest of the body; to answer only to yourself and to be accountable only to your subjective feelings and perceptions of spirituality.

We'll share Sunday how Jesus calls us to be both spiritual and religious.



SURVIVING IN MONTERREY

I once met an older man in Mexico that lived near Horsetail Falls south of Monterrey. He was in his 70's when I met him and he made his living doing a variety of jobs around the falls. He picked up trash at a popular swimming hole. He guided groups on hiking trips on some pretty steep mountain trails. His tours always ended in a cave that overlooked the falls (a beautiful site). He told me he played in that cave as a child. I was amazed at his stamina, his endurance, and his attitude about life. I asked him why he was so active at his age. He told me he had to work hard to survive and that working hard was good for his health. He also said he liked meeting new people. That was probably 10 years ago when I met him, but he still stands out in my mind. His outlook on life reminds me of what makes a great church. As a church, we need to **stay active** to survive. We can't slow down or be content with what we did years ago. As a church, we need to exercise our faith so we can **stay spiritually healthy**. A church that is spiritually healthy is equipped to do kingdom work. We also need to **stay social**. We are in the people business and we are to love with a purpose. Are you active in the church? How is your spiritual health? Does your social life reflect your spirituality?



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Family Service Day @ Boles Home

We are planning a service project for Boles Home on Sunday, Nov. 29, for any families that would like to be involved. We will leave right after church on Sunday morning and return around 7:30pm. We will be spending the afternoon with the kids and families of Boles Home putting up Christmas decorations on the whole campus and in the cottages. We will finish out the day with hotdogs and a devo. The sign up list is at the Welcome Center. Please sign up by Nov. 22 so we can plan accordingly. Join us as we strive to be families that serve together!

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YESTERLAND FARM TRIP - NOV. 15

Next Sunday, the youth group will be making a trip over to Canton to Yesterland Farms. We'll leave West Erwin at 2:00pm, and will return at 6:00pm. The cost for the afternoon is only \$10, and that gives you access to their Corn Maze, Wagon Train rides, Farm Zoo, Super Slide, Pig Races, Rubber Duck Races, Pumpkin movie/Tipi Theater, WesterLand Village, Playground Area, dress the Scarecrow, Hi-Striker, and lots of Photo Props. If you want to ride any of the amusement rides, those tickets can be purchased separately there. We will share in a time of worship together there at the farm.



There is an eight foot ladder missing from one of the closets in the church building. If you borrowed it would you please return it.

Thanks.

Wednesday Night Meals

5:30 p.m.

\$5.00/adults \$3.00/children

This week: Hamburgers

Christian Homes & Family Services will be hosting their Champion for Children Dinner in Tyler on Tuesday, Nov. 17th at 7:00 pm at the Green Acres Baptist Church Crosswalk. Make plans to attend and hear feisty Leigh Anne Tuohy, the inspirational matriarch who inspired the Academy Award winning movie *The Blind Side*. For ticket and table reservations call 903-509-0558 or visit our website - www.ChristianHomes.com.

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- fabric
- fiberfill
- thread
- recycled magazines
- large baskets

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To our Precious Christian Family: THANK YOU!! It is difficult to express in words how much we appreciate what you did for us while I was in the hospital. I don't know just how to express our deep love for all of you and the love you expressed to us by your visits, cards, food and especially your many prayers. Thank you for everything. May God Bless each one for your care and concern. Love in Christ, Jim and Helen Boyd

Ladies Wednesday Night Class

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"Being Authentically Spiritual"

Introduction: One of the important things people are searching for today is _____.

People today are looking to see if our _____ is consistent with our _____.

What is your life's _____?

Colossians 3:1-4

Col. 2:6-15; Rom. 6:1-4; 2 Cor. 5:16-17; Eph. 2:1-10; Titus 3:3-8; 1 Peter 3:18-22

A. The _____ in Scripture (how to live) is always based on the _____ (what God has done).

Exodus 20:1-17; Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 2:1-10; 5:1-2; Titus 3:3-8; Heb. 12:18-29

B. We set our minds and hearts on things above because this is our _____. This is who we are.

1 Peter 2:9-12; Col. 2:6-15; Rom. 6:1-4ff; 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 5:16-17; Col. 3-4

C. Our _____ is to glorify God and our _____ is to be with Him now and for all eternity.

Isaiah 43:7; John 10:9-11; Phil. 3:7-14

Conclusion: Being authentically spiritual means you have set your heart and your mind and your life on _____.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Kelly & Heather Monahan Jett-8, Koen-6 & Jude-5
Kelly works with Fritcher Construction. Heather works as a Sonographer for Mother Frances. They married July 2014. They own land in NE Tyler where they are building a home. Kelly and Heather love to hunt and fish. As a family they love to have bonfires and roast marshmallows. The boys love baseball. Make them feel welcome.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy: Our love and sympathy is extended to Melanie Murry in the death of her mother, Delores Skaggs. She passed away Monday and services were Thursday.

Updates: **Charles Rachui** is in Mother Frances-Room 382.

Ruth Moore is in Mother Frances.

Linda Dickson's nephew, **Sam Brazeal**, was killed in a car accident in Missouri. Services were in Weatherford.

Joyce Allen's brother, **John Long**, fell at work and has a head injury. He's at University Hospital in San Antonio.

Morris Hallman's cousin, **Claude McAdams**, was air-flighted from Winona to Mother Frances with a possible stroke Tuesday.

Diane Denman's mother and Anna Nunn's sister, **Patsy England**, has been moved to Brookdale Tyler South memory care.

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November 15, 2015

Volume 46 – No. 46

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Psalm 148:1-4, 13

Song #74 Praise the Lord

Song How Great Is Our God

Song #768 Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You

Prayer

Song #454 Rock of Ages

Lord's Supper

Song #555 Seek Ye First

Contribution

Song Salvation Belongs to Our God

Scripture Hebrews 12:28-29

Song Light the Fire

Message: **"Being Authentically Spiritual"**

Song #309 In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified

Elder's Prayer

Song #290 Shine, Jesus, Shine

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship

Song #38 Our God is an Awesome God

Song #64 I Worship You, Almighty God

Prayer

Song Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Scripture John 16:31-33

Song #76 How Great Thou Art

Message: **"God > Satan"**

Song #909 There's a Fountain Free

Song #96 I Stand In Awe

Dismiss

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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THURSDAY
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We've been contrasting being "religious" and being "spiritual" as we work through the book of Colossians.

Certainly our culture is fine with being "spiritual," so long as it is on their terms, defining it their way, and choosing their own authority. Which many times is actually no authority.

However, our culture can call out those of us who have placed no emphasis on the spiritual aspect of the faith due to basing our faith solely on the "religious." The Bible is the inspired and authoritative Word of God, and is the only place you can go to find that objective authority today. However, saying that and living that way does not require us to divorce ourselves from the "spiritual" part of our relationship with our Savior. To do so places us in the camp of the Pharisees and other religious leaders of Jesus' day.

Clearly Jesus calls us to be both "spiritual" and "religious." He wants us to be connected to Him but to also be connected to His people, the church. He calls us to come to know Him and his Word; to love Him and to demonstrate that love by being obedient to His will. He wants our relationship with Him to be just that—a **relationship**, one that we value and find fulfilling not just for eternity but each day of our lives here as well.

We must not be content with a religion that is void of any spirituality. Nor is it acceptable to settle for a spirituality that has no basis in Christ or His Word. This is necessary in our own faith, and it is absolutely essential if we are going to reach the people around us. Our church must proclaim and practice religious beliefs, worship and conduct that are based in Scripture. And we must also experience the spiritual meaning and relationship that comes from being children of God—in relationship with the Father; made possible by the sacrifice of the Son; living in step with the Spirit.

So here are the options:

- 1) Spirituality based on self-achievement and a legalistic religion;
- 2) Spirituality based on any religion—or no religion—answering only to our own selfish feelings and tolerance;
- 3) Spirituality *and* Religion based on **Christ** and what **Christ** has done based in His inspired Word.

"Light the fire in my soul.
Fan the flame, make me whole.
Lord you know just where I've been.
So light the fire in my heart again."



THE GAIN IS IN THE STRAIN!

Runners get stronger when they learn they can keep going even when they feel their air is gone. A musician gains confidence when they finally conquer that difficult piece of music. Children become better readers when they read books that force them learn those difficult words. A business succeeds when it puts in the hard work it takes to establish itself. The list goes on and on. Success comes from hard work, sacrifice, and effort. It is the same with our spiritual lives. The more we push ourselves, the more we put our faith in action, and the more we tackle those "difficult works", the stronger we become. Read Paul's words to the church at Philippi, *Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do; forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:12-14)ESV.* That word straining is also translated "to stretch out to or towards". It indicates action, it indicates effort, and we can sense the urgency in the effort. What did Paul "strain" so hard for? He worked for his prize. He "strained" for that upward call through Christ, and that promised fellowship with God. Yes, we do get stronger when we exercise our faith. Yes, we are rewarded when we sacrifice for the Lord's work. *God is not unjust, he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people (Heb. 6:10).*



Thanks!

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this week. We serve again on Monday, Nov. 23. Join us!

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from Genesis & John. The title of our study is "God Incarnate" The lesson this week... "Jesus Has All Authority" from John 2:13-24. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following From John 2:18-19 "18 The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

Family Service Day @ Boles Home

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Join us as we strive to be families that serve together!

Upcoming Important Dates

Nov. 23 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen

Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Devotional

Nov. 29 Family Service Day @ Boles Home

Christian Homes & Family Services will be hosting their Champion for Children Dinner in Tyler on Tuesday, Nov. 17th at 7:00 pm at the Green Acres Baptist Church Crosswalk. Make plans to attend and hear feisty Leigh Anne Tuohy, the inspirational matriarch who inspired the Academy Award winning movie *The Blind Side*. For ticket and table reservations call 903-509-0558 or visit our website – www.ChristianHomes.com.

There is an eight foot ladder missing from one of the closets in the church building. If you borrowed it would you please return it. Thanks.

Wednesday Night Meals
5:30 p.m.
\$5.00/adults \$3.00/children
This week:
Bruno's



Eric Thornton – Youth Minister

YESTERLAND FARM TRIP – TODAY

This afternoon, the youth group will be making a trip over to Canton to Yesterland Farms. We'll leave West Erwin at 2:00pm, and will return at 6:00pm. The cost for the afternoon is only \$10, and that gives you access to their Corn Maze, Wagon Train rides, Farm Zoo, Super Slide, Pig Races, Rubber Duck Races, Pumpkin movie/Tipi Theater, WesterLand Village, Playground Area, dress the Scarecrow, Hi-Striker, and lots of Photo Props. If you want to ride any of the amusement rides, those tickets can be purchased separately there at the Farm. We will share a time of worship together there at the farm. Please check in with Eric before you leave this morning to let him know whether or not you'll be coming!

ZEW RETREAT – NOV. 20-22

This year's ZEW Retreat, our junior high area-wide fall retreat, is THIS COMING WEEKEND! This year's theme is "Proof". It isn't so much about proving our position or stance on issues to the world, but rather using our lives as proof of the change God has made in us. We will be leaving West Erwin at 5:30pm on Friday afternoon, and return at 11:30am on Sunday morning. The cost is \$50. You can still sign up to come as late as this Wednesday and we'll make a spot for you. So if you've been hesitating for any reason about coming, please talk to Eric or some of the other teens that have gone. You will not regret coming.

BOLES HOME CHRISTMAS DECORATING-NOV. 29

Along with the rest of our church, all of our youth group members and entire families are invited to come join us on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 29th, to help decorate the Boles Children's Home campus for the holidays, and then stick around afterwards for a time of devotion and dinner. Please see Danny's column "Growing Faithful Families" for all the info!

LTC 2016 sign up will take place November 22 in the Family Life Center for 3rd thru 12th grade after evening services.
Make plans to be there!

Dear West Erwin Family,
Words cannot express the thanks we have for all your prayers, food, calls, cards, and support to us during my illness. We are truly blessed to have experienced the love of our Christian friends.

Mike and Linda McClenny and Family

West Erwin Church Family,
Thank you for the beautiful basket of flowers you sent to Mother's funeral. All the prayers, cards and comforting words were greatly appreciated.
We love you all. Kenneth and Evelyn Muncy

"Thou Shalt Nots for Today"

Introduction: Is there a place for _____ in our church and society today?

So far in the book of Colossians:

- The _____ of Christ and the gospel has been affirmed;
- We have been warned against "_____ and deceptive philosophy" based on the current culture;
- We have been called to set our hearts and minds "on things _____." (Col. 1:15-23; 2:8-15; 3:1-4)

Colossians 3:5-11

Rom. 1:18-32; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 4:17-5:20; 1 Peter 4:1-11; 2 Peter 1:3-11

"_____ yourselves of all such things as these..."

- Sexual Immorality
- Greed; Materialism
- Anger and Rage
- Malice; Slander; Filthy Language; Lies
- Racial/Ethnic/Cultural/Economic Discrimination

Conclusion: Is there a place for such teaching _____? Yes, provided we share it:

- _____, based on Scripture;
- _____, as demonstrated by our lives;
- _____, acknowledging our own humanity and sinfulness.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Welcome New Members



Wendy Nelson grew up in Dallas and worked at John Deere as a settlement auditor and then marketing and service manager's secretary. After fighting cancer for a year she got her Master of Education degree and taught 13 years in Van. Wendy moved to Tyler in 2003 to help take care of her Mom. She says she likes to help others but remain invisible. She came to West Erwin to work in community service.



Allen & Jan Bowers have been married for 32 years. They live in Troup on 15 acres. They have two beautiful daughters. Allen and Jan enjoy their 2 long hair Chihuahuas, who don't know they are "d-o-g-s". Allen is a 4th generation paint contractor, Jan is a Corporate Secretary/ Administrative Assistant at Lake Ronel Oil Company, downtown Tyler. Jan is the daughter of James and Helen Guillion.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Our love and sympathy is extended to Cristy Lindsey in the death of her grandfather, Joe Bob Freeman. Services were Tuesday in Charlie, TX.

Updates:

Charles Rachui is back at Park Place.

Ruth Moore is home now.

Tommy Parrish is in HealthSouth.

West Erwin Family: Charles & Phyllis Rachui | Sharon Ketchum | Ruth Moore | Faye Kennard | Kalli Huff | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Elmer Miles | Forest McFadden | Brice Sustaire | Winona Shankle | Millie Tomlin | Joann Davis | Nella Ware | Bill McCain | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Charles Harris | Nell Beard | Bob May | Jess & Charlotte Hopkins | Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Ila McLemee

Family & Friends: Leon Welborn | Morgan Wilson, brother-in-law of Dale White | Mildred Barnwell, mother of Linda Marts | Lois Smith, mother of Connie Sublette | Larry Davis, brother of Shirley Denman | Joyce Allen's brother, John Long | Theresa Leftwich, sister of Cathy Culpepper

Serving Today

COMMUNION

James Gullion David Hammond
Tim Holt Brett Hone
Jeff Horton James Hughes
Greg Jones Odie Kennedy

GREETERS

Info Center: Tom & Beverly Hale
Main Doors: James &
Helen Gullion
East Doors: Phillip &
Ellen Matthews
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PICK UP CARDS

Cole Benson, Jackson
DeLivaudais, Liam Harbuck,
Jackson Parker & Wyatt Parker

SOUND

Clifton Lindsey & Cal Wilkinson

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM: Julie Ables &
Rebecca Weathers
Toddler AM: Jessica Diller &
Emma Stamps

| Our Records | Nov 15 |
|---------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 257 |
| Worship a.m. | 403 |
| Worship p.m. | 163 |
| Wed. p.m. | 187 |
| Contribution | \$17,058.50 |
| 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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Welcome/Call to Worship - Psalm 19:7-11 Donnie Carnathan
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 Song Surround Us, O Lord Wayne Berryman
 Prayer Bud Cawyer
 Song #337 Hallelujah! What a Savior Howard Dickson
 Lord's Supper & Contribution
 Song #432 How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts? Barry Ciaschini
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 Wayne Berryman
 Song Ancient Words Bill Allen
 Message: "Thou Shalt Nots for Today"
 Song #450 Give Me the Bible Greg Jones
 Elder's Prayer
 Song #611 Heavenly Sunlight
5:00 P.M. Assembly
 Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
 Song #705 A Common Love Lance Yarema
 Song #709 How Sweet, How Heavenly Tom Clark
 Prayer Gaylan Seagler
 Scripture John 13:12-17
 Song Firm Foundation
 Song #560 Living By Faith
 Message: "Complete Love" Bill Allen
 Song God is Calling the Prodigal
 Song #704 Bind Us Together Frank Debenport
 Dismiss

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There seem to be many today who abuse the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith by using it to justify their sinful behavior. Their thinking is, "Since Jesus died on the cross for my sins, and since we're under the new covenant of grace and not the old Law of Moses, I can live any way I want!" They may not exactly say that obvious (truthful) statement, but that's the way their decision-making process—read "rationalization"—works.

Or, as the apostle Paul asks rhetorically, "What shall we say then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?" (Rom. 6:1)

Clearly such passages as 1 Cor. 6:9-20, Gal. 5:13-26, as well as much other NT teaching indicates that we are called to live faithful, obedient, unselfish lives—even on this side of the cross. And we also must recognize that these "Thou Shalt Nots" that God forbids and the "Thou Shalts" that He requires are not just the typical "big" sins we likely put on those lists. They are included, but so also are those pesky things such as envy and greed; rage and hatred; gossip and slander; seeking to divide and tear down God's people rather than build others up. Seems that God has just as little patience and just as much wrath toward those who live like this as He does with the, um, "bigger" sinners.

The great news of the gospel is that we can change. In fact, that's what words like "conversion" and "transformation" and "sanctification" actually indicate. That's what has happened—and is continuing—in our lives, and what we pray others seek as well. As one of those lists of sins puts it:

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. (1 Cor. 6:11)

Oh, back to Paul's rhetorical question. He answers that false thinking by saying, "That's not who you are anymore."

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Rom. 6:1-4)

Far from acting and living selfishly, that new life is a call to live sacrificially as a slave to Christ and to righteousness, rather than selfishly as a slave to sin and self. Or, as Jesus put it:

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23)



OUR GOD IS IN THE HEAVENS!

Last night at our Small Groups, the guys ended up talking about the mess our world is in today (I know, big surprise!). Some of the topics included the fight against terrorism, the economy, dealing with the homeless, questionable decisions from our government, the evil in the world, and how God has blessed us with our wives! If we had not talked about our wives, it would have been a depressing evening (please tell Sue I said that). We do worry about where our world is going. Man has proved over the years how much of a mess he can make when God is not in the picture. Consider the words of the psalmist, *Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases. Their idols are silver and gold... Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them. O Israel, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield. You, who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us... he will bless those who fear the Lord, both the small and the great. The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man (selected passages from Psalm 115).* Due to our constant warfare with Satan, God's people have never had it easy in this world. Satan brings madness and evil into this world to shake up our faith in God. Satan wants us to doubt God and live with fear. Our God is in heaven; ruling over this world, and He has put His spirit in us so we can live confident with the assurances and promises of God. As my good friend Jim Daniel always reminds me, **Heaven rules!** (Dan.4:26)



By Danny Snell

Thanks!

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Bible Class

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Eric Thornton
Youth Minister

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LTC INFORMATION MEETING - TONIGHT

Tonight, after our 5pm assembly, all families, coaches, and students who will be participating this year in LTC have an informational meeting in the Family Life Center. We will be getting out hotel information, individual event info, as well as just general updates about the convention in the spring. This meeting is ESPECIALLY important if your family has never participated in LTC before. Danny and I hope all of you can make it so that we can start planning together.

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This Monday | November 23
5 - 7 p.m. in the Benevolent Center

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LTC 2016

LTC 2016 sign up will take place tonight in the Family Life Center for 3rd thru 12th grade after evening services.

Wednesday night's service will be in the Family Life Center. Pie and coffee will be served.

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,
Thanks so much for all the beautiful birthday cards. It really made my day. I miss being with you but you are in my heart.
God bless. *Winona Shankle*

There will be no Wednesday Night Meal due to the holiday.

Boles Home Family Service Day
Sunday, November 29th

Join us as we go to Boles Home to get their campus ready for the holidays.

"A Word for Today's Families"

Introduction: While much of our attention on the family has been speaking out against the disrespect of the sanctity of marriage in our society, Scripture reminds us to examine _____ families.

- A. The place to begin is with the _____ teaching of Colossians 3:1-17.
- B. Scripture gives more _____ teaching on the family in Col. 3:18-21 (Eph. 5:21-6:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7).
1. Wives are told to submit to or _____ their husbands. (Col. 3:18)
 2. Husbands are told to _____ their wives. (Col. 3:19)
 3. Children are told to _____ their parents. (Col. 3:20)
 4. Parents are told to _____ not embitter their children. (Col. 3:21)

Conclusion: Our first and best witness in the world related to the home is to have _____ families. Families that, in spite of—and in some instances, even because of—our _____, are faithful to each other, and to our heavenly Father, have a great impact.

Some Resources: Emerson Eggerichs, *Love and Respect*; Shaunti and Jeff Feldhahn, *For Women Only; For Men Only*; John and Julie Gottman, *Ten Lessons to Transform Your Marriage*; Willard Harley, *His Needs, Her Needs*

Prayer & Care

Updates:

Charles Rachui is home now.
Jenny Melville had heart surgery last Thursday at Mother Frances. No visitors at this time.
Carolyn McCune fell. She has no broken bones.
Gail Debenport fell and broke her pelvic bone. She is now at HealthSouth.
Logan Metcalf was attacked by a dog. He needed stitches in six places on his face.
Jon Sorrells is home after a hospital stay. He is on medication for a possible infection.
Tommy Parrish is in HealthSouth.
Theresa Leftwich, sister of Cathy Culpepper, is suffering from cancer and is in a lot of pain.
Larry Davis, brother of Shirley Denman is in ETMC with heart problems.
West Erwin Family: Phyllis Rachui | Sharon Ketchum | Ruth Moore | Faye Kennard | Kalli Huff | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Elmer Miles | Forest McFadden | Brice Sustaie | Winona Shankle | Millie Tomlin | Joann Davis | Nella Ware | Bill McCain | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Charles Harris | Nell Beard | Bob May | Jess & Charlotte Hopkins | Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Ila McLemee | Charleen Clayton
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| Worship a.m. | 405 |
| Worship p.m. | 138 |
| Wed. p.m. | 167 |
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| Weekly Budget | \$26,651.00 |

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December 6, 2015

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Order of Worship

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| Song Salvation Belongs to Our God | Davy Carter |
| Song Mighty to Save | Davy Carter |
| Prayer | Dannie Skipper |
| Song #313 The Old Rugged Cross | Don Durham |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | |
| Song #464 Because He Lives | Rick Fedell |
| Scripture Ephesians 5:33-6:4 | Davy Carter |
| Song #843 God Give Us Christian Homes | Bill Allen |
| Message: "A Word for Today's Families" | |
| Song #719 Love One Another | Wade Weathers |
| Elder's Prayer | |
| Song #852 When the Roll is Called Up Yonder | |

5:00 P.M. Assembly

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|---|-----------------|
| Welcome/Call to Worship | Danny Snell |
| Song #449 Thy Word | Davy Carter |
| Song #443 The Precious Book Divine | |
| Prayer | Sean Sillavan |
| Song Ancient Words | |
| Scripture Hebrews 11:39-12:3 | Ralph Henderson |
| Song #543 Wonderful Words of Life | |
| Message: "Testifying to the Truth" | Bill Allen |
| Song #276 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus | |
| Song #589 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms | |
| Dismiss | Don Crawford |

Our Weekly Schedule

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| Evening Worship | 5 p.m. |
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Serving Today

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| COMMUNION | |
| Robert Lee | |
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| Vance Metcalf | |
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| Kenneth Muncy | |
| Larry Murphey | |
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I am looking forward to this Sunday morning and the lesson from Col. 3:18-21 on the family. I can honestly tell you that each week I struggle with what to leave out of my sermon, even though some might say that apparently I don't leave very much out at all...At any rate, it's definitely a concern this week, but I promise that I will do more preaching and teaching on the family in the future, and this time around will limit my comments on that important topic.

One of the things that I will share is from Dr. Emerson Eggerichs and his book, *Love and Respect*. He calls it "The Crazy Cycle" and it's based on these verses from Col. 3 and the longer passage in Eph. 5:21-33. In these verses the husband is told to love his wife, and the wife is told to submit to and respect her husband. I've copied that chart below.

Dr. Eggerichs says that the reason Scripture calls on spouses to treat each other in such specific ways is because that's what they each need from the other. And that's also what each finds the hardest to give.



"My theory says that the wife has a tendency to react in ways that feel disrespectful to the husband (thus the command to her to respect). And the husband has a tendency to react in ways that feel unloving to the wife (thus, the command to him to love)."

I agree. And I think it's amazing that almost 2000 years ago the Holy Spirit saw not only marriages in first century Ephesus and Colossae but also 21st century marriages in Tyler, Texas.

The truth is that as long as we withhold what our partner needs, we remain on the crazy cycle. But when we start acting unselfishly then we begin to have a chance for personal growth as well as progress in our relationship as husband and wife.

"What Bill? You mean this Christianity thing applies to my marriage too?" Umm, yeah...



IF YOU KNOW HOW IT WORKS, YOU CAN FIX IT!

My Dad was an electrician by trade. I was always amazed at how he could fix almost anything around the house. I can remember him looking over a schematic, and saying to me, "If you know how it works, you can fix it when it's broke". It's good advice today, even with our spiritual lives. Understanding God's plan will help us know how we can keep our lives in harmony with God's will. Let's look in Ephesians and see God's plan to fix us. **God has always intended us to be blessed spiritually through Christ** (Eph. 1:3-10). God purposed this before the world was created and the church was his plan from the start. It was His will that our salvation would come through Jesus and it is God's will today that all things be united to Him through Christ. Peace with God comes through Jesus. **God saves us through His grace** (Eph.2:1-10). There is no way we can repay God for what He has done for us. His grace is a gift and the only way to take advantage of that gift is to have the faith to submit to the will of God. **God wants us to show the world our new life after baptism** (Eph.4:25-5:21). We live to a higher standard in life as Christians. We should be imitators of God in the way we treat others. God also calls us to lives of purity and righteousness. **God wants His church to be ready to do battle with Satan** (Eph.6:10-20). God has provided us with the weapons and the protection we need to fight this battle. God wants soldiers that can stand firm and keep strong through prayer and faith. Remember, God can fix broken lives; all we need to do is follow His plan!

NO DEVO TONIGHT - ALL-CHURCH MEAL

There will be no devo tonight, but there is the annual all-church December meal over in the Family Life Center immediately following the evening assembly. Come for the ham, green bean casserole, and delicious dessert, and stay for the fellowship! (and more dessert). There WILL be a devo NEXT Sunday night in the FLC.

WEYM CHRISTMAS PARTY - DEC. 19TH

We're having a youth group Christmas party this year at the home of Wade and Diane Weathers on Saturday night, Dec. 19th. We'll play games and have different activities, and there will also be an ugly Christmas sweater contest. We'll have more details next week, but please mark this date on your calendars and make plans to come join us!

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK - DEC. 28TH

Our annual pilgrimage to Six Flags Holiday in the Park will as always be the first Monday after Christmas, this year on December 28th. The park opens at 2pm, so we will leave West Erwin at 11:30am. Please eat lunch before we leave. We will leave Six Flags at 9pm, so we'll be back at West Erwin around 11:15pm. **The cost is \$35**, as well as money for you to eat dinner inside the park. Signups begin today in class, and money is due by Sunday, Dec. 20th. Any later than that and we cannot get you the group ticket rate, but you can still buy a ticket on your own and ride with us.

LTC FORMS - TURN IN

If you have not yet done so, please turn in your blue (participant), yellow (parent/sponsor) and pink (housing) forms to Eric or Danny so that we can begin the registration process for events and hotel rooms as soon as possible. If you have not yet picked up those forms, they are in the office.

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from Genesis & John. The title of our study is "The Spirit-Led Church in a Fallen World" The lesson this week... "A Different Kind of Temple" from ! Cor 3:16-17 & 6:19-20. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us! Consider the following From 1 Cor 6:19-20 **"19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies..."**

Thanks!

Thanks to all of you who went with us to Boles Home last Sunday to decorate the campus. We had a great turnout with over 40 folks of all ages who served the families of Boles Home. Thank you for your spirit of service.

Upcoming Important Dates

- Dec. 6 All Church Dinner @ FLC
- Jan. 31 Movie Night..."War Room"

refuge LTC 2016 forms are available in the church office.

Materials are ready to be picked up for the children's Bible classes for the winter quarter.

Baptism We rejoice with Colby & Anna Chandler who were baptized by Gene Chandler on 11/22.

Wednesday Night Meals
5:30 p.m.
\$5.00/adults \$3.00/children
This Week:
BBQ!

Our holiday dinner will be tonight after evening services. Don't miss it!

There will be a devotional after evening services on December 13th for the 4th and 5th grades. The Stones will be hosting.

The Young Married/Young Adult Class will have a holiday luncheon Sunday, December 13th in the Family Life Center.

Thank You! Thank you for the plant, all the cards, and sweet words to comfort me during the loss of my grandfather. My West Erwin family is such a blessing in my life. Love, Cristy Lindsey

Dear Family, Thank you all so much for the love I received after my accident. Thank you for the cards, calls, flowers, food, prayers and visits. I am so blessed to be with this wonderful Christian family we have at West Erwin. Love you all, Suzie Carnathan

Church Family, Thank you so much for your expression of sympathy, prayers and flowers in our time of loss. The Skaggs/Murry Family

“A Word for Today’s Workers”

Introduction: As it relates to your _____, why are you doing what you are doing? (Col. 3:1-17)

Colossians 3:22-4:1 (Eph. 6:5-9; 1 Peter 2:18-25)

A. A Word About _____

B. A Word About _____

Eccl. 5:8-20; Matt. 6:19-34; 2 Cor. 8-9; 1 Tim. 6:17-19

C. A Word About _____

Eccl. 2:17-26; 3:9-14; 4:4-12; Prov. 6:6-11; 13:4; 21:25-26; 1 Thess. 4:9-12; 2 Thess. 3:6-15

D. A Word About _____

Jesus—Matt. 20:28; Luke 19:10; John 3:14-17; 10:10

Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:11-21; Col. 1:28-29; 1 Peter 3:15-16

Col. 3:1-4, 17; Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 2:20; Eccl. 5:7; 12:13-14

How are you doing what you do? —Col. 3:22-4:1

Why are you doing what you do?

I am doing this in the name of Jesus Christ because I want to honor God.

Conclusion: “I’m a _____ for _____.”

Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Our love and sympathy is extended to Michael and Sara Whitworth in the death of their 2-year old son, Daniel. Michael was a former education minister at West Erwin. Services were Friday.

Our love and sympathy is also extended to the family of Wini Cullinan. Wini died Thursday. Our sympathy is also with former member Leah Russell who lost her mother, Virginia Lennon. She passed away last Tuesday.

Updates:

Phyllis Rachui is in Intermediate ICU in Mother Frances with pneumonia.

Kalli Huff is in Children's Hospital in Dallas with kidney issues.

Stan Clark had rotator cuff surgery last week.

Sylvia Tharpe will be confined to home for several weeks after suffering a break above the knee when she fell.

Jason Browning had foot surgery at Mother Frances last Wednesday.

Jerrod Wilson will have back surgery on 12/14.

Jordan Snell will have foot surgery on 12/15.

Donnie Carnathan will have rotator cuff surgery 12/23.

Jennie Melville is in HealthSouth.

Gail Debenport is in HealthSouth.

Tommy Parrish is in Waterton Rehab.

Theresa Leftwich, sister of Cathy Culpepper, is suffering from cancer.

Larry Davis, brother of Shirley Denman is in ETMC with heart problems.

West Erwin Family: Charles & Phyllis Rachui | Sharon Ketchum | Ruth Moore | Faye Kennard | Kalli Huff | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Elmer Miles | Forest McFadden | Brice Sustaire | Winona Shankle | Millie Tomlin | Joann Davis | Nella Ware | Bill McCain | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Charles Harris | Nell Beard | Bob May | Jess & Charlotte Hopkins | Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Charleen Clayton

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Danny Snell
 Song How Great is Our God Davy Carter
 Song Above All
 Prayer Wayne Berryman
 Song #354 I Gave My Life for Thee Gary Ables
 Lord's Supper & Contribution David Hammond
 Song #555 Seek Ye First
 Scripture Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 Clifton Lindsey
 Song #587 Sing and Be Happy
 Message: "A Word for Today's Workers" Bill Allen
 Song I Want to Be A Worker
 Elder's Prayer Gaylan Seagler
 Song #634 We'll Work Till Jesus Comes
5:00 P.M. Assembly
 Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
 Song Heaven's Road Lance Yarema
 Song #19 Come Thou Almighty King
 Prayer Robert Lee
 Song There's a Stirring
 Scripture John 20:30-31 Odie Kennedy
 Song #528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives
 Message: "We Can Know" Bill Allen
 Song #943 Do You Know My Jesus?
 Song #1002 Angels We Have Heard on High
 Dismiss Howard Dickson

Our Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY
 Bible Class 9 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10 a.m.
 Evening Worship 5 p.m.
MONDAY
 Karing Kitchen 6 p.m.
TUESDAY
 Tuesday Lunch Bunch 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
 Clothing Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
 Food Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.
 Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.
 Food Distribution 6:30-7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY
 Clothing Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.

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Nursery AM: Laurie Stone & Bailey Hammond
 Toddler AM: Stacy Turner & McKenzie Fennell

| Our Records | Dec 6 |
|---------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 258 |
| Worship a.m. | 412 |
| Worship p.m. | 186 |
| Wed. p.m. | 166 |
| Contribution | \$28,184.46 |
| Weekly Budget | \$26,651.00 |

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Our special contribution is today.
 The plate will only be passed one time.
 Please be prayerful about your participation.

BY BILL ALLEN

Our church-wide dinner and fellowship last Sunday night was wonderful. The entertainment was terrific—well done Stan Clark, Davy Carter and Suzanne Braly! And a special thanks to our West Erwin staff and families for all your work in making this fun night possible!

I loved the Christmas theme, and songs, and spirit. There are some who believe that we shouldn't say a word about the birth of Christ this time of year. Since you're still getting to know me, let me be really clear: *I'm not one of those*. While Scripture does not indicate what day Jesus was born, one thing's for certain: the Son of God became flesh, was born of a virgin named Mary, and everybody that knew what had happened—from humble shepherds to heavenly angels—broke out in joyful praise and worship.

I realize that many people have impure motives, and do not have a genuine desire to follow 24/7/365 that One born in a manger. I'm happy to let God deal with them. I will, however join with Paul who faced something very similar, and addressed it in Phil. 1:15-18. I share his joyous response.

¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶ The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice...

I find it refreshing that instead of hearing selfish songs that glorify immorality I hear "Joy to the World" and "O Holy Night" (my personal favorite). I hear messages, stories and songs of good will, love of family and others, and peace on earth. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice.

If you come to our worship assembly in late December and are expecting a Christmas pageant, you will be disappointed. But if you come expecting a sermon on how wrong people are to celebrate the birth of our Savior—well, you won't hear that from me. Instead you will sing songs and hear messages that call on us to joyfully praise that One who was born and lived and died and rose again.

Paul reached out to all people in all ways in order to save some (1 Cor. 9:19-23). I think that's still a good plan. Who will you invite to come to worship the Prince of Peace with you?



LEARNING FROM THE KING OF THE NORTH

In Daniel 11, we read of one of Daniel's visions concerning the "King of the North". Some say he is the Antiochus from Greece, and others say the vision is symbolic of Rome. While I am not sure who the vision is about, I know that we can take some lessons about his downfall to heart. Read Daniel's words, *And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. ... for he shall magnify himself above all. He shall honor the god of fortresses instead of these. A god whom his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts... Those who acknowledge him he shall load with honor (Daniel 11:36-39a)*. I see three lessons for us in this passage; **God's spirit within us calls us to put His will above ours!** I have seen many people get themselves in trouble when they live according to their will instead of God's will. God knows what is best for us; we just need to trust Him. His purpose has always been to have us with Him for eternity; we can trust that. **God's spirit within us calls us to praise God instead of ourselves!** Consider Paul's thorn in the flesh (2 Cor.12). God deserves the credit when we succeed when we had no chance. His "power is made perfect in weakness". The world needs God to be glorified more than ourselves. **God's spirit within us calls us to put our faith in Him!** Man treasures possessions; God treasures hearts! Hearts filled with God's spirit withstand, they endure, and they love. What do you fill your heart with?



By Danny Snell

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from Genesis & John. The title of our study is "The Spirit-Led Church in a Fallen World" The lesson this week... "Fruit of the Spirit" from Gal. 5:16-26. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following From Gal 5:16 "16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."

Thanks!

Thanks to all who helped with the All Church Dinner this past Sunday night. A very special THANKS to Carolyn Philpot for putting together Mashed Potatoes and Green Bean Casserole! It was a fun night for all!

Upcoming Important Dates

Jan. 31 Movie Night... "War Room"



Eric Thornton Youth Minister

DEVO TONIGHT

We have a devo tonight for our 6th - 12th graders in the FLC after our evening assembly from 6pm - 8pm. Please bring \$3 for dinner, wear close-toed shoes and BRING YOUR BIBLES!!

WEYM CHRISTMAS PARTY - DEC. 19TH

We're having a youth group Christmas party this year at the home of Wade and Diane Weathers on Saturday night, Dec. 19th. We'll play games and have different activities, and there will also be an ugly Christmas sweater contest. It starts at 5pm, guys bring drinks and girls bring desserts. There are maps to the Weather's house in class.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK - DEC. 28TH

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WINTERFEST - JAN 15 - 17

Come join over 4,000 other church of Christ students from across the midwest and learn, be encouraged and worship together. It'll be a great weekend, and the cost is only \$50. This is for our 8th grade and up students this year. Sign ups start next week in class.

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New Members!
Bruce and Courtney Bevers
have placed membership with West Erwin.
They have a 6 month old daughter named Kolbie.
Please make them feel welcome.

The Young Married/Young Adult Class will have a holiday luncheon today in the Family Life Center.



LTC 2016 forms are available in the church office.



Thanks so much to all of you who helped deliver poinsettias. Your servant's heart is greatly appreciated. David Hammond

Wednesday Night Meals
5:30 p.m.
\$5.00/adults \$3.00/children

This Week: **FAJITAS!**

We have received several notes thanking the church for sending poinsettias and several notes to those who hosted the Special Ladies Luncheon.

There will be a devotional after evening services tonight for the 4th and 5th grades. The Stones will be hosting.

"Christ Opens Doors"

Introduction: Ever had a door _____ in your face?

Colossians 4:2-6

A. Christ opens doors—for those who are _____.

Col. 4:2; Matt. 24-25; Phil. 4:4-7; 1 Thess. 5:16-18

B. Christ opens doors—that _____ might be proclaimed.

Col. 4:3-4

Col. 1:15-29; 2:1-15; Acts 4:23-31; Eph. 6:18-20; Phil. 1:12-26

C. Christ opens doors—and _____ abound.

Col. 4:5-6

Eph. 5:15-16; 1 Cor. 15:58; Gal. 6:10; Heb. 13:15-16

John 4; 1 Cor. 9:19-23; Gal. 5:13-26; Eph. 4:1-6, 15; Phil. 2:1-11; 1 Peter 2:9-12; 3:15-16

Conclusion: Jesus came to open the doors of salvation and mission—for _____.

The Elders wish to express our gratitude to everyone for their participation in the Special Contribution last Sunday. We are humbled by this outpouring of love to the Lord. It is truly overwhelming for us to have received much more than was even requested. We recognize that it is our continuing responsibility to be good stewards of these funds, and it is our pledge to keep our finances as lean as possible. We now have a balanced set of books for 2015, and can look forward to 2016 with the funding which will allow us to further spread the gospel in Tyler and the rest of the world. We have all truly been blessed; we have a very strong church family who is united in serving and loving the Lord and an excellent staff and facilities. Our hope and our prayer is that we will always look for opportunities to spread the Gospel in our lives each and every day and make a positive impact in the world in which we live. The total for our special contribution for December 13 was: \$245,378.00. Thank you again and may God bless everyone and the work of this church family. The West Erwin Elders



New members have nametags at the Information Center.

The church office will be closed next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The Benevolent Center will close December 21st and reopen on Jan 5th. The Karing Kitchen will still serve meals every Monday.

There will be a combined devotional in the auditorium from Kindergarten-age and up on Wednesday, the 23rd and the 30th.

Our congratulations go out to Laurie Kimball for earning her Bachelor degree in Kinesiology from University of Texas at Tyler – We also congratulate Dalton Harris, son of Keith Harris, for earning his Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing from Texas Tech University.

Prayer & Care

Updates:

Charles Rachui was admitted to Mother Frances ICU on Thursday.

Ira Groom had back surgery last Wednesday.

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| Worship a.m. | 400 |
| Worship p.m. | 173 |
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Order of Worship

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| Song 1018 Joy To The World | Gary Ables |
| Song 997 O Come, All Ye Faithful | |
| Song 1028 O Holy Night! | |
| Prayer | Bud Cawyer |
| Song #382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth? | |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | Eric Moseley |
| Song #1001 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing | |
| Scripture Luke 2:8-11 | Larry Murphey |
| Song #387 Tell Me the Story of Jesus | |
| Message: "Christ Opens Doors" | Bill Allen |
| Song #509 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story | |
| Elder's Prayer | Fred Wingate |
| Song #1005 Beautiful Star of Bethlehem | |
| 5:00 P.M. Assembly | |
| Welcome/Call to Worship | Donnie Carnathan |
| Song #480 Blessed Assurance | Wayne Berryman |
| Song Had It Not Been the Lord | |
| Song #996 O Little Town Of Bethlehem | |
| Prayer | Phil Marts |
| Scripture 1 John 1:5-7 | Lee Mink |
| Song #457 How Firm a Foundation | |
| Message: "Assurance" | Bill Allen |
| Song #490 It Is Well with My Soul | |
| Song #524 I Know Whom I Have Believed | |
| Dismiss | Ron Parish |

Our Weekly Schedule

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| SUNDAY | |
| Bible Class | 9 a.m. |
| Morning Worship | 10 a.m. |
| Evening Worship | 5 p.m. |
| MONDAY | |
| Karing Kitchen | 6 p.m. |
| TUESDAY | |
| Benevolent Center is closed until January 5, 2016. | |
| WEDNESDAY | |
| Devotional | 7 p.m. |

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Just. Wow.

Not sure of other words to describe the response to the special make-up contribution this past Sunday. Your generosity and sacrifice were evident as we not only matched the amount needed to make up our deficit for this year but far surpassed it. Blew it out of the water actually. As one of our shepherds Wade Weathers stated the amount given—GIVEN, not pledged—I think everyone in the congregation had our breath taken away and were rendered speechless and immovable for a few seconds.

In talking with others this week about this incredible event in our long and wonderful West Erwin church history, I believe there are some common threads in everyone's response. Here are a few.

- Our God is amazing.
- Our West Erwin church has been through a lot. But we've gotten through it.
- We appreciate and support and trust our leaders.
- We are willing to put our money where our mouths are.
- We like where we are—in a healthy, not complacent or arrogant way.
- We like the direction we are going.
- We believe, with God's help and blessings, that the future is bright.
- We are ready to look to and work toward that future.
- Our God is amazing.

¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. ¹²This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! (2 Cor. 9:10-15)

Oh, and did I mention this: *Our God is amazing!*



THE CHALLENGES IN OUR WAR TODAY

I have heard many prayers and comments on the spiritual war we are facing today. I wanted to share some of Paul's views that he shared with the church at Corinth. *For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments of every lofty opinion against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete (2 Cor.10:3-6).* Paul gives us three great challenges in our walk with Christ. First, we are challenged to **bring the knowledge of God to the world.** We do that by the example of our lives to the world. We do that by faithful living during the struggles we face in life. We do that by living our faith outside the church walls. (Didn't Bill talk to us about this Sunday?) Secondly, we are challenged to **bring our minds in harmony with Christ.** As Christians, we need to do away with "stinking thinking"! We are to have the "mind of Christ" (Phil.2:1-8) and we are to have a higher standard of thinking than that of the world (Phil. 4:8). One of the keys to faithful living is "right" thinking. Thirdly, we are challenged to **be accountable and demand accountability in the church.** The world's thinking is to blame others for your failures. God demands godly sorrow and repentance (2 Cor. 7:10). When we face our mistakes, when we stand up and admit our wrongs, it strengthens our faith and resolve. Our war starts in our hearts; are you winning or losing?

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying from Genesis & John. The title of our study is "The Spirit-Led Church in a Fallen World" The lesson this week... "The Savior has Come!" from Luke 1. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following From Luke 1:31-33 **"31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."**

Upcoming Important Dates

- Dec. 28 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
- Jan. 31 Movie Night... "War Room"



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

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK – DEC. 28TH

Our annual pilgrimage to Six Flags Holiday in the Park is just one week away on the first Monday after Christmas, December 28th. The park opens that day at 2pm, so we will leave West Erwin at 11:30am. Please eat lunch before we leave. We will leave Six Flags at 9pm, so we expect be back at West Erwin around 11:15pm. **The cost is \$35**, as well as money for you to eat dinner inside the park. Money is due by **TODAY**, Sunday, Dec. 20th. Any later than that and we cannot get you the group ticket rate, but you can still buy a ticket on your own and ride on the bus with us.

WINTERFEST – JAN 15 - 17

Come join over 4,000 other church of Christ students from across the Midwest and learn, be encouraged and worship together. It'll be a great weekend, and the cost is only \$50. This is for our 8th grade and up students this year. Sign ups start today in class.

LTC FORMS – TURN IN

If you have not yet done so, please turn in your blue (participant), yellow (parent/sponsor) and pink (housing) forms to Eric or Danny. If you have not yet picked up those forms, they are in the office.

No Wednesday Night Meals will be served until January 13th.



The office staff wishes you a happy holiday season!

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Psalm 100
 Song #103 He Has Made Me Glad
 Song #43 All Things Praise Thee
 Song #97 I Sing Praises
 Prayer
 Song In Christ Alone
 Lord's Supper & Contribution
 Song #570 A Beautiful Life
 Scripture 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
 Song #429 Oh, To Be Like Thee
 Message: **"Thou Shalts for Today"**
 Song #664 Take My Life, And Let It Be
 Elder's Prayer
 Song #867 To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song #57 Great is Thy Faithfulness
 Song #410 He Leadeth Me
 Song #586 My Faith Looks Up to Thee
 Prayer
 Song #452 Standing on the Promises
 Scripture Hebrews 11:1-2,6
 Song #469 Faith is the Victory
 Message: **Victorious Faith**
 Song #679 Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
 Song #470 Victory in Jesus
 Dismiss

Eric Thornton
 Gary Ables

Will Christian

Chris Conder

David Demic

Bill Allen

Greg Jones

Eric Thornton
 Wayne Berryman

Tom Hale

Jay Bynum

Bill Allen

Larry Murphey

Our Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

Karing Kitchen 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Food Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.
 Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.
 Food Distribution 6:30-7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Serving Today

COMMUNION

Vance Metcalf Pete Leung
 Jim McDonald Jon Murry
 Eric Moseley Larry Murphey
 Kenneth Muncy Robert Lee

GREETERS

Info Center: Stan & Ernestine Mallory
 Main Doors: James & Sue Hughes
 East Doors: Dannie & Sue Skipper
 W. Erwin Doors: Billy & Lynda Terrell

PICK UP CARDS

Logan Metcalf, Luke Metcalf, Brayden Reeder, Tanner Transier, & Nathan Turner

SOUND

Clifton Lindsey & Jonathan Stone

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM:
 Shannon Snell & Hannah Metcalf
 Toddler AM:
 Freida Starr & Jaci Philpot

"Thou Shalts for Today"

Introduction: Setting our minds and hearts on things above involves "Thou shalt _____" and "Thou _____." (Col. 3:1-17)

Colossians 3:12-17

A. The _____ and the _____ (Col. 3:12, 13)

Col. 3:1-2; 2:6-15; Ex. 20:1-2; Rom. 6:1-4ff; 12:1-2; Eph. 2:1-10; 4:32; 5:1-2; Titus 3:3-8; 1 Peter 2:9-12

B. Some Christian _____

- Col. 3:12—General (Rom. 13:8-14; Gal. 3:26-29; 5:22-23; Phil. 4:4-9; 2 Peter 1:3-11)
- Col. 3:13—Forgiveness (Eph. 4:32; Matt. 6:12-15; 18:21-35)
- Col. 3:14—Love (Luke 10:25-37; John 13:34-35; Rom. 13:8-10; Gal. 5:13-26; 1 John 3:10-18; 4:7-21)
- Col. 3:14-16—Peace/Unity (John 16:33; 17:20-26; Rom. 12:15; 1 Cor. 12-14; Eph. 4:1-16; Phil. 2:1-11; 4:4-7)
- Col. 3:15-16—Gratitude/Thankfulness (Col. 2:6-7; Luke 17:11-19; 1 Thess. 5:16-18)
- Col. 3:16—Singing/Teaching/Encouraging (Eph. 5:19-21; 1 Cor. 14:15; James 5:13; Acts 16:25; Rom. 15:9; Heb. 2:12)

C. Everything we say and do should _____ Christ. (Col. 3:17)

Conclusion: One way we show our love and gratitude to Jesus is by lovingly and gratefully serving _____.

Prayer & Care

Updates:

Tommy Parrish is in HealthSouth. | **Larry Davis**, brother of Shirley Denman is in ETMC with heart problems. | **Theresa Leftwich**, sister of Cathy Culpepper is in a great deal of pain.

West Erwin Family: Charles & Phyllis Rachui | Sharon Ketchum | Ruth Moore | Faye Kennard | Kalli Huff | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Elmer Miles | Forest McFadden | Brice Sustaire | Winona Shankle | Millie Tomlin | Joann Davis | Nella Ware | Bill McCain | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Charles Harris | Nell Beard | Bob May | Jess & Charlotte Hopkins | Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Ila McLemee **Family & Friends:** **Leon Welborn** | **Morgan Wilson**, brother-in-law of Dale White | **Mildred Barnwell**, mother of Linda Marts | **Lois Smith**, mother of Connie Sublette | Joyce Allen's brother, **John Long**

From the Elders

As we come to the end of another year, we sometimes look back at the events in our personal lives that took place in the preceding 11-12 months to reflect upon the successes and failures we have experienced. As a church we often do the same, but on a different level. We look to the events as a church family that have been our highs and the lows for the year. We reflect on the members of our church who have passed from this life to their great reward, and while we are saddened that they are no longer with us, we also rejoice that they are Christians who have been saved and we shall meet them again someday. We also think back to the baptisms, the people who came to us to place membership, the arrival of Bill & Joyce Allen, the opening and growth of the Hispanic Church and we are encouraged to continue forward into the year ahead. But 2015 has also been a tough financial year for so many of our members, and it has also affected our finances here at church as well. As we end the year, the Finance Committee has been working hard on making the tough cuts that are required to be prudent stewards of the monies entrusted to the church for the year ahead. December 13th will be our special contribution Sunday to help reconcile our budget deficit. We probably realistically need to raise \$100,000.00 on this date. I realize that there are many who cannot give any additional funds at this time, and I do not believe that it is my place to make anyone feel guilty if they are unable to fully participate in the yearend special contribution. I do want to stress to those who are able, the situation in which we find ourselves as a church. We have not met our budget in several years, but usually the budget was somewhat inflated, and we rarely spent more than our contribution. This year, with the economy and the loss of a large number of people over the past 18 months, we have actually spent by yearend close to \$200,000 more than our contribution. However, I consider close to half of this amount to be one time Mission related expenditures, which leaves us with a realistic number of a little over \$100,000 of ongoing deficit. If you can participate in helping West Erwin raise the funds on December 13th we can start 2016 with a balanced account for 2015 and we will be looking forward to a great 2016!
Wade Weathers

| Our Records | Nov 22 |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 240 |
| Worship a.m. | 402 |
| Worship p.m. | 172 |
| Wed. p.m. | NC |
| Contribution | \$25,584.00 |
| 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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Order of Worship

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| Welcome/Call to Worship - Colossians 1:15-20 | | Danny Snell |
| Song #162 | All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name | Gary Ables |
| Song #144 | O Worship the King | |
| Prayer | | Ernie Gordon |
| Song #221 | Jesus, Name Above All Names | |
| Lord's Supper - Bread | | Tom Cook |
| Song #222 | There's Something About That Name | |
| Lord's Supper - Cup | | |
| Song #226 | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | |
| Contribution | | |
| Song #709 | How Sweet, How Heavenly | |
| Scripture | Hebrews 10:23-25 | Scott Albritton |
| Song #704 | Bind Us Together | |
| Message: | "The Significance of Relationship" | Bill Allen |
| Song | Surround Us, O Lord | Davy Carter |
| Elder's Prayer | | Jay Bynum |
| Song #736 | To Christ Be True | |

5:00 P.M. Assembly

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|-------------------------|--|---------------|
| Welcome/Call to Worship | | Eric Thornton |
| Song #429 | O To Be Like Thee | Davy Carter |
| Song #957 | This World Is Not My Home | |
| Prayer | | Dale White |
| Song | I Am the Vine | |
| Song #731 | Take Time to Be Holy | |
| Scripture | John 16:32-17:1 | Wyatt Gruver |
| Song #837 | I Need Thee Every Hour | |
| Message: | "2016: A Year of Peace and Joy" | Bill Allen |
| Song #927 | Why Keep Jesus Waiting? | |
| Song #752 | God Bless You, Go With God | |
| Dismiss | | Stan Mallory |

Our Weekly Schedule

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| SUNDAY | |
| Bible Class | 9 a.m. |
| Morning Worship | 10 a.m. |
| Evening Worship | 5 p.m. |
| MONDAY | |
| Karing Kitchen | 6 p.m. |
| TUESDAY | |
| Benevolent Center is closed until January 5, 2016. | |
| WEDNESDAY | |
| Combined Devotional | 7 p.m. |

Serving Today

COMMUNION

Cameron Ables
Chris Ables
Cody Ables
Chase Mink
Randy Turner
Wynn Weathers
David Wicks
Bill White

GREETERS

Info Center: Gaylan & Margie Seagler
Main Doors: Bud & Charlotte Cawyer
East Doors: Barbara Caskey
W. Erwin Doors: Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot

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“The Significance of Relationship”

Introduction: As we look ahead to 2016, we do so with _____ and _____.

A. Our Relationship with _____

Colossians 4:7-18 (Rom. 16)

About relationships and _____

- A _____ of Christians
- A _____ of friends
- A sense of _____

B. Our Relationship with _____

Colossians 1:15-20

Colossians 2:6-15

Conclusion: People today need to see in us the same thing Paul called on the Colossian Christians to be known for—the authentic, genuine _____ of our convictions, with _____ the center and focus of our lives.

Colossians 3:17



New members have nametags at the Information Center.
 The church office will closed Thursday noon thru Friday.
 The Benevolent Center will reopen on Jan 5th.
 The Karing Kitchen will still serve meals every Monday.
 West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on December 28th.
 There will be a combined devotional in the auditorium from Kindergarten-age and up on Wednesday, December 30th.
 No Wednesday night meals will be served until January 13th.



The family of Wini Cullinan appreciates
 your kind expressions of sympathy.

| Our Records | Dec 20 |
|---------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 239 |
| Worship a.m. | 428 |
| Worship p.m. | 166 |
| Wed. p.m. | NC |
| Contribution | \$32,842.05 |
| Weekly Budget | \$26,651.00 |

Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Our love and sympathy is extended to Jessica Diller and Emily Moore in the death of their grandmother. Please keep them in prayer at this time.

Updates:

Charles Rachui is in Mother Frances ICU.

Phyllis Rachui is in Mother Frances. No visitors, please.

Donnie Carnathan had rotator cuff surgery last Wednesday.

Jennie Melville was expected to go home last Tuesday.

Theresa Leftwich, sister of Cathy Culpepper, is suffering from cancer.

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