

"A Common Love For Each Other"

Introduction: In the song, "A Common Love," what does that word "common" mean? These are things we all

_____. These are things that are in many ways basic and _____.

1) Our common love for each other is an _____ love,

1 John 3:16-18; Luke 10:25-37; John 13:12-17; Gal. 5:13-26; James 2:8-26

2) Our common love for each other is a _____ love.

Matthew 5:38-48; Rom. 12:9-21; 1 Peter 3:8-18; 4:12-19

3) Our common love for each other is an _____ love.

Luke 9:21-26; Matt. 20:20-26; Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 4:1-6, 25-32; Phil. 2:1-11

Love always acts in the best interest of the *other*.

4) Our common love for each other has its origin in _____ love for us.

Ephesians 5:1-2; 1 John 3:16-18; 4:7-12, 16-21

Our love—*for others*—is in response to what God has done—*for us*.

Conclusion: _____ will know that we are Christ's disciples if we have "a common love for each other."

John 13:34-35; 17:20-23

"And they'll know we are Christians by our love."

This Wednesday evening at 7 PM we will have a special time to focus on the aspect of our worship that strikes most to the heart: our singing. Chuck Munoz from Shiloh Road will be with us, and will help us sing some of our old favorites in ways that better honor Christ, as well as help us learn some of the newer songs we've been singing over the past couple of months. Everyone from first grade and up will meet in the Small Auditorium for this important time of renewing our commitment to praising the Lord in song. Our elders have asked that we do this on the first Wednesday of the month, January through May, as a part of the serious, deliberate efforts we are making to better do what all of us consider one of the most important aspects of our life in Christ: the direct worship of our Lord and Savior. Make every effort to be here and to take part.

Our lost and found area is overflowing with Bibles and coats, even glasses. Go by the lost and found cabinets located in the foyer beside the cry room. We will donate the contents that have not been claimed by January 10th to the Benevolent Center.

**No Wednesday Night Meals
will be served until January 13th.**

Prayer & Care

Updates:

Phyllis Rachui is in Mother Frances. No visitors please.

Charles Rachui is in Mother Frances.

Charles Harris is in ETMC.

Judy Venable-Grogan will have ankle surgery on January 4th.

Theresa Leffwich, sister of Cathy Culpepper, is suffering from cancer.

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Our Records	Dec 27
Bible Class	235
Worship a.m.	413
Worship p.m.	NC
Wed. p.m.	NC
Contribution	\$22,500.74
Weekly Budget	\$26,651.00

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Romans 5:6-8	Eric Thornton
Song #121 Come Let Us All Unite to Sing	Gary Ables
Song #122 The Love of God	
Song #448 The Greatest Commands	
Prayer	Tom Hale
Song #325 Boundless Love	Davy Carter
Lord's Supper and Contribution	Ralph Henderson
Song We Are One in the Spirit	
Scripture <i>John 13:34-35</i>	Will Christian
Song #705 A Common Love	
Message: "A Common Love for Each Other"	Bill Allen
Song #719 Love One Another	
Elder's Prayer	Jay Bynum
Song #711 Blest Be the Tie	
5:00 P.M. Assembly	
Welcome/Call to Worship	Eric Thornton
Song #47 Holy, Holy, Holy	Lance Yarema
Song #77 Glorify Thy Name	
Song #83 God is So Good	
Prayer	Frank Debenport
Scripture <i>2 Peter 3:17-18</i>	Myron Granberry
Song #123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord	
Song #147 I Stand Amazed	
Message: "The Resolution We All Need to Make"	Bill Allen
Song #948 I Am Resolved	
Song #381 Years I Spent in Vanity	
Dismiss	Gaylan Seagler

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

Serving Today

COMMUNION

Cameron Ables Chris Ables
Cody Ables Chase Mink
Randy Turner Bill White

Wynne Weathers
David Wicks

GREETERS

Info Center: Don &
Norma Durham
Main Doors: Fred &
Sandra Wingate
East Doors: Kenneth &
Evelyn Muncy
W. Erwin Doors: Judy
Mitcham

PICK UP CARDS

Cole Benson
Jackson DeLivaudais
Luke Metcalf
Logan Metcalf
Nathan Turner

SOUND

Clifton Lindsey &
Cody Mitcham

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM: Norma Sorrells
& Cate Kimball

Toddler AM: Jan Bowers &
Anne Kimball

Two of the greatest preachers/evangelists/missionaries/leaders the church has ever known were two of the first: the apostles Peter and Paul. We think of them as rock solid (Peter's name given him by Jesus literally means "rock" or "stone") and never wavering in their faithfulness to God.

Yet the truth is each of them experienced the loving forgiveness of the Father and of the Lord Jesus, and each was able to change directions in his life.

As we begin this New Year I hope that we can all get some encouragement from the stories of new beginnings these great but flawed men of God experienced.

For the apostle Peter, he was one of the first ones called by the Lord and had been with Jesus throughout His ministry. Yet as everyone knows it was Peter who denied the Lord—three times even—at the exact time Jesus needed His friend the most. And what's more, the Lord had even warned Peter that it would happen. Peter of course fervently claimed that he would never deny the Lord.

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me." (Luke 22:31-34)

Paul was no better, and actually considered himself the worst of sinners. He should have recognized the Messiah through the fulfillment of prophecy and His life of loving service. Instead this "Pharisee of Pharisees" sought to destroy the church that grew out of the belief that Jesus was the Christ and had been raised from the dead. Yet Saul of Tarsus received mercy, and was given a second chance and a new beginning as the forgiven apostle Paul.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Tim. 1:15-17)

As we look ahead to 2016, we do so with the eyes of faith, knowing that the same Lord who called and forgave and empowered these two flawed but faithful men will do the same for us. Yes, to our great God and Savior Jesus Christ be honor and glory forever. Amen.



(Donnie is recovering from rotator cuff surgery and we pray for his quick recovery. This is a column Donnie wrote 2 years ago about this time of year.)

I like ringing in a new year every 12 months. It's a new beginning each time it happens. New is not easy. For example, my new phone is smarter than me, but I like the help it gives me. God is all about new. He is constantly calling for us to get out of our comfort zones and try new things in the kingdom. Paul said, "if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new** creation. The old has passed away; behold, the **new** has come"(2 Cor.5:17). He is talking about the difference in a life with Christ and a life without Christ. It is new, it is different; but there is a purpose to this. Paul also wrote that, "we serve in the **new** way of the Spirit" (Ro. 7:6). This was not the freedom to indulge in anything that appealed to them, but it was freedom from the old law. But what does this new life mean to us? Paul gives us a clue in his letter to the church at Colossae, "seeing that you have put on the **new** self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator" (Col.3:10). We can see that our "new self" has much to do with our creator. Our new life is not what we want it to be, but it is a reflection of God in our lives. "And to put on the **new** self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness (Eph.4:24). Our new life and new direction, is fueled by a desire to be more like God, and it comes with a new demand. Jesus said, "A **new** commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you" (Jo.13:34). Our new life is different from our old life. It should reflect the spirit of God, and we should love each other as Jesus loved us. I wish you a Happy **New** Year and a better reflection of Christ!



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... "All Aboard" from Gen. 6-7. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following From Gen. 6:5-8 "5 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.6 The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. 7 So the Lord said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them." 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord."


In preparation for the year 2016... Be a Noah! No matter what is going on around you... Find Favor in God's eyes, Be righteous in God's eyes, Be obedient in God's eyes ... Be a Noah!

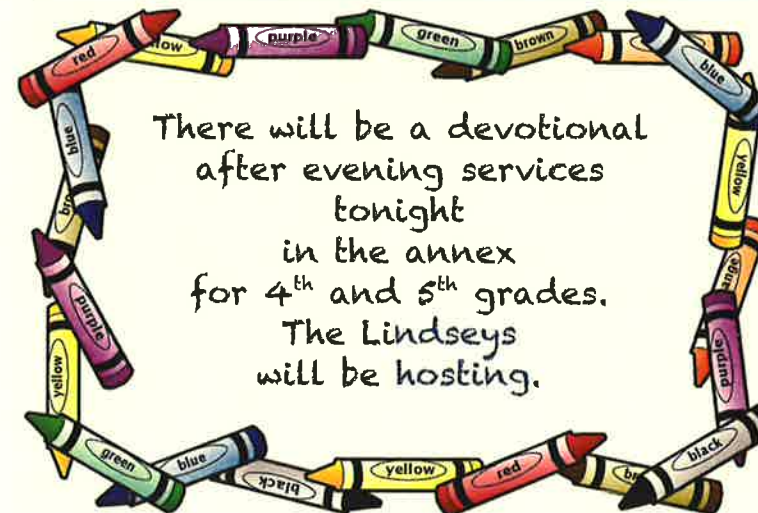
Thank You!

A huge thanks for all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this week. We have served record #'s over November and December and you have made a difference in peoples lives!

Upcoming Important Dates

Jan. 31 Movie Night... "War Room"

 To the West Erwin Church, It is never easy to have strength during the illness and death of a loved one, but your prayers and your support in various ways strengthened us while facing a difficult time in our lives. Thank you for your encouragement expressed through conversations, as well as telephone and email messages during this last year. Your kind words were gifts that helped to carry us as a family. Thank you for each card sent during Tony's illness and after his death. He always enjoyed seeing these gifts of cards, notes, letters, and some books placed on the table beside his chair. Thank you for your floral memorials, monetary memorials, and memorials expressed through your beautiful singing, as well as your presence at Tony's service. And, thank you for being our Christian friends, and for helping make it bearable to part from Husband, Daddy, Friend. We love you, Mary, Abby, and Mark Adams



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. Signups are going on in class. You must sign up by January 10th.

GIVING SIMPLY TO GIVE

As the holiday season comes to an end, and I think about my faith and the faith of our children, there are some things I want each of us to remember when it comes to giving, and things we can impress on our children, regardless of their age.

We give because we can. Simply put, we are blessed with so much. From food to clothing to the house we live in, and the jobs we work. We give because we can and it will help us value the days ahead when maybe we can't.

We give because we want to receive (but not how you're thinking). We don't give to get. Sometimes the people we give to can give us something in return and sometimes they don't, or they can't. But we don't give for either reason. We give because of what God gives us in return. We sow good seeds when we give to others and he reaps a bountiful harvest in our lives.

We give because giving helps us too. A favorite act of generosity might be to give to impoverished families anonymously. It feels so good to secretly surprise a single mom with gifts on her porch or buy a toy for a child in foster care. Not outward praise, no social media postings, just giving selflessly.

Finally, we give because it glorifies God. Giving pleases God. It honors him. It's one of the many ways we can say thank you for all he has given us.



"A Common Gift to the Savior"

Introduction: What could _____ possibly give our Savior in response to what _____ has given to us?

A. Our common gift to the Savior is our _____.

Psalms 8; 90; 103; 148

Matt. 2:9-11; 14:22-33; 28:8-9, 16-17; John 20:24-29; Rom. 16:25-27; Eph. 3:20-21

Matt. 6:1-18; John 4:19-26; 1 Cor. 11:17-34; 14; 1 Thess. 5:16-18; Col. 3:16; Heb. 13:15; 10:19-25

This is our _____ worship.

B. Our common gift to the Savior is our _____.

Isaiah 1:10-20; 6; 29:13-24; Psalm 50; Hosea 6:1-6; Amos 5:4-27; Micah 6:1-8; Matt. 15:1-20

Gal. 2:20; 5:13-26; Rom. 6; 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 15:58; Col. 3:16-17; Eph. 2:10; Titus 3:8; Heb. 13:15-16

This is our _____ worship.

Conclusion: Our common gift to the Savior is our _____.

1) Encompasses the _____ of Faith

2) Begins with the _____ of Faith

Acts 2:36-41; 16:22-34; 22:1-16; Rom. 10:8-13; 6:1-4



Words cannot express our thankfulness for all the cards, food and calls while I was ill. It meant the world to us for you to share God's love. Thank you so much.
Our Love, Chuck & Jennie Melville

Prayer & Care

Updates:

Dick Higginbotham was in rehab last week. He was to go home last Friday.

Charles Rachui is in Park Place.

Charles Harris is back in Azalea Trails Assisted Living.

Judy Venable-Grogan had ankle surgery on January 4th.

Helen Gullion had gall bladder surgery last Wednesday. She is home now and doing well.

Theresa Leftwich, sister of Cathy Culpepper, is suffering from cancer.

Rita Sifton and Nita Kennedy's sister, **Opal Golden**, is having some TIAs and is in a lot of pain. She is now in Pine Crest Nursing Home.

Janice Hardaway's son, **Rick**, is under hospice care.

Lauren Delivaudais' father, **Ronnie Brown**, is in rehab at HealthSouth.

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January 10, 2016

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Psalm 103:1-5	Eric Thornton
Song #54 We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise	Gary Ables
Song Wonderful, Merciful Savior	
Song #827 Sweet Hour of Prayer	
Prayer	Stan Clark
Song #350 When My Love to Christ Grows Weak	
Lord's Supper and Contribution	Dannie Skipper
Song #230 Worthy of Praise	
Scripture Hebrews 13:15-16	Jimmie Philpot
Song You're Worthy of My Praise	Wayne Berryman
Message: "A Common Gift to the Savior"	Bill Allen
Song Light the Fire	
Elder's Prayer	Greg Jones
Song #15 Step by Step	
5:00 P.M. Assembly	
Welcome/Call to Worship	Eric Thornton
Song How Long Has It Been	Wayne Berryman
Song Who Am I?	
Song #777 Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer	
Prayer	Sean Sillavan
Scripture Matthew 6:1	Billy Terrell
Song #821 Pray All the Time	
Message: "Some Thoughts on Worship"	Bill Allen
Song #855 Home	
Song #887 In the Morning of Joy	
Dismiss	Dale White

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COMMUNION

Scott Albritton Jay Bynum
Bud Cawyer Chris Conder
Keith Chandler Will Christian
Barry Ciaschini Tom Clark

GREETERS

Info Center: Ron & Jean Parish
Main Doors: Robert & Mary Lee
East Doors: Harold & Shirley Denman
W. Erwin Doors: Tim & Gayle Holt

PICK UP CARDS

Liam Harbuck
Clay Mitcham
Jackson Parker
Wyatt Parker
Brayden Reeder

SOUND

Clifton Lindsey & Shaun Stamps

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM: Elizabeth Granberry & McKenzie Fennell

Toddler AM: Jordan Snell & Bailey Hammond

Our Records	Jan 3
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This Wednesday night our men's class, ladies' class and small auditorium class will start up again after the break for the holidays. If you haven't been coming to one of these classes I hope that you'll start up this Wednesday.

I'll begin a study in the small auditorium entitled "13 Things Mentally Strong People Don't Do." It's taken from a 2014 book by social worker and psychotherapist Amy Morin. 13 Things started out as a blog post and article that "went viral," as they say, with over 10 million views when it was published on Forbes.com in December 2013.

Amy writes not just as a well trained and experienced counselor but from the perspective of personal loss herself. After already experiencing the loss of loved ones, her father-in-law was diagnosed with terminal cancer. She writes, "I knew what was coming, and it filled me with a sense of dread. I found myself thinking, *Here we go again.* I didn't want to go through such a staggering loss all over again. It just didn't seem right." Amy realized through her own experience and professional training and career that she could suffocate if she found herself buried in feelings of how unfair all of this was. Just a few weeks before her husband's father died, she made up her mind.

I sat at the table thinking about how unfair it was, how hard it was going to be, and how much I wanted things to be different. I also knew I couldn't let myself go down that road. After all, I'd been through this before and I'd be okay again. If I let myself fall into the trap of thinking my situation was worse than anyone else's, or if I convinced myself that I couldn't handle one more loss, it wasn't going to help. Instead, it would only hold me back from dealing with the reality of my situation. It was at that moment that I sat down and wrote my list, "13 Things Mentally Strong People Don't Do." They were the habits I'd fought so hard against to come out on the other side of my grief. They were the things that could hold me back from getting better, if I allowed them to take hold of me.

While we can do lots of right things, our bad habits will drag us down and sabotage our efforts to be mentally strong. This study will help us identify 13 of those bad habits, and what we can do to overcome them. Interestingly, we'll find these actions are quite consistent with the teachings and life of Christ and the rest of inspired Scripture. So here is a list of what we'll cover in this study. Can you guess which Scriptures/Bible stories we'll be covering with each one?

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| 1) They don't waste time feeling sorry for themselves. | 8) They don't make the same mistakes over and over. |
| 2) They don't give away their power. | 9) They don't resent other people's success. |
| 3) They don't shy away from change. | 10) They don't give up after the first failure. |
| 4) They don't focus on things they can't control. | 11) They don't fear alone time. |
| 5) They don't worry about pleasing everyone. | 12) They don't feel the world owes them anything. |
| 6) They don't fear taking calculated risks. | 13) They don't expect immediate results. |



THE POWER OF TOUCH

Suzie and I were in Houston this weekend helping out with my son's children while his mother-in-law had colon surgery. One of my duties was sleeping with his 4 year old son Caden. Saturday, during nap time, I had to send him to his dad because he was standing up on my legs. Naptime was not a priority for him that day. Saturday night was another restless night for him, but as the night wore on, I felt his little hand on my shoulder and it seemed to settle him down. All through the night at various times, I would feel his hand, making sure I was still there beside him. I guess that touch was a comfort to him. Touch can be a powerful thing, especially when people feel the touch of Jesus. In John 9, we see where Jesus healed a blind man by making mud and spit and putting it on the man's eyes. Before he healed the man Jesus said, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world" (Jo.9:5). Jesus has a way of opening our eyes to the things we need to see. When we allow ourselves to be touched by Jesus, we see how the things we say, do, and think affect his church. We see the church for the treasure that it is In Mark 1, we see where Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law of her fever by his touch. She got out of bed and started to serve those in the house. When we allow ourselves to be touched by Jesus, we become true servants of his work. We are healed of the diseases of hate, prejudice, and envy and his traits of humility and love show through. It is then that we reflect the sweetness of a life under the touch of Jesus. In Mark 4, we see the miracle of Jesus calming the storm through his words. The disciples thought that Jesus did not care that they were in danger. After the miracle, Jesus asked his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" (Mk.4:40) When we allow ourselves to be touched by Jesus, we get through the storms of life. We may still experience the fear, the hurt, the shame, or the sadness, but we will overcome. We have the promise that Jesus cares for us and wants for us to be with him forever. When we are touched by Jesus, we live for heaven and we live with the victory!



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... "And the Rains Came..." from Gen. 7-8. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following From Gen. 7:11-12 "11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. 12 And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights."

War Room... The Movie

Join us Sunday night, Jan. 31 for our movie night featuring War Room. "WAR ROOM is a powerful movie that's sure to ignite a movement and challenge you to PRAY like never before."

Put it on your calendar and invite your friends!

Upcoming Important Dates

Jan. 31 Movie Night... "War Room"



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL
BREAKFAST
 Jan. 13
 FLC
 5:30 P.M.
 \$6.00/adult
 \$3.00/child

Ladies - Here is the Swap Meet schedule for January 23rd.

Bring your items to trade to the Benevolent Center from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

The Yogurt Bar opens at 10:00 a.m. Swapping begins at 11:00 a.m.

Remember...

no men's items and no children's items. See the flyer at the Information Center for suggestions.

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 at this awesome youth conference. It will be a great weekend, and the cost is only \$50. This is for our 8th grade and up students this year. **The deadline to signup is today, January 10th.** Please make sure Eric gets your fee before the end of the day. All the info for the weekend is available in class.

DEVO TONIGHT

We will have a devo tonight for our 6th-12th grade students in the FLC immediately following our PM assembly. Please bring \$3 for dinner, BRING YOUR BIBLE, and wear clothes you won't mind possibly getting a little sweaty in. We're playing 9 Square In The Air!

JUST A THOUGHT...

Sometimes we all find ourselves in "life" valleys. When we look to others for our validation, for our joy, for our peace. And that's why we are in that valley, because we are looking in all the wrong places for all of those things. We wrongly judge ourselves by people's reactions to us, and we determine our success in life on their responses to us. I was reminded this week where you and I should find our value. Out belongingness is to the God who created you and all that is. If you've been baptized, you've been baptized into the death of Jesus. You are baptized into the Word Made Flesh. Why? So that you might become Flesh made Word. So that you might become an agent of what you have received: God's agent of grace, truth, love, forgiveness and mercy. And when I offer to others what God offers to me, those valleys are a much shallower place that we can easily see out of if we only look up.

Manna in the Morning
 (M-n-M)
 Breakfast for Champions!
 All kids up thru 12th grade
 Every Sunday 8:30 - 8:50 a.m.
 Downstairs Resource Room
 (Follow the signs at the NW Entrance)



"A Common Bond Holding Us to the Lord"

Introduction: When it comes to our sins, we are _____ the hook.

A. Our _____ is a common bond holding us to the Lord.

Ezekiel 18; Isaiah 59; Romans 1-3

"Man is a sinner in need of God's redemptive power. We can never escape this fact." (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., sermon—"Man's Sin and God's Grace")

B. Our _____ is a common bond holding us to the Lord.

Romans 3:21-28; 5:6-8; 6:1-4, 23; Matt. 20:28; John 3:14-17; 10:7-18

Isaiah 53:4-6; Acts 20:28; Eph. 2:1-9; Titus 2:11-14; 3:3-7; 1 Peter 1:17-19; 1 John 1:7

Psalm 40:5-10; Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 1:1-3; 9:11-28; 10:1-18

C. Our common bond holding us to the Lord also holds us to _____.

1 John 1:7; Heb. 3:12-14; 10:23-25

Conclusion: Though we were on the hook because of our sins, Jesus took us off and placed _____

there in our place. And He made us a part of a _____ of forgiven sinners.



Thank you for your prayers, visits, and calls of concern following my fall. Thank you also for food brought to our home. I am recovering well. In Christian love, Gail Debenport

Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Our love and sympathy is extended to Rita Sitton and Nita Kennedy in the death of their sister, Opal Golden. Services were Monday.

Our sympathy is also extended to Janice Hardaway in the death of her son, Rick. Rick passed away last Sunday night. Services were Saturday.

Updates:

Stan Mallory underwent surgery Wednesday at Clements University Hospital in Dallas. It went well. He was expected to come home Friday.

Dick Higginbotham is in the Briarcliff Star Unit.

Judy Venable-Grogan is homebound after ankle surgery.

Theresa Leftwich, sister of Cathy Culpepper, is suffering from cancer.

Lauren Delivaudais' father, **Ronnie Brown**, is in rehab at HealthSouth.

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January 17, 2016

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Psalm 40:1-5 Danny Snell
 Song #300 Praise Him! Praise Him! Wayne Berryman
 Song Salvation Belongs to Our God
 Song #454 Rock of Ages
 Prayer Pete Leung
 Song #352 My Sins, My Sins, My Savior
 Lord's Supper and Contribution Robert Lee
 Song Above All
 Scripture 1 John 1:5-7 James Sublette
 Song #381 Years I Spent in Vanity Gary Ables
 Message: "A Common Bond Holding Us to the Lord" Bill Allen
 Song #902 Nothing But the Blood
 Elder's Phil Marts
 Prayer
 Song #76 How Great Thou Art

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
 Song #587 Sing and Be Happy Davy Carter
 Song You're Worthy of My Praise
 Song #490 It Is Well With My Soul
 Prayer Wade Weathers
 Song #4 To God Be the Glory
 Song How Great Is Our God
 Song #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah Randy Turner
 Scripture Psalm 32:1-2
 Song #74 Praise The Lord
 Song Ancient Words Bill Allen
 Message: "From Sinful to Blessed"
 Song #943 Do You Know My Jesus?
 Song #716 Sing to Me of Heaven
 Dismiss Larry Murphey

Our Weekly Schedule

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Karing Kitchen	6 p.m.
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Serving Today

COMMUNION
 Scott Albritton Jay Bynum
 Bud Cawyer Chris Conder
 Keith Chandler Will Christian
 Barry Ciaschini Tom Clark

GREETERS

Info Center: Roy Fraley & Jean Rutherford
 Main Doors: Philip & Ellen Matthews
 East Doors: Jim & Helen Boyd
 W. Erwin Doors: Milburn & Jan Cook

PICK UP CARDS

Liam Harbuck
 Clay Mitcham
 Jackson Parker
 Wyatt Parker
 Brayden Reeder

SOUND

Clifton Lindsey & Shaun Stamps

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM: Julie Ables & Emma Stamps
 Toddler AM: Jean Thornton & Rebecca Weathers



WINTERFEST - JAN 15 - 17

At the Winterfest youth convention, 2016 marks the end of a four-year journey on a theme of THE WAY. We have looked at how to WITHDRAW from the ways of this world, how to WEAVE ourselves together as the church, and last year WATCH—how to be and make disciples. This year we've focused on WALK. What keeps us walking on THE WAY? What if we stumble, what if we fall? How do we get up and keep walking? Who walks with us? How do we do this walk at school? How do we do this walk at work? What do I get out of this if I keep walking? We've joined over 4,000 other students and adult leaders for the largest gathering of any kind in the churches of Christ this weekend. So if you see one of our teens today when we get home, ask them what it means to them to WALK in THE WAY.

SMALL GROUPS - NO DEVO TONIGHT

Tonight is the 3rd Sunday of the month, and that means Small Groups after our evening assembly. We will have a devo next Sunday night, the 24th, so make sure to mark your calendars.

LTC PRACTICES BEGIN TODAY

If your 3rd through 12th grader is interested in participating this year in **Chorus or Bible Quiz**, those two events begin practice today. Please come to the small auditorium at 4pm for those interested in Chorus, and those who are participating in Bible Quiz will meet at 5pm in the junior high classroom to begin their study.

A few thoughts about our morning and evening assemblies this week.

Sunday morning finds us considering "a common bond, holding us to the Lord." While there are a lot of different options, I want to focus on one thing in particular that we truly do all share in common, and that holds us to the Lord. It is the fact that we are all sinners.

"There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one." (Rom. 3:10-12)

It is a sad, sad state. And our Creator takes this very seriously, as we've seen in our Sunday morning classes looking through Genesis, including God's judgment upon humanity—the flood of Noah's day. Hopefully we're a little better civilization than they were, but we know we share something in common: sin.

The good news of the gospel is that because we all share in this sinfulness and its condemnation, we are all recipients of the gospel. You know that verse, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Do you remember Paul's point? Do you remember the significance of that statement? It takes place just a little further down in Romans 3.

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. (Rom. 3:21-24)

Instead of sending a flood or some other means to destroy humanity in our sinfulness, this time God sent His Son to save us. This righteousness of God in Christ is open and available to everyone. And there's one main reason that it is for all who believe: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Last week we affirmed that our "common gift to the Savior" is our worship. As we consider the seriousness of our sins and the greatness of our salvation, Sunday evening we will be in the small auditorium, and plan an inspiring time of worship of our God. We will share some thoughts from "the Beatitudes" of Matt. 5, and will have an extended time of singing wonderful, encouraging songs of praise to our Savior. Take a look at the song list at the front of this bulletin. I know you will want to be a part of this uplifting praise and worship Sunday at 5:00 PM.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 6:23) Praise Him!



O THEY TELL ME OF A HOME!

I know that those words make you think of that great hymn. It is one of my favorite songs. Since I started work here, I have come across many that have no home. I have never known the feeling of having no bed, no place of warmth, no kitchen to make a hot meal, and no place to take a hot shower. I have stayed at church camps that are more comfortable than having no home. Having no home is tough physically, but worse than that is having no home spiritually. Just as many of the homeless have made bad decisions that have led to their homeless state, it also takes bad spiritual decisions to be spiritually homeless. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, *Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord (2 Co.5:8)*. Paul realized that no human condition could be worse than not having a home with the Lord. I love that phrase, "at home with the Lord". It makes me think of security, comfort, happiness, confidence, and love. It tells me that my journey with Christ will be worth every sacrifice I made, every problem I faced, and every struggle I overcame. It tells me nothing on earth will be worth more than my home with the Lord. O they tell me of a home.... What do those words bring to your mind? Does it give you peace of mind or does it make you feel a little "homeless"?

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 Monument to Human Pride" from Gen. 11:1-9. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us! Consider the following From Gen. 11:8-9 "8 So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. 9 That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

"War Room... The Movie

Join us Sunday night, Jan. 31 for our movie night featuring War Room. "WAR ROOM is a powerful movie that's sure to ignite a movement and challenge you to PRAY like never before."

Put it on your calendar and invite your friends!

Upcoming Important Dates

Jan. 31 Movie Night... "War Room"

Bible Quiz practice starts tonight in the junior high classroom at 5 p.m.
If you have any questions please see Clifton or Cristy Lindsey.

Join us Sunday night after services on January 31st for movie night in the Family Life Center.

Hot dogs, chips, popcorn and drinks will be served.



Join us Wednesday, January 27th for another night of singing with Chuck Munoz. Come learn new songs!

Manna in the Morning
All kids up thru 12th grade
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Downstairs Resource Room
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL



FLC
5:30 P.M.
\$6.00/adult
\$3.00/child

Ladies - Here is the Swap Meet schedule for January 23rd.

Bring your items to trade to the Benevolent Center from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

The Yogurt Bar opens at 10:00 a.m. Swapping begins at 11:00 a.m.

Remember...

no men's items and no children's items. See the flyer at the Information Center for suggestions.



"A Common Strength When We're Weary"

Introduction: Who gets weary sometimes? _____! Because we share being weary in common, we have a common need for strength and _____.

A. That is why God sent His _____.

Isaiah 40:28-31; Matt. 11:28-30; 1 Cor. 15:57-58; Heb. 12:1-3

B. That is why God instituted His _____.

Heb. 3:12-14; 10:23-25

Psalms 122:1; Gal. 6:9-10; 1 Thess. 2:10-12; 3:1-13; 4:13-5:11

This is our call to discipleship, the call to **Believe; Connect; Serve.**

Conclusion: "Therefore encourage one another and _____ each other _____, just as in fact you are doing." (1 Thess. 5:11)

From the Elders-

We would like to commend JR Tharpe for his years of service to the Rosewood Estates. JR has held worship service for them on Sunday afternoons for the past 6-7 years. He has recently found it necessary to resign that role and Sylvia says, "It has been the hardest decision he has ever made." They have become like family and that ministry has been such a blessing to him and Sylvia. JR, thank you for the example you have set before us as a servant.

We would like to thank Bryce Murry as well for his involvement in this ministry at Rosewood. Bryce has led the singing for the past 4-5 years and continues to serve there.

Prayer & Care

Updates:

Charles Rachui is in ETMC.

Cris Holly had surgery last Wednesday.

Kalli Huff is in Children's Hospital in Dallas.

Brealyn Lindsey has a respiratory issue and will be back at Children's Hospital next week to meet with another specialist. Brealyn is the daughter of Clifton and Cristy Lindsey.

Esther Wilson had cataract surgery last Monday.

Stan Mallory is home now.

Arnold Ables is home now.

Judy Venable-Grogan is homebound after ankle surgery for a few weeks.

Leon Welborn had his last radiation treatment last Monday.

Theresa Leftwich, sister of Cathy Culpepper, is suffering from cancer.

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Welcome/Call to Worship - *Isaiah 40:28-31*

Song #608 He Gave Me a Song

Song I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Prayer

Song #364 Come, Share the Lord

Communion - Bread

Song #325 Boundless Love

Communion - Cup

Song #325 Boundless Love

Contribution

Song #715 The Church's One Foundation

Scripture *Hebrews 3:12-14*

Song #705 A Common Love

Message: **"A Common Strength When We're Weary"**

Song #589 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Elder's

Prayer

Song #535 The Glory-Land Way

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship

Song #650 Send the Light

Song Where Could I Go?

Prayer

Scripture *1 Peter 3:8-9*

Song Firm Foundation

Song #875 Home of the Soul

Message: **"About That Second Mile. . ."**

Song Come to Jesus

Song Do All in the Name of the Lord

Dismiss

Eric Thornton

Gary Ables

Charles Melville

Wayne Berryman

Jim Boyd

Billy Terrell

Gary Ables

Bill Allen

Gaylan Seagler

Eric Thornton

Lance Yarema

Ron Parish

Ruger Stocking

Bill Allen

Wyatt Gruver

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David Demic

Harold Denman

Don Durham

Rick Fedell

James Gullion

Myron Granberry

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Bitsy Berryman

Main Doors: James &

Connie Sublette

East Doors: Barry Ciaschini

W. Erwin Doors: James &

Sue Hughes

PICK UP CARDS

Ethan Stone, Logan Stone,

Tanner Transier, Nathan

Turner, Cole Benson

SOUND

Clifton Lindsey &

Cal Wilkinson

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM: Mary Lee &

Jaci Philpot

Toddler AM: Sharon

Beaver

& Hannah Metcalf

Recently we focused on the line from the song, "A Common Love," that states this: "a common gift to the Savior." In the sermon I suggested that while we perhaps could list many things that would certainly be gifts we all give to our Lord and Savior, there was one that seemed to fit especially well: our worship.

One aspect of our worship is our worship assembly—the direct, corporate worship we engage in together in praise of our Creator and Savior. We revisit this important part of our relationship with God—and with each other—this Sunday as we speak of "a common strength when we're weary."

As I've said in lessons already, God could have given us His will and commanded us to be obedient—and then left us by ourselves to do that on our own as individuals.

Instead, His divine grace and foreknowledge not only gave us a Savior in Jesus Christ our Lord, but also gave us a community of fellow believers to provide for each other the help and encouragement we all need and without which we would be unable to be faithful. Scripture affirms this great truth.

See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. (Heb. 3:12-14)

We need that daily encouragement from our brothers and sisters in Christ to remind us of sin's deceitfulness and Christ's blessings. But there is also a call to share that encouragement as we gather together in worship of our Lord. Whatever else the worship assembly is, it is to be an opportunity to encourage one another to hold on to our hope and to demonstrate our faith and love with concrete actions.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Heb. 10:23-25)

There is a sense of urgency here. It's almost as if God knows we can't do it without each other's help and encouragement, and commands that our worship assemblies build each other up in the faith. Huh...



I AM RICH AND I NEED NOTHING

Can you imagine a life where you needed nothing? Everything was taken care of, all your needs were met, and you were not dependent on anyone else, including God. The church at Sardis felt that way. Their confidence was up, they were proud of their wealth, and their material way of living. They were missing what God was offering them. Consider the angel's words to them, ... *For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked (Rev.3:17).* When we pursue the physical and ignore the spiritual, we put ourselves at odds with God. Imagine their shock at being pitied. Pity was reserved for the poor, not for the successful. But, when we serve someone or something other than God, pity is our reward. Should we expect anything else? When our loyalty to God fades, we put ourselves in dangerous territory. God wants dedication, God wants commitment, and God wants to reign supreme in our lives. He wants his children dependent on Him for their success, not to chase what the world offers. It was not their wealth that got them in trouble, it was their heart. We do not have to live in poverty to be saved, but we do need to realize where our blessings come from. We must never forget; we are always in need of the Savior!



By Danny Snell



Eric Thornton
Youth Minister

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 Special Blessing" from Gen. 12 & 15. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following From Gen. 12:2-3 *"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*

War Room... The Movie

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Put it on your calendar and invite your friends!

Upcoming Important Dates

Jan. 31 Movie Night... "War Room"

Feb. 1 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen

DEVO TONIGHT

There IS a devo tonight for all 6th-12th graders in the FLC immediately following our evening assembly from 6-8pm. Please bring \$3 for dinner, and wear close toed shoes, and BRING YOUR BIBLES!

MOVIE NIGHT ON THE 31ST, SUPER BOWL ON THE 7TH

Next Sunday night, after the evening assembly, the entire church will gather in the FLC for a screening of the movie "War Room". Dinner in the form of hot dogs, chips, popcorn and drinks will be provided. Please use this as a chance to bring anyone and everyone to church with you that night. Also, the Sunday after that, February 7th, is the Super Bowl. Even though the Cowboys aren't anywhere close to playing in it, apparently someone will still be playing the game, so we'll get together and watch it. Watch the bulletin next week for time and place.

LTC PRACTICES

LTC practice continues this week. Our choruses meet at 4pm, Bible Quiz meets at 5pm, and listen for an announcement on Sunday morning regarding when Drama practice starts. Puppet practice will begin NEXT Wednesday night, February 3rd.

Join us Sunday
night after
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February 7th
All Church Luncheon
followed by a singing devotional.
We will then be dismissed for the day.

Jan Knight has moved to be closer to her
daughters. Her address is:
1301 Airport Freeway Apt #404
Bedford, TX 76021

Dick and Sue Higginbotham have
moved to Prestige Estates at:
6928 Poluxy, Room 106 Tyler, 75703

WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
MEAL

Mexican Food

FLC
5:30 P.M.
\$6.00/adult
\$3.00/child

If you are able to help
set up chairs for movie
night next Sunday it
would be appreciated.
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Family Life Center
after morning worship.
It shouldn't take but a
few minutes if we have
enough volunteers.

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"A Common Hope for Tomorrow"

Introduction: As Christians and a part of the West Erwin church family we have every reason to be _____ rather than _____.

1. A Common Hope for _____ Tomorrow—_____

1 Peter 1:3-4
1 Cor. 15; 2 Cor. 4:16-5:10; Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 18; Rev. 21:1-7; 22:1-5

2. A Common Hope for _____ Tomorrow—_____

1 Peter 1:3-9, 13-25
Rom. 5:1-11; Rom. 8; 12:9-21; 15:1-13; 1 Thess. 1:2-3; Titus 2:11-14; Heb. 6:13-20

Conclusion: We want others to _____ our common hope for tomorrow.

1 Peter 3:15-16



Beginning with January 2016, West Erwin is helping to support Preston Condor, son of Chris and Miranda Condor, as he completes the apprenticeship program at the Church of Christ Student Center at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, Ark. He is also pursuing a Master's Degree in Christian Ministry from the Harding University School of Theology in Memphis, Tenn. Preston is actively sharing the gospel with students at Ark. Tech. God is blessing his efforts and He baptized a friend, Dallas Martin, on January 20, 2016. Please pray for Preston as he continues his work and pray for Dallas as he begins his new life as a Christian. Preston is a very talented and dedicated young man! Congratulations to Chris and Miranda for bringing him up in the Lord.

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Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Our love and sympathy is extended to Cathy Culpepper in the death of her sister, Theresa Leftwich. A memorial service will be held at the Canyon Church of Christ on Highway 243 - February 6th at 2 p.m.

Updates:

Davy Carter is in ETMC.

Charles Rachui is in ETMC.

Kalli Huff is in Children's Hospital in Dallas.

Brealyn Lindsey has seen a specialist in Dallas and got a good report. It was determined that her tonsils need to come out. Brealyn is the daughter of Clifton and Cristy Lindsey.

Judy Venable-Grogan is homebound after ankle surgery for a few weeks.

Lauren Delivaudais' father, **Ronnie Brown**, is in rehab at HealthSouth.

James Wood, the father of Mary Lou Wood's son, is hospitalized in Lubbock with a broken hip.

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Titus 2:11-14

Song #718 We Shall Assemble

Song #898 Paradise Valley

Prayer

Song In Christ Alone (verse 1)

Communion - Bread

Song In Christ Alone (verse 2)

Communion - Cup

Song In Christ Alone (verse 3)

Contribution

Song #884 Earth Holds No Treasures

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Budget Presentation

Message: **"A Common Hope for Tomorrow"**

Song #881 Mansion Over the Hilltop

Elder's Prayer

Song #867 To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship

Song #791 On Bended Knee

Song #792 My Eyes Are Dry

Song #793 There's a Garden

Prayer

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Song #764 Teach Me Lord to Wait

Message: **"Salt and Light and Prayer"**

Song #876 Where He Leads Me I Will Follow

Song #916 What a Day That Will Be

Dismiss

Danny Snell

Gary Ables

Wayne Berryman

Lee Mink

Stan Mallory

Bill White

Wade Weathers

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As Christians we share “a common hope for tomorrow.” Obviously, we understand that to specifically mean heaven, for eternity.

But is that it? I don’t think so.

While the hope of heaven is our ultimate hope, that promise gives us faith, hope and mission here as we face the tomorrows of this life as well.

One of the criticisms some level at Christians is that we are so concerned with heaven that we fail to recognize the needs of this world, much less do something to help in the here and now. In my experience that criticism is mostly unfounded. But it can call us to take a step back and make sure our focus is not so laser sharp pointed at the next life that we neglect people in this life and fail to come through on the opportunities God sends our way to share help and hope with others on this side of eternity.

The most significant way we can be conscious of those around us has everything to do with our heavenly home. You see, we don’t just want to go there ourselves. We want those around us to experience that eternal joy in the presence of the Lord as well.

As Paul was reminding the Corinthians to not play “My preacher’s better than yours,” he tells us that both sharing and obeying the gospel call is a process.

⁵What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building. (1 Cor. 3:5-9)

A couple of things to note here:

- The process of sharing the gospel includes different people with different tasks, all of which are essential.
- This ultimately is God’s work. We have a part to play—an important part, each one of us. But we can draw encouragement and confidence knowing that it is God who is making things grow. Praise Him!



It is hard to pass a mirror without looking at yourself. You want to know how you look and if everything is in place or not. If something is wrong, it gives us a chance to fix it. It’s a chance to restore our appearance. That is why I love James’ analogy about looking in the mirror. *For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer. He is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like (James 1:23,24).* This verse makes me think of the dangers of missed opportunities. Just as a look in the mirror gives us a chance to fix what is wrong with our appearance, a lesson from God’s word that is merely listened to and not allowed to take root in our hearts will soon be forgotten. It will never have a chance to grow and have an influence on our lives. We won’t get the chance to “touch up” that problem and we won’t get the chance to “restore” our spiritual reflection. We missed it, and we have no guarantee of getting it back. James continues, *But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing (James 1:25).* God’s word brings us freedom from sin. Upon our obedience to the Gospel, he fixes us, he gives us new life, and if we do and not just hear, we receive great blessings. The blessing comes from the doing. We are better when we serve, when we reach out, and when we step out in faith. We are better when we put God’s words in action. When we start living like that, we truly reflect Jesus. When we reflect Jesus, we have never looked better!



By Danny Snell



Bible Class

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War Room... The Movie

Join us Sunday night, Jan. 31 for our movie night featuring War Room. *“WAR ROOM is a powerful movie that’s sure to ignite a movement and challenge you to PRAY like never before.”* Put it on your calendar and invite your friends!

Iron Men Breakfast

Iron Men’s Breakfast will begin meeting again on Feb. 4, 6:00-7:00 AM. This is a great opportunity for us as men to spend some time eating, studying & praying together. We will also be discussing some ideas about some future projects that we can do together. Join Us!

Upcoming Important Dates

- Jan. 31 Movie Night... “War Room”
- Feb. 1 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
- Feb. 4 Iron Men’s Breakfast

Join us
Sunday night
after services on
January 31st for
movie night in the
Family Life
Center.

Hot dogs, chips,
popcorn and
drinks will be
served.



“WAR ROOM” MOVIE TONIGHT
Tonight, immediately following our PM assembly, we will be showing the movie “War Room” in the FLC, starting at 6pm. Please use this opportunity to invite your friends, as there will be free hot dogs, chips, popcorn, and drinks. The movie will be over about 8:15pm, and this is open to the ENTIRE church, so please make plans to join us!

SUPER BOWL PARTY – NEXT SUNDAY, FEB 7TH
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LTC PRACTICE SCHEDULE
Today is a normal LTC practice schedule, with Drama at 3pm, Chorus at 4pm, and Bible Quiz at 5pm. This week also begins Puppet practice on Wednesday night at 7:00pm. Please come to the FLC to be split into your teams. Next week, Feb. 7th on our Family Day, there will be no LTC practices.

February 1st
Setup-5:00 pm
Serve-6:00 pm
Finished with cleanup
by 7:00 pm
Come help us feed the
hungry in our
community!

Karing Kitchen
This Monday
5 - 7 p.m. in the
Benevolent Center

February 7th
All Church Luncheon
followed by a singing devotional.
We will then be dismissed for the day.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Feb. 3

Burgers

FLC
5:30 P.M.
\$6.00/adult
\$3.00/child

If you are able to help set up chairs for movie night on Sunday it would be appreciated. We’ll meet at the Family Life Center after morning worship. It shouldn’t take but a few minutes if we have enough volunteers. We will also meet Wednesday, February 3rd after class to set up chairs for the All-Church Luncheon.

Manna in the Morning
All kids up thru 12th grade
Sundays 8:30 - 8:50 a.m.
Downstairs Resource Room

IRON MEN’S BREAKFAST
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
6 A.M. FAMILY LIFE CENTER

"A Common Joy in the Truth of God's Word"

Introduction: Is it _____ for Christians to be joyful, and if so, what's the _____ of that joy?

A. Christians are joyful _____, and not just when the external circumstances are favorable.

A Common Joy

Phil. 4:4; Matt. 5:3-12; James 1:2-12; 1 Thess. 5:16

Gal. 5:22; Rom. 14:17; Acts 8:39; 16:34; Prov. 17:22

B. The _____ of our joy is the Word of God.

In the Truth of God's Word

John 1:1, 14; 8:31-32; 14:6; 17:17; 18:36-38

Psalm 119:9-16, 97, 105-112

Conclusion: These blessings we've spoken of are things we have in _____.



On behalf of the Young Married Couple class – a big THANK YOU to the Young at Heart class for sponsoring a luncheon for our class! Everyone had a great time, including all of the kids. A little more than 100 were in attendance enjoying all the homemade food and awesome fellowship.

The YAH did a wonderful job decorating the FLC and making everyone feel right at home. It was such a blessing to see all the love and hard work come together in a gathering that uplifted everyone involved. Helping one another and just getting together to share a meal and some fun is one of the best ways for our church to be a real family and show the fruits of the spirit to each other. Thank you for your love, compassion, care and hard work! God bless you all!

Greg Jones

Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday
Don Ingram
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Our Records	Jan 31
Bible Class	279
Worship a.m.	420
Worship p.m.	210
Wed. p.m.	197
Contribution	\$22,173.02
Weekly Budget	\$25,444.00

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Order of Worship

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 Song #449 Thy Word Gary Ables
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 Song #200 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (vs. 1 & 2) Wayne Berryman
 Communion - Bread Clifton Lindsey
 Song #200 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (v. 3)
 Communion - Cup
 Song #200 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (v. 5)
 Contribution
 Song #202 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
 Scripture Psalm 119:97-98 David Wicks
 Song Ancient Words
 Message: "A Common Joy in the Truth of God's Word" Bill Allen
 Song #432 How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?
 Elder's
 Prayer Fred Wingate
 Song #705 A Common Love

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Lauren Delivaudais' father, **Ronnie Brown**, is now home.

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Today we come to the end of our sermon series based from the song, "A Common Love." I hope you've been helped and challenged by the great blessings and opportunities God's people have to encourage each other and to share the love of God with others. Here is a reminder of the applications we have made with each of these great statements.

- **A common love for each other**—What a blessing to have a relationship not only with Jesus Christ but to also share a relationship of love with each other as God's people, the church. "We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord. And they'll know we are Christians by our love." (John 13:34-35)
- **A common gift to the Savior**—Our common gift to our common Savior is our worship. We can never earn or deserve the blessing of forgiveness and salvation we have through Him, but we can show our gratitude through our direct worship—offering up to God our "sacrifice of praise, the fruit of lips that openly profess His name;" as well as through our indirect worship—the sacrifices of doing good, of helping and serving others. (Heb. 13:15-16)
- **A common bond holding us to the Lord**—We mentioned a two-fold common bond: our sin and our salvation. We are all sinners in God's eyes—none better or worse than any other. None of us can save himself or herself. And yet God has acted in our lives, so that not only do we share our sinfulness in common, we share the gift of salvation through the sacrifice of Christ. "This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." (Rom. 3:22-24)
- **A common strength when we're weary**—Thankfully God does not require us to live faithfully on our own. He has given us a community of encouragers that we might strengthen each other because we all get weary. That community is the church, with the call to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching." (Heb. 10:24-25)
- **A common hope for tomorrow**—Our common hope is of course heaven for eternity. The promise of heaven gives us a common hope for the tomorrows we face in this life as well. We do not live the cynical, hopeless, fearful lives those without Christ face. And we share that hope with others, and are always ready to respectfully and humbly answer those who ask us about this common hope that we have. (1 Peter 3:15-16)
- **A common joy in the truth of God's Word**—While as Christians we are not immune to the difficulties of life and do not deny the hurts and struggles we and others face today, we face them with a sense of joy that external circumstances cannot threaten. And that joy comes only through the blessing of living in faithfulness to the only inspired and authoritative standard—the Word of God. "O how I love your law!" (Psalm 119:97)



IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT

That's one of my favorite old VBS songs. I like the idea of God's children expressing joy at their relationship with Him. Paul's letter to the church at Philippi overflows with joy and thanksgiving, yet he wrote this letter while in prison. We could learn some lessons about joy if we look at what brought Paul joy while imprisoned. In Philippians 1:4, he took joy in their **partnership with the gospel**. Doing the Lord's work, while enjoying the companionship of other Christians, is a true source of joy. The key is working together! In 1:18, Paul rejoices in the **preaching of the gospel**. Is there someone whose spiritual condition concerns you? Take joy in proclaiming Christ to them. It is what they need. In 1:25, Paul rejoiced in the **progress of the Philippian's faith**. Helping someone grow in their faith should be a goal of all of us. In 2:2, Paul took great joy in the **unity and love of the church** in Philippi. Are you willing to do all you can to make that happen here at West Erwin? In 3:1 and 4:4, Paul urged the church to **rejoice "in the Lord"**. We are to be joyous in everything we do to keep ourselves "in the Lord". Our worship together, our prayer time together, and our fellowship together should be a source of great joy to us. It **must** be a time of encouragement! Our spiritual walk will not always be a time of celebration though, but what we have in Jesus allows us to overcome and be victorious in life. That is a great blessing from God! As Christians, we live for Heaven. The world doesn't get it! Take Paul's advice, don't worry about it and "Rejoice in the Lord always"!



By Danny Snell

Bible Class

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Consider the following from Acts 2:42-44 "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common."

War Room... The Movie

What a wonderful evening we had watching the movie War Room this past Sunday night. Thanks to all who helped with the set up and food. Let us take away from the night a renewed interest in our prayer life... Let us become prayer warriors.



Eric Thornton Youth Minister

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DEVO NEXT WEEK - FEB 14TH

There will be at 6th-12th grade devo next week after our 5pm assembly in the FLC. We will meet from 6-8pm. Please bring \$3 for a meal and wear close-toed shoes.

SPRING SCHEDULES

If you are playing any spring sports, or know the date of any upcoming band concerts, or theater presentations, please get those dates and schedules to Eric so we can plan in advance to be there in support!

Join us today,
February 7th,
In the FLC for our
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Look on the "New Books" shelf in the Adult Library for five new books:
Christ, No More, No Less by Milton Jones
Trail Blazers by Lori Boyd
Thirteen Things by Amy Morin
God Built by Steve Farrar
The Daily Bible edited by F. Legard Smith

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL
Feb. 10
Bruno's
FLC
5:30 P.M.
\$6.00/adult
\$3.00/child

Beginning February 21st Bill will bring a series of sermons entitled,
"The 21st Century Church".



Young Couples ~ You are invited to a
Valentine's Day Party
Saturday, February 13 6:00 p.m.
Babysitting Provided.
Sign up at the Information Center.

Thank you for the cards, calls, visits and especially the prayers while I was in the hospital. – Arnold Ables
Thank you for the food, flowers, cards and calls.
– Clinton & Louise Culpepper

"Imagine Perfect Love"

Introduction: How do you _____ perfect love? (1 Cor. 13)

To define perfect, Biblical love, you have to say what love _____ and what love _____.

- "Perfect love always acts in the best interest of the _____."
- Perfect love is a _____ love.

1. Perfect love sacrifices for its _____ and its _____.

John 15:9-17; Rom. 5:6-11; Psalm 22; Isaiah 53

2. Perfect love calls on us to share in the _____ and the _____.

Matt. 5:38-48; John 13:1-17, 34-35; Phil. 2:5-11

3. Perfect love makes _____ and _____ sacrifices.

Phil. 2:1-4; 1 Cor. 13:4-8a; Eph. 4:1-6

Note the connection between perfect love and perfect _____.

Conclusion: We don't have to imagine perfect love. We know exactly where to find it: _____. (Eph. 5:1-2)

From the Elders-

We live in an ever-changing world. Learning to protect ourselves and our children has compelled us to be pro-active in taking necessary precautions in areas that never before seemed dangerous.

We have men who watch and guard our meetings. We have also added uniformed police security. We want to keep our meetings safe especially in our children's wing. We are in the process of taking additional steps to keep it safe. In the future you may be asked to change some of the ways you have always done things to help keep our children safe.

The elders appreciate your desire and cooperation to keep West Erwin a safe place to worship and praise our GOD and to learn of His great works.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Our love and sympathy are extended to Betty Willis in the death of her sister, Edna Brown, Wednesday in Georgia.

Updates:

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship -

Song How Great Is Our God

Song #121 Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing

Song #18 Faithful Love

Prayer

Song #379 If That Isn't Love (verse 1)

Communion - Bread

Song #379 If That Isn't Love (verse 2)

Communion - Cup

Song #325 Boundless Love

Contribution

Song #122 The Love of God

Scripture Ephesians 5:1-2

Song #703 I Love You with the Love of the Lord

Message: **Imagine Perfect Love**

Song #140 Love Divine

Elder's Prayer

Song #704 Bind Us Together

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship

Song This is the Day That the Lord Has Made

Song #344 Low In the Grave He Lay

Prayer

Scripture John 7:21-24

Song #559 The Joy of the Lord

Song #860 There Is a Habitation

Message: **Love and Authority**

Song Are You Washed in the Blood?

Song #988 I'll be Listening

Dismiss

Donnie Carnathan

Wayne Berryman

Chris Conder

Danny Snell

Cal Wilkinson

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Happy Valentine's Day! Like it or hate it, this day typically brings our conversation to the subject of love.

In Sunday morning's sermon I hope to remind us of what is true, Biblical, perfect love. One of the points to be made will be the connection between love and unity. This message comes through loud and clear in several Biblical passages.

The great "Love Chapter," 1 Cor. 13, is in the context of the unity of the body of Christ. Chapters 8-14 focus on the unity of the church. That unity was clearly on the Spirit's mind from the very start as it is the emphasis of chapters one and three as well. 1 Cor. 13 tells Christians how members of Christ's body are to treat one another.

The book of Philippians contains that great statement in Phil. 2:5-11 of the mind or attitude of Christ. It states how He "emptied himself," refusing to hold tightly to the heavenly presence, and instead came to earth as not just a human but a servant, suffering not just death but crucifixion. This great statement however is the illustration. The point is made in the preceding verses. The apostle Paul gives the call to "make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus..." (Phil. 2:2-5)

And this love and unity is the message of Ephesians chapter 4. We're pretty familiar with the call of verse 3 to "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." And we've also heard lots of sermons that included the "ones" of verses 4-6—one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.

But in the verses that follow—exactly like 1 Cor. 12 does—the passage reminds us that our diversity should not threaten our unity. Rather it is the gracious gift of Christ in order that the church may fulfill its many functions.

And just as Phil. 2:2-4 lead into the great passage that follows, perhaps the most important commands in Eph. 4 are these words in verses 1-2: "As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

That's how love acts. That's how love treats others. That's how the church, the body of Christ, maintains its unity, even in great diversity. That's how we "keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."



WHERE MY DAD LIVED

After services last Sunday, I finally got around to doing something I've wanted to do ever since Suzie and I moved to Tyler. As some of you know, my Dad grew up here around Leesburg. Suzie and I took a long country drive around the Leesburg area. Dad's old home place is now along the shores of Lake Bob Sandlin. When the lake was filled, Dad and his sisters ended up with 20 acres along the lake. The last time I was on their old property, the lake was in the process of being filled. It is a beautiful lake today and I know why Dad loved it so much up here. Our drive put me in a reflective mood as it made me think of what Dad left me and I wanted to share those thoughts with you over the next few weeks and maybe encourage some of our younger fathers here at West Erwin. Most importantly, Dad left me with **a love for God and the church**. I can't tell you how many people he influenced over his lifetime, how many times he took me to church to work on something in the building, how many times I saw him lead singing (he was a self taught song leader), how many funerals and weddings he and mom sang in, or how many times he went out of the way to help someone. Mom and Dad were always one of the last to leave after worship (too many people to visit with) and we usually ended up at someone's home for Sunday night supper. They always tried to include anyone who was struggling in their times of fellowship. Dad knew how service and sacrificing for others would strengthen your daily walk. Dad taught me how to love the church and how to love others.

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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 Church Perseveres" from Acts 4. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following from Acts 4:19-20 **"19 But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! 20 As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."**

Valentines Day...

In light of every couples favorite holiday... Take note of the following great ideas to enhance your marriage. (From Focus on the Family)

Falling in love is easy.

It involves butterflies and long walks on moonlit beaches. You hear wedding bells, see fireworks and fall into something that feels perfect. Staying in love, however, is not so easy. Once the initial shine of new love has worn off, obstacles and hurdles appear seemingly out of nowhere. There are warts; there are regrets — there is *baggage*.

Sometimes, staying in love feels impossible.

Though divorce statistics jump all over the place, there is little denying that we are a culture prone to giving up on love. We are a culture that believes when the going gets tough, the tough just go. We run from the pain and challenges in our relationships and wonder how we could ever feel so far from someone we once felt so close to.

But what if staying in love *is* possible? What if working hard, instead of giving up, is the key to passionate, long-lasting, true love? What if real relationship starts when we get real about staying in love? We've all wondered what it's like to be truly treasured by someone. To be needed and missed and loved. Not just for a long weekend or even a decade, but for 20 years, 30 years, 40 years and more. I believe it is possible to experience a love that goes the distance. It's a gift God longs to give us, and there are four things we can do to accept that gift:

- Make love a verb. Put your spouse first.**
- Pay attention to your heart. Fill the gaps.**

DEVO TONIGHT

We have a devo tonight from 6-8pm for all 6th-12th graders in the FLC after the evening assembly. Dinner is being provided free of charge, so you don't need any money. Just bring yourself, your Bible, and come enjoy the night!

LTC PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Here is this week's LTC practice schedule. After taking this past Sunday off or Family Day, we only have **6 Sundays remaining** before LTC including today, so it's **INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT** that you be at each and every one of these practices for your team's sake.

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	Chorus	4pm
	Bible Quiz	5pm
Wednesday	Puppets	7pm

SPRING SCHEDULES – LAST CALL

If you are playing any spring sports, or know the date of any upcoming band concerts, or theater presentations etc, please get those dates and schedules to Eric so we can plan in advance to be there in support!

LTC FORMS

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



Our mission work in Arkansas continues to grow! Here Preston Conder baptized a college student named Kaitlyn.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL
Feb. 17
Chicken Fried Steak
FLC
5:30 P.M.
\$6.00/adult
\$3.00/child



Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for all the beautiful cards, flowers and food you sent to me during the illness and death of my son, Rick. I would like to thank you for the lovely basket of flowers and Bill for helping with the memorial service. God by my side and all your prayers are what has gotten me through this time in my life. God is good.
Love you, Janice Hardaway

Beginning February 21st Bill will bring a series of sermons entitled, "The 21st Century Church".

“The 21st Century Church”

Introduction: Are we the _____ century church?

In each generation the church will always to some extent reflect the _____ of its day and time and place. But the church can be a cultural church without becoming a _____ church.

1) We are not to be _____ to the world.

1 John 2:15-17; Matt. 5:38-48; 20:25-28; Eph. 4:17-32

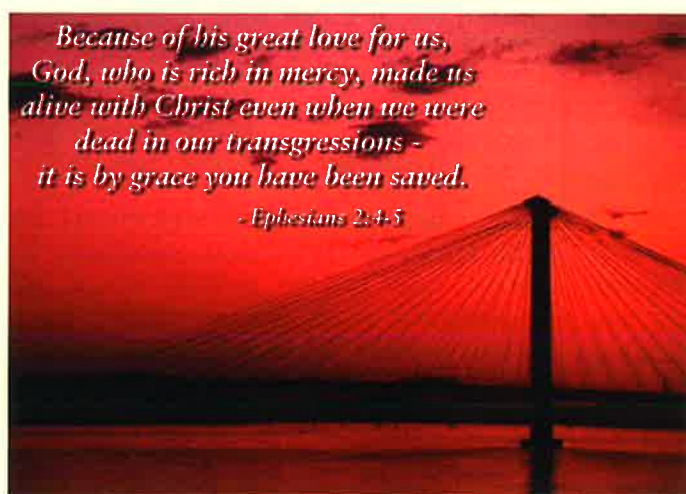
2) We are not to be _____ from the world.

John 17:14-19; Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 2:9-12; 3:15-16

3) We are to be the _____ of the world.

Matthew 5:13-16; Romans 1:14-17; 1 Cor. 9:19-23; Col. 1:28-29

Conclusion: So are we the first century church? The answer is _____.



Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Our love and sympathy is extended to James Sublette in the death of his brother, Stephen, in Austin last week. A memorial service will be planned for a later date.

Updates:

Davy Carter is home now and doing well. He will be on I.V. antibiotics for six weeks.

Julie Morrison, daughter of Jim and Carol Armstrong, will have surgery in a few days and has asked for our prayers.

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Wed. p.m.	214
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Weekly Budget	\$25,444.00

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Song #266 Majesty

Song #373 A Hill Called Mount Calvary

Song Surround Us, O Lord

Prayer

Song Had It Not Been The Lord

Song #287 There Is A Redeemer

Communion & Contribution

Song #309 In My Life, Be Glorified

Scripture Matthew 5:13-16

Song #290 Shine, Jesus, Shine

Message: **“The 21st Century Church”**

Song #944 What Shall It Be?

Elder's Prayer

Song #895 I'd Like To Stay Here Longer

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship

Song I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Song #715 The Church's One Foundation

Song #679 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Prayer

Scripture Acts 2:40-42

Song #599 On and On We Walk Together

Message: **“Backgrounds, Pitfalls and Opportunities”**

Song #912 Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary

Song #795 Now The Day Is Over

Dismiss

Donnie Carnathan
Wayne Berryman

Sean Sillavan

Stan Clark

Eric Thornton

Barry Ciaschini

Bill Allen

Don Crawford

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David Hammond

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TUESDAY	

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Odie Kennedy
Robert Lee
Pete Leung
Clifton Lindsey
Philip Matthews
Jim McDonald
Vance Metcalf

GREETERS

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Nursery AM: Alisa Leung & Hannah Metcalf
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If you've been doing your Daily Bible Reading (or if you need a reminder to get back with it!), you are spending some time with Moses and the Israelites. F. LaGard Smith's *The Daily Bible*, because it goes in chronological order, included this passage from Deuteronomy this past week.

And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good? (Deut. 10:12-13)

As Moses reminds the people of the last 40 years and calls on them to be faithful to the Lord in the years ahead after his own upcoming death, he gives this summary statement of what it means to be obedient to the Lord and to live a faithful life. His statements remind us of other spokesmen for God who said similar things, such as this declaration from the prophet Micah.

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

Scripture, Old and New Testaments, calls on us to be faithful to God by obeying His Word, by worshiping only Him as our Lord and Master, and by treating others with an unselfish love that seeks to serve and bless them and bring them closer to the Lord.

As we consider "the Lord's commands and decrees" that Moses refers to in Deut. 10, we know that much of that OT Law related to how God's people were to treat each other. This is certainly consistent with the response of Christ when asked about the two greatest commandments in the Law—to love the Lord our God and to love neighbor as self. (Mark 12:28-34)

This is all good foundation and background for us as we begin a new sermon series on "The 21st Century Church." We today are called upon to do exactly the same things the people of God were to do in the days of Moses, in the days of Micah, and in the days of Christ and His earliest followers. We live obediently to God by following His Word, loving and serving others, worshiping the one true and living God. And we do so in a way that invites others in our day and in our culture to follow Him as well.



WHERE MY DAD LIVED-PART 2

Suzie's and my drive around the area where my Dad grew up left me with some thoughts about the heritage he left not only to me but to my children as well. Dad also taught me how **to love my wife**. Before Dad passed away, Mom has started to struggle with her dementia. It was so hard for Dad to watch her with that disease. He tried to do so much by himself at first in order to protect us, but it finally got too much for him to handle. I think that is what prompted him to leave the lake house and move to Houston so we could be more of a help for them. He was not always patient with her, but he never stopped loving her. Dad's health was declining too, but through it all, both mom and dad realized that the most important things they had going for them was God and their love for each other. I think that is why Mom went down so quick after Dad passed. They raised three children together, showed their children how to love God, and provided for them very well. We were never rich, but we never lacked for anything. We saw them dance together in the living room, saw them kiss every morning and evening when Dad came home from work, and we saw them make up after every argument. We saw them sacrifice so they could take their children on memorable vacations and we knew above all, that as their children, we would never see them divorce. Dad showed me how to be loyal, faithful, and kind. He also showed me that marriage was hard work, and not always easy, but to have a companion in life that you loved was a true blessing from God. Thanks Dad!



By Danny Snell



Eric Thornton
Youth Minister

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 Church Expands" from Acts 10. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!
Consider the following from Acts 10:34-35 "34 Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism 35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right."

Plan to Stay in Love... Part 2...

Last week we shared Part 1 of a really great article on marriage from *Focus on the Family*. We will be bringing you the rest of the article over the next few weeks. Today... Part 2.

Make love a verb.

For many of us, the concept of love is difficult because we never learned the right form of love. We focus on the external qualities of love and ignore the internal. We treat love like a noun. It's an experience that happened. A moment. A thing.

But in John 13:34, we see a different side of love. John says, simply and honestly, "Love one another." It is not a one-time event. It is not a fireworks feeling or a field of flowers. It's an action. A verb. It's not just about choosing the right person; it's about becoming the right person, the type of person who loves the way Christ loved us.

NO DEVO TONIGHT

Tonight is our 3rd Sunday of the month and that means small groups. We encourage all of our families with youth group aged children to attend a small group, and for your children to join you and to INCLUDE them in the study you do as a group. It is great for them and for you. Your teens get to be with you in a position they may rarely ever be in... studying the Bible with a group of people, and that can be a great and encouraging thing.

LTC PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Here is this week's LTC practice schedule. We now only have **5 Sundays remaining** before LTC including today's practices, so it's **INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT** that you be at each and every one of these practices for your team's sake. Please always communicate with your coach if you are not able to make it to practice.

Sunday	Drama	3pm
	Chorus	4pm
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WEYM SUMMER MEETING – FEB. 28TH

On Sunday, Feb. 28th, immediately following the morning worship service, there will be a 15-20 minute information meeting regarding our youth ministry summer calendar for the youth ministry in room 403, next to the high school classroom. There will also be release forms available that you can fill out that will work for every trip of the summer, so that can be helpful as summer approaches. I'll get you out before the lunch rush, promise!



LTC Practice!

- Sunday
- 3:00 p.m. Drama
- 4:00 p.m. Chorus
- 5:00 p.m. Bible Quiz
- Wednesday
- 7:00 p.m. Puppets

We will be showing "War Room" to our downtown neighbors at the Benevolent Center on Friday, 3/11/16 @ 6:00 PM. We will have popcorn and refreshments. We are needing volunteers to help serve. If you can help - please see Gaylan Seagler or Donnie Carnathan.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL



FLC
5:30 P.M.
\$6.00/adult
\$3.00/child

There will be a meeting of the parents and teachers of our preschool and elementary-aged children in Room 112 at the back of the small auditorium this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. We will discuss new safety policies, as well as, teaching needs and curriculum information. Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting.

The Arms of Hope Grocery Run

will be picked up in a few weeks. Please bring these items to your classrooms or to the Information Center:
canned chicken
laundry pods
paper towels
toilet paper
ketchup

“The Bible: Inspired and Authoritative”

Introduction: How do you think you'd do on a little _____ on the Bible?

A. Do we, the 21st Century Church, believe the Bible to be the _____ and _____ Word of God?

The answer is _____.

2 Timothy 3:14-17; 4:1-4; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Rom. 10:17; 1 Thess. 2:13
John 8:31-32; 12:44-50; 14:6; 20:30-31
Isaiah 40:6-8; 55:6-11; 1 Peter 1:24-25; Gal. 1:8-9; Rev. 22:18-19

B. Do we, the 21st Century Church, _____ and _____ the Bible? The answer is _____.

Acts 17:11
Matt. 7:21-27; 20:20-28; John 13:1-17; James 1:22-25; 2:14-26; 1 John 3:16-18

Conclusion: One question we should get right on the Bible pop-quiz is this one: Who is my _____?

A word from G.W. Cliver –

Hello to our loving family in Tyler,
We wanted to thank you for the generous gifts you have given to us in support for the last few years. But the greatest gift has been the knowledge that you were there behind the work going on here.... We also wanted to thank you for the care in my medical support. The cost of the shots that you covered was very kind. Just a few words like this do not and cannot show you the depth of our thanks.... Now for the news. I will be traveling to India in April on Medical Tourism to have my knees replaced. Hopefully, Valentina can find someone to care for her father for those three weeks and be able to come to me there. I will leave here (Delaware) on the 4th...and have the operation on the 7th or 8th. Then after replacing my right knee, three or four days later, he will do the left. I will not know how to act with straight legs with no pain.... The church is doing well. We have lost a couple of souls as things have become tough financially in the east....Again, thank you all for being there for us. Thank you for all the prayers that I know you offer on my behalf. G.W. Cliver

G.W.'s EMAIL HAS CHANGED TO GWCLIVER@GWCLIVER.NET (Pick up a copy of G.W.'s entire update at the Info Center.)

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transportation.**

*Pure Gold of Glenwood Church of Christ is hosting their annual
Senior Adults Night on March 17th.
Please sign up at the Information Center if you plan to attend.*

Prayer & Care

Updates:

Wendy McAuley was to have day surgery on Friday.
Danny Beaver was to have day surgery Friday to put a pin and a plate in his ankle. He can't put weight on his ankle for 12 weeks.
Ruth Moore is in HealthSouth. She is in isolation for perhaps three weeks. The chemo caused a bacterial infection.
Davy Carter is home now and will be on I.V. antibiotics for several weeks.
CeCe Lyons, granddaughter of Danny and Lisa Snell, will have a CT Scan in a few weeks. Please pray for normal results.
Julie Morrison, daughter of Jim and Carol Armstrong, will have surgery in a few days and has asked for our prayers.

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Order of Worship

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Song #543 Wonderful Words of Life
Song #15 Step by Step
Prayer Ernie Gordon
Song In Christ Alone
Communion & Contribution Don Durham
Song #1014 Jesus Loves Me Jay Bynum
Scripture 2 Peter 1:20-21 Wayne Berryman
Song Ancient Words Bill Allen
Message: **The Bible: Inspired and Authoritative**
Song #915 Trust and Obey Greg Jones
Elder's Prayer
Song #452 Standing on the Promises

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
Song #63 I Will Call Upon the Lord Lance Yarema
Song #324 Alas and Did My Savior Bleed
Song #342 We Saw Thee Not
Prayer Dannie Skipper
Scripture 1 Peter 1:22-25 Wyatt Gruver
Song Angels Are Singing
Message: **The Bible: Truth, Humility and Love** Bill Allen
Song #935 Sinners Jesus Will Receive
Song #859 When All of God's Singers Get Home
Dismiss Ralph Henderson

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

Jay Jones
Odie Kennedy
Robert Lee
Pete Leung
Clifton Lindsey
Phillip Matthews
Jim McDonald
Vance Metcalf

GREETERS

Main Doors: Harold & Shirley Denman
East Doors: Roy Fraley & Jean Rutherford
W. Erwin Doors: Rick & Karen Fedell

PICK UP CARDS

Jackson Parker, Wyatt Parker, Brayden Reeder, Ethan Stone, Logan Stone

SOUND

Terry Frick & Shaun Stamps

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM: Diane Weathers & Cate Kimball
Toddler AM: Laurie Stone & Cate Kimball



By Danny Snell



Eric Thornton
Youth Minister

I hope that you are engaged in our new study of the 21st Century Church. I'm looking forward to sharing important fundamental doctrines that will help us remember why we believe some of what we believe and will challenge us to share the love and message of Christ with our world today.

The place to start is with the objective, inspired, authoritative Word of God. These next two Sundays we will consider the great blessing of the Bible and the Bible story.

The importance of our devotion to Scripture as the Word of God I believe has never been greater in my lifetime, simply because that belief and doctrine is under attack on all fronts in today's world. Barna Group research over the last few years brings that out in very clear ways that should cause deep concern.

Based on work in 2010, their research named several "mega-trends" that described the general "Christian" churches in the United States. Included in those conclusions were these:

- The Christian Church is becoming *less* theologically literate.
- The postmodern insistence on *tolerance* is winning over the Christian Church.
- The influence of Christianity on culture and individual lives is largely *invisible*.

Research done just this past year gives us more insight into why these things are true. While 88% of households in America own at least one Bible, and almost 80% of Americans consider the Bible to be a sacred or holy book, are they reading it? Not so much. Only 36% read the Bible at least once a week, while 48% are "non-Bible readers," meaning they read the Scriptures *once or twice a year or less*, including 28% who say they "*never* read the Bible." Obviously these figures would be improved for those who claim some sort of "Christian" faith. But by how much?

One of the conclusions of the 2010 study said this: "The *theological free-for-all* that is encroaching in Protestant churches nationwide suggests the coming decade will be a time of unparalleled theological diversity and inconsistency." Obviously that's turning out to be quite true.

Which again points to the need to go back to the Bible—to not just own one, but to read it; study it; and apply it to our lives. So pray for me over this series, including these next two weeks. And would you do me one more favor? Sometime, other than here at church—read your Bible.



THE BENEVOLENT CENTER

A few weeks ago, the women of West Erwin had a Ladies Swap Meet in the Benevolent Center. During the course of the day, many questions arose about what we do over there. I wanted to give you an idea through my next few articles of how we serve our neighbors here in the downtown area and also give you some ideas of how you can help. Our biggest ministry as far as costs go, is our **Food Pantry**. We distribute food on Wednesdays. The pantry is open from 8:30 - 10:30 in the morning and also from 6:30 - 7:30 Wednesday night. The food we distribute comes from two sources; the East Texas Food Bank and donations from the community. To give you an idea of the scope of our service in the community, I would like to share with you some numbers that we have seen so far in 2016. This year, on average, we have purchased some 1,257 lbs. of food each week from the food bank. We have honored 779 requests for food so far this year and that works out to be an average of 111 requests per week. Many of our neighbors come to us each month for food and that means we play a big part in helping meet the monthly food needs for that family. We also have a large homeless population that we serve in the Tyler area. Every Monday night, the Benevolent Center hosts the Karing Kitchen, a ministry of 5 area Churches of Christ. The Karing Kitchen provides a hot meal to the needy of the community. Many of our neighbors don't have the resources or abilities to provide three solid meals a day for their family. Our food pantry plays an important role in helping meet those needs!

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 Church is Persecuted" from Acts 12. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following from Acts 12:2-3 "2 *It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. 3 He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. 3 When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also.*"

Plan to Stay in Love... Part 3...

Over the past weeks we have shared a really great article on marriage from *Focus on the Family* called "Plan to Stay in Love." Today... Part 3.

Put your spouse first.

For years, I waged steady opposition to my wife's plan to add a garden to our yard. I reasoned that when you consider all the time and money invested in a garden, you're no better off than if you'd bought your veggies at the grocery store. Besides, the crop I care about (coffee beans) grows on trees, not in gardens.

For a long time, I had a good case going ... until I read Philippians 2:3 again: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves." I wish that were a complicated verse with multiple Hebrew variations. But it's pretty simple: Value others (in this case, your spouse) above yourself.

Don't try to prove you're smarter or better at the family budget. Plant your wife a garden. In order to stay in love, we need to change our approach to determining what is valuable. We have to demonstrate an interest in things because they are interesting to the people we are interested in. By doing this, we learn to put our spouse first.

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Immediately following the morning worship service this morning, there will be a 15-20 minute information meeting regarding our youth ministry summer calendar for the youth ministry in room 403, next to the high school classroom. There will also be release forms available that you can fill out that will work for every trip of the summer, so that can be helpful as summer approaches. I'll get you out before the lunch rush, promise, so please make plans to come!

DEVO TONIGHT

There is a devo tonight for all of our 6th through 12th graders. Please wear close-toed shoes, bring \$3 for dinner, and BRING YOUR BIBLES. And bring a friend, we're playing 9 Square in the Air!

LTC PRACTICE SCHEDULE

We now only have **4 Sundays remaining** before LTC including today's practices, so it's **INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT** that you be at each and every one of these practices for your team's sake. Please always communicate with your coach if you are not able to make it to practice. **Also, our "All Day" practices are March 13th and 20th.** Please make plans to stay both of those days here at the church. Lunch will be provided for \$3.

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

Welcome New Member

Katie Fisher

12453 Hwy 279 Chandler, TX 75758
kfisher09@gmail.com 580-212-7796

Katie is a young professional. She works at XTC Fitness and Sports. She lives with her grandparents and enjoys running, reading, and playing with her dog, Rudy. Please make her feel welcome!

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL



Barbecue

FLC
5:30 P.M.
\$6.00/adult
\$3.00/child

Join us this Wednesday night for another night of singing with Chuck Munoz. Let's learn new songs!

Address Changes:

Ruth Bell
5556 White Oaks Dr. Morganton, NC 28655
Bill Hawkins
c/o Garden Estates 2055 Grande Blvd #203
Tyler, TX 75703
Ron & Jean Parish
20530 Bluegrass Circle Flint, TX 75762
Bill & Kim Paschall
2331 Oak Lane Tyler, TX 75701

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"The What of the Bible Story"

A. The Old Testament—God and His _____

1. "In the _____"
The Patriarchs of Genesis
2. God _____ His people.
Moses and the Law; Joshua and the Conquest
3. God _____ His people.
Judges, Kings and Prophets; Exile and Return; Silence

B. The New Testament—Christ and His _____

1. The _____—the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus
Matt. 16:16-18; 20:28; Luke 7:16; 19:10; John 3:14-17; 10:10; 20:30-31; 21:25
2. Acts, Epistles, and Revelation—the church, the _____ of Christ
Acts 2:36-47; Rom. 3:21-26; 2 Cor. 5:21; Titus 3:3-8; Rev. 5:11-13

Concl: The Bible Story is the story of the "great _____" (Heb. 2:1-4).

1. The Great _____—Mark 12:28-31
Deut. 6:4-9; Lev. 19:18; Matt. 22:34-40; Luke 10:25-37; John 13:34-35
Rom. 13:8-10; 1 Cor. 13; Gal. 5:13-26; Eph. 5:1-2; 1 Jn. 3:16-18; 4:7-21; James 2
2. The Great _____—Matthew 28:18-20
Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:11-21; 1 Peter 2:9-12
3. The Great _____—Revelation 22:20-21
Matt. 24-25; John 14:1-6; Acts 1:8-11; 1 Thess. 4:13-5:11; 2 Peter 3:3-14

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Our Records	Feb 28
Bible Class	262
Worship a.m.	418
Worship p.m.	186
Wed. p.m.	179
Contribution	\$18,375.55
Weekly Budget	\$25,444.00

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - *Isaiah 63:7, 8* Danny Snell
Wayne Berryman
Song #4 To God Be The Glory
Song #509 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
Song #478 Nearer, Still Nearer
Prayer Stan Mallory
Song How Deep the Father's Love
Communion & Contribution Tom Clark
Song #659 I Love to Tell the Story
Scripture *2 Corinthians 5:21-6:2* Will Christian
Song #387 Tell Me the Story of Jesus
Message: **The 'What' of the Bible Story** Bill Allen
Song #480 Blessed Assurance v. 1 & 2
Elder's Prayer Gaylan Seagler
Song #480 Blessed Assurance v. 3

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Eric Thornton
Wayne Berryman
Song #386 He Loves Me
Song #329 What a Savior
Song #845 Gentle Shepherd
Prayer Wade Weathers
Scripture *Ezra 7:10* Jimmie Philpot
Song #543 Wonderful Words of Life
EEM Update Dale Mitchell
Message: **The 'So What' of the Bible Story** Bill Allen
Song #399 Jesus Calls Us
Song #422 Spirit of the Living God
Dismiss Charles Melville

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Kenneth Muncy
Larry Murphey
Chris Reynolds
Dannie Skipper
Charles Starr
Jack Stringer

GREETERS

Info Center: Harvey & Edie Strickland
Main Doors: Gaylan & Margie Seagler
East Doors: Tim & Gayle Holt
W. Erwin Doors: Dale & Dot White

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As I write this article it is the day after "Super Tuesday." I purposely waited thinking that we may know more about what this election season looks like after what many have described as the most important night of the primary season. Turns out that didn't, um, turn out quite that way...

After Tuesday the field of candidates is slightly reduced. But there remain several options.

And we still have the same frontrunners. No matter who you're for you likely found something positive to say about your candidate's chances, and something that concerns you as well.

So in the midst of all this, and looking ahead to the months to come before the new president is elected in November and inaugurated in January, here's a reminder from the Holy Spirit.

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—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, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. (1 Tim. 2:1-6)

And so we pray. We pray if our candidate wins or loses. We pray if we like our government or not. Safe to say the first century Christians were not all that enamored with their civil authorities...

And we pray with purpose. Not just that our candidates win—although we certainly should be supporting godly people we believe will lead our country in ways that bring about order and justice in our land.

We pray for the blessing of being able to "live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

Is that how you live now? Just asking...

And we pray this prayer in order that the gospel may be preached and lived, the message of the "one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people."

One last thought or two. God remains on the throne, and Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.

No matter who wins elections.



THE BENEVOLENT CENTER; OUR CLOTHING PANTRY

The next area that we serve our neighbors is with our **Clothing Pantry**. We distribute clothing on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30 and this could be our most labor intensive ministry. I wish I had an estimate of the tons of clothing that we have sorted, hung up, cleaned, stored, distributed, and donated to the Medina Children's Home. The clothing that we cannot use is donated to the children's home. They will sort it again for possible use in their resale shop, and if it does not pass muster for that, the home sells it to someone that makes industrial rags. So those old and torn pieces of clothing bring money to the children's home too. We also deal in household items and furniture that get donated to us on a regular basis. We have found many unusual items that get left on our doorstep, for instance, tires, computers, mattresses, bed frames, car batteries, wheels, and books of all kinds. We try to find homes for everything and the old saying that "One man's trash is another man's treasure" certainly holds true in this line of ministry. **What can you do to help us in this ministry?** First, come and volunteer with us. We need the help. Tuesday is handled by West Erwin and Thursday is handled by the ladies of Glenwood and the Hispanic congregation. Next, we can always use men's clothing and shoes. A good pair of men's shoes is like gold. We also need belts, socks, jackets of any kind and blankets. Think about us the next time you clean out your children's toys! Next week we will talk about our sewing ministry and how you can help there.



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 "He is Sovereign" The lesson this week... "The Compassionate Savior" from John 11:1-44. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following from John 11:33-35 "33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. 35 Jesus wept." 36 Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

Plan to Stay in Love... Part 4...

Over the past weeks we have shared a really great article on marriage from Focus on the Family called "Plan to Stay in Love." Today... Part 4.

Pay attention to your heart.

Imagine you are a mug with thousands of tiny beads inside. Each bead represents a negative feeling or painful experience or unfulfilled expectation. You are careful to keep them inside. Then you meet someone and think she just might be the future Mrs. Mug. So, you are gentle and thoughtful around her. You make certain that as few beads as possible spill out on the road to the altar.

But a month or a year later, suddenly there's an issue: She gets upset for no apparent reason; or you don't call, though you said you would; or she feels ignored. Your mugs bump into each other, jostling your beads. Jealousy spills out. Anger overflows. All the stuff that was hidden during the courtship is on display.

The Arms of Hope Grocery Run will be picked up the week of March 20. Please bring these items to your classrooms or to the Information Center: canned chicken, laundry pods, paper towels, toilet paper & ketchup

Today marks one year of worship in the Hispanic church on Glenwood. We thank God for this ministry.

Congratulations to David and Virginia Demic who were awarded the honor of 'Volunteers of the Year' at the Tyler Police Department's Annual Awards Banquet.

March 7th
Setup-5:00 pm
Serve-6:00 pm
Finished with cleanup by 7:00 pm
Come help us feed the hungry in our community!



To our dear West Erwin family, We are overwhelmed by your expressions of love to us. We appreciate every card, call, visit, prayer, text, meal, and monetary gift. We love each of you, and we want you to know how blessed we are to be part of this Christian family. Love, Davy & Sonja

Family and Friends of West Erwin!
The prayers, the cards of encouragement and the meals provided have brightened my days. Thank you so much.
- Judy Venable

Our thanks to Cal Wilkinson, Odie Kennedy, Danny Snell, Eric Thornton & Bill White for changing out the light bulbs in the auditorium. It's a much brighter place!



DUE TO SPRING BREAK THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL SERVED THIS WEEK.

"Affirming the Gospel"

Introduction: The 21st Century church affirms the _____—that Jesus died on the cross, was buried, and was raised from the dead. (Isaiah 53; Matt. 26-28; John 3:14-17; Rom. 1:14-17; 3:21-26; 1 Cor. 15:1-5; 2 Cor. 5:21)

Guilty in God's Eyes

Personally
Feel Guilty

2) _____
Isaiah 59; Ezekiel 18
Rom. 1-3; Eph. 4:20-24
James 1:13-15

4) _____
Galatians; 1 John 5:13
(Second extreme)

1) _____
Jeremiah 6:13-17; 7:1-15; 8:4-22
Eph. 4:17-19; 1 John 1:6, 8, 10
(First extreme)

3) _____
Eph. 2:1-10; Col. 2:6-15; Titus 3:3-8
John 3:16; 8:24; Acts 2:38; 16:29-34; 20:28; 22:16
Rom. 6:1-4; 10:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22
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2 Cor. 5:21; 1 John 1:7, 9; 2:1-2; 3:16

Personally Do Not
Feel Guilty

Not Guilty in God's Eyes (Adapted from Joe Beam, *Forgiven Forever*)

Conclusion: Which quadrant are you in today?

If you are forgiven, do you _____ forgiven? (1 John 5:13) If not, you are in quadrant 4.

To get from *aware* to _____—to get from quadrant 2 to quadrant 3—
you have to go through the _____. (Rom. 6:1-4)

Prayer & Care

Updates:

Louise Culpepper fell last Sunday night and broke her hip. She had surgery Monday at Mother Frances. She is doing well.

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Ruth Moore is home now.

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Remi Roberts, the 5-month old daughter of Steele and Victoria Roberts (friends of Danielle Rousseau), needs a heart transplant.

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Romans 5:6-9	Eric Thornton
Song #147 I Stand Amazed	Gary Ables
Song #316 Jesus Paid it All	
Song Above All	
Prayer	Ron Parish
Song 315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	
Communion & Contribution	Fred Wingate
Song #359 I Love the Lord	
Scripture 1 Corinthians 15:1-5	Chris Ables
Song #381 Years I Spent in Vanity	Don Crawford Bill Allen
Message: Affirming the Gospel	
Song #454 Rock of Ages	
Elder's Prayer	Don Crawford
Song #538 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	
5:00 P.M. Assembly	
Welcome/Call to Worship	Eric Thornton
Song #678 More About Jesus	Lance Yarema
Song #745 Humble Yourself	
Song #749 The Battle Belongs to the Lord	
Prayer	Jim Boyd
Scripture Romans 1:16-17	Odie Kennedy
Song #570 A Beautiful Life	Donnie Canathan Bill Allen
Message: Spiritual Insecurity	
Song #947 Jesus Is Tenderly Calling	
Song Anywhere Is Home	
Dismiss	Gaylan Seagler

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By Danny Snell



Eric Thornton Youth Minister

We had a lot of our church family out this past Sunday, many enjoying time with family and friends while schools were closed for Spring Break. It's a great blessing to enjoy time away and make memories that families will remember always.

Speaking of making memories, some of our daughters' favorite memories growing up involve Leadership Training for Christ (LTC). As you likely know this is an annual event held at different sites Easter weekend. Young people from 3rd through 12th grades participate in different events and activities, including Bible Quiz, Song Leading, Bible Reading, Puppets, Drama, Chorus, and many others.

Several thousand young people will join about 35 of our West Erwin kids at the Anatole Hotel in Dallas on Easter weekend as they focus on the books of Joshua, Judges and Ruth. Many more of our parents and other adult volunteers will be a part of that weekend as well. Training and practicing has been going on for weeks and weeks already. A Saturday night banquet at the hotel will celebrate the work and accomplishments of so many of our West Erwin family.

Would you keep all of those involved in this effort in your prayers over these next couple of weeks? There are so many good and wonderful things that God uses through LTC to help our children and others grow in their knowledge of God's word and in their love and appreciation for one another and for our church family.

Another great event coming up is the Eastern European Mission (EEM) Dinner on April 7th. Dale and Donna Mitchell with EEM were here this past Sunday evening to give us a short look into what the theme is going to be and the amazing opportunities God has place before all of us through this great ministry. I've been blessed to make six trips to Ukraine, including three trips working with EEM's Summer Youth Camp program. Our West Erwin church has financially supported EEM for many years, and continues that wholehearted support today. I hope you can make plans to be a part of this encouraging evening next month and will keep EEM in our prayers.

This Sunday morning the message is the gospel. The 21st Century Church acknowledges the reality of sin and affirms the gospel—salvation and forgiveness through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

(Rom. 1:16-17)



THE BENEVOLENT CENTER; OUR SEWING MINISTRY

The last area we serve our neighbors in is our Sewing Ministry. The ladies meet on Tuesday mornings from 8:30 - 10:30. They do a variety of things in their service to others. First, they roll bandages to send to Africa. The bandage rollers wanted me to share with you, that this is a sitting job, and it requires you to be able to fellowship and laugh together, plus they have made it their mission to pick on me whenever possible. They take sheets, cut them in strips, and roll them tight around a pencil to get as many as they can in the shipping box. Once these bandages are shipped, they are sterilized, and then used as exterior wrappings. Sad to say, they are greatly needed in Africa. Secondly, the ladies make diaper shirts to send to Africa. They take donated sheets and make the most precious shirts to send to those babies. We usually will work on these for a year and then take them to a church in Dallas to be shipped. The last batch we shipped off had 2,762 bandages and 734 diaper shirts. The ladies may laugh and cut up a bunch, but they do stay busy! The last thing the ladies do on Tuesdays is to make quilts. This is a labor of love and very time intensive. The quilts that are made benefit some of the needy families in Tyler, but the majority of our quilts go to orphan homes for their use. What can you do to help? Come serve with us, there is something for everyone to do. We need donations of sheets for bandages (any color), thread (cotton or polyester), and fabric for the diaper shirts. The Benevolent Center is a place of service and love. Come be a part!

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 "He is Sovereign" The lesson this week... "No Room for Pride" from John 13:1-20. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!
Consider the following from John 13:15-17 "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."
Over the past weeks we have shared a really great article on marriage from Focus on the Family called "Plan to Stay in Love." Today... Part 5.

Fill the gaps.

In every relationship, there are gaps between what is expected and what actually happens. We have fairytale views of how marriage will be, and they fail to materialize. We have expectations of how a spouse should act at a dinner party, and that doesn't go as planned. We have ideas about when our partner should come home at night, and the reality is different. Gaps open up all around us. When that happens, we have two choices: We can believe the best, trusting that there is a reasonable explanation for our spouse's behavior. Or we can assume the worst, reading disrespect, hurt and a thousand other things into those situations. Into those gaps, 1 Corinthians 13 walks boldly. Long used in weddings, these popular verses describe the nature of love. Beyond the verses about love's patience and kindness, we find a plea for the gaps. We find help for the holes. Verse 7 says love "always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."
In a marriage, that means when you have a chance to doubt or trust, you trust. When you have a chance to give up or hope, you hope. When you have a chance to quit or persevere, you persevere. One of the most powerful ways to fill the gaps is to believe the best about your spouse. Such an attitude communicates, "I trust you. Even before I hear your explanation, I trust you."

NO DEVO TONIGHT

With today being an "all-day" day for LTC practices, we won't have a devo tonight so that everyone can get back home and finish the homework they didn't do over Spring Break.

LTC PRACTICE SCHEDULE

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Sunday, March 13th (today)

- 11:30-2:30 – Lunch then Puppets (\$3)
- 2:30-3:45 – Drama
- 3:45-5:00 – Chorus
- 5:00-6:00 – Bible Quiz

Wednesday, March 16th

- 7:00-8:00 – Puppets

Sunday, March 20th

- 11:30-2:45 – Lunch then Drama (\$3)
- 3:00-5:00 – Chorus
- 5:00-6:00 – Bible Quiz

6:00-7:00 – Final Meeting – Pay Bill & Details
(meet in the FLC)

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You are invited to attend a wedding shower honoring Jessica DuPree, bride elect of Barrett Carter, March 19th 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Family Life Center Parlor Barrett is the son of Davy and Sonja Carter. Selections are at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Macy's and Target

There is a woman in prison who would like to have a Christian woman as a pen pal. If you are interested in writing her please call Sharon at the church office.

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Guilty in God's Eyes

Personally Feel Guilty	2) _____ Isaiah 59; Ezekiel 18 Rom. 1-3; Eph. 4:20-24 James 1:13-15	1) _____ Jeremiah 6:13-17; 7:1-15; 8:4-22 Eph. 4:17-19; 1 John 1:6, 8, 10 (First extreme)	Personally Do Not Feel Guilty
	4) _____ Galatians; 1 John 5:13 (Second extreme)	3) _____ Eph. 2:1-10; Col. 2:6-15; Titus 3:3-8 John 3:16; 8:24; Acts 2:38; 16:29-34; 20:28; 22:16 Rom. 6:1-4; 10:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22 Rom. 1:14-17; 3:21-26; 5:6-11; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 15:1-8 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 John 1:7, 9; 2:1-2; 3:16	

Not Guilty in God's Eyes

(Adapted from Joe Beam, *Forgiven Forever*)

Conclusion: Which quadrant are you in today?

If you are forgiven, do you _____ forgiven? (1 John 5:13) If not, you are in quadrant 4.

To get from *aware* to _____—to get from quadrant 2 to quadrant 3—

you have to go through the _____. (Acts 2:36-41)

Prayer & Care

Ken & Cathy Culpepper are proud to announce the arrival of their 4th grandson, Sawyer, born last Monday in San Antonio to Casey & Kara Culpepper. Weighing 8lbs 2oz. Sawyer was placed in the NICU due to low heart rate & low O2 sats. Sawyer was expected to go home from the hospital on Thursday. Big brothers are Jaxon & Kellis. Great grand parents are Clinton & Louise Culpepper and Patsy & J W Bullard.

Updates:

Louise Culpepper is in Park Place after surgery for a broken hip.

Connie Sublette had cataract surgery last Monday.

Julie Morrison, daughter of Jim and Carol Armstrong, will have surgery in a few days and has asked for our prayers. Jim and Carol's daughter, Joanie Prinz, and their son, Vince, also have health issues.

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Bible Class	227
Worship a.m.	402
Worship p.m.	157
Wed. p.m.	201
Contribution	\$24,063.25
Weekly Budget	\$19,935.71

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - <i>Romans 1:16-17</i>	Eric Thornton
Song #794 Unto Thee, O Lord	Gary Ables
Song #797 Lord, We Come Before Thee Now	
Song #791 On Bended Knee	
Prayer	Howard Dickson
Song #314 Beneath the Cross of Jesus	
Communion & Contribution	Greg Jones
Song #635 Freely, Freely	
Scripture <i>Romans 3:21-24</i>	David Demic
Song #359 I Love the Lord	
Message: Affirming the Gospel	Bill Allen
Song #948 I am Resolved	
Elder's Prayer	Wade Weathers
Song #672 Give Me Thy Heart	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Eric Thornton
Song Had It Not Been the Lord	Wayne Berryman
Song Surround Us, O Lord	
Song Who Am I?	
Prayer	Chris Conder
Scripture <i>1 John 5:13</i>	Larry Murphey
Song How Deep the Father's Love	
Message: Spiritual Insecurity	Bill Allen
Song #911 Bring Christ Your Broken Life	
Song #980 My Lord! What a Morning	
Dismiss	Lee Mink

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Bible Class	9 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY	
Food Distribution	8:30-10:30 a.m.
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Food Distribution	6:30-7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY	
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Jonathan Stone,
James Sublette,

Billy Terrell,
Randy Turner,
Bill White,
David Wicks &
Cal Wilkinson

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Sandra Wingate
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Kristi Weathers
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W. Erwin Doors:
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By Danny Snell



Eric Thornton Youth Minister

So last Sunday didn't go quite as Joyce and I anticipated. But then I guess no one expects a little trip to the Emergency Department, so... Special thanks to so many for the quick action and the compassionate response and prayers. We are glad she spent only one afternoon there, and has been at home since.

And though we are happy that Don and Nancy have made the decision to go back "home" to Vernon, we are sad in a selfish way that we will no longer have them here at their West Erwin home. They have been an important part of so very much of our church life and ministry, and we are blessed to have been able to know and love and work with them. Now don't forget to come "home" every so often!

This Sunday we will look at the wonderful story of the gospel: the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In two weeks, on April 3rd, we will look specifically at the response of faith. Only because of the sacrifice of Christ do we have a response. And that response includes baptism. I'm really looking forward to that lesson.

In between those two important messages is Easter Sunday. I know, I know, we celebrate the resurrection of Christ every Sunday. It's why it is called "the Lord's Day." And I plan to state that during the sermon that day.

But clearly God has given us a wonderful and amazing opportunity. The 21st century church seeks to share the **gospel of Christ** in ways that are faithful to the **message**. (Rom. 1:14-17) The 21st century church seeks to take advantage of whatever **methods** and **opportunities** we can find to **share** that saving message. (1 Cor. 9:19-23)

I want you to know that the message they will hear that day, and the worship they will experience, will be an uplifting service that will magnify the resurrected Jesus Christ as Lord.

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom. 1:1-4)

People will be in our assembly that day who hardly ever "go to church." Some in our assembly will be looking for a Biblically based, encouraging church home. They will find it here.

Or at least they will if you invite them!



BRINGING GLORY TO GOD!

It is a wonderful thing to see someone "grow up" or mature. This is what I see of Peter when I look at his writings. It is easy to look back and see all those instances when Peter spoke before he thought or acted impulsively. When we look at his writings though, we see a different Peter. His love for Christ was always there, his passion for the Lord's work was never questioned, but I see a maturity in his writings. I see a man that wrote with a mature faith, who fully realized how God had blessed him with the time he spent with Jesus. Consider Peter's words, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of the darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy (1 Pet.2:9-10). I love those phrases that Peter uses to describe us; a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a people owned by God. He even tells us the purpose of this merciful relationship we have with God. We are to proclaim His praises thus, bringing glory to His name! How do we bring glory to God? We bring glory to God when we live as He would have us to live! We bring glory to God when we live a life controlled by His spirit and in harmony with His will. We bring glory to God when we acknowledge His greatness and give Him honor with our praise and our worship. We bring glory to God when we overcome our sinful nature and reflect Christ to others. Does your life bring glory to God?

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 "He is Sovereign" The lesson this week... "The Ultimate Sacrifice" from John 19:1-42. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following from John 19:28-30 "Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

Here is a great article on parenting adapted from Focus on the Family... Part 1

Your Kids Are Important to You . . . Do They Know It?

My 11-year-old son walked into the living room tossing a football and asking to play catch. I was watching a close football game and didn't want to miss a second, so I put him off and went back to the game. As he turned to walk out, he hung his head, and I caught a glimpse of his downcast eyes. It was easy to rationalize my actions: I was constantly busy holding down a full-time job, working toward my education degree and providing for my five children, so I deserved some time to watch football. But honestly, I knew I could do better. Whether I'm spending all my time doing "important things" or I'm distracted by the little things, sometimes I forget the most significant thing — making sure my children know how important they are to me. So, how can a busy father show his kids they're valued, even as he goes about making sure the bills are paid and the kids' lives are stable? Here are a few practical tips I've adopted: Make appointments.

I have a detailed schedule to keep track of my commitments. The one nonnegotiable item on my calendar is my Monday, two-hour appointment with all my kids. Each of these suggests an activity for the evening, and then we vote on which to do together. Sometimes we wind up longboarding. Other times we play board games. The appointments I set with my family have the highest scheduling priority.

Our love and sympathy is extended to Rachel Huff in the death of her cousin, Taylor Allen Force who was killed in a terrorist attack while on a trip to Israel for his MBA studies at Vanderbilt University.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

No Meal will be served due to the installation of new flooring in the FLC.

The Arms of Hope Grocery Run will be picked up this week. Please bring these items to your classrooms or to the Information Center: canned chicken, laundry pods, paper towels, toilet paper & ketchup

LTC FINAL MEETING - TONIGHT

Today is our final "all-day" LTC practice day, and we are now less than one week away from the convention. Following tonight's PM assembly, we will have a meeting in **Room 403 in the office complex** for ALL participants and families. This will be your last chance to pay your final bill for those who haven't, as well as get final instructions for the weekend. So please head over to the FLC tonight and make sure you don't miss anything!

LTC PRACTICE - FINAL WEEK

Today is our last full practice day. It's *incredibly important* that your student be here for these practices as it will be their last chance. So, as with last week, lunch will be provided for \$3 in the FLC immediately following our AM assembly. Please stay and eat here with us so that Drama teams can start quickly.

Sunday, March 20th (today)

- 11:30-2:45 – Lunch then Drama (\$3)
- 3:00-5:00 – Chorus
- 5:00-6:00 – Bible Quiz

6:00-7:00 – Final Meeting – Pay Bill & Details
(meet in Room 403 in the office complex)

Wednesday, March 23rd

7:00-8:00 – Puppet practice and load trailer

AREA-WIDE "GATHERING" – APRIL 10th

Our next area-wide youth ministry worship will be on April 10th at South Main in Henderson. The event is from 6-8 pm as always, so we will leave West Erwin at 5:00 pm and return at 8:45. 6th-12th graders, make plans to join us, and invite a friend!

The Family Life Center will be unavailable for all events this week. New flooring is being installed.



The Hope of the Resurrection

Introduction: Today we declare our belief in the resurrection of Christ and the _____ it brings to us.

A. The hope of the resurrection is _____ in Jesus Christ.
 "He is not here; he has _____, just as he said."

Matthew 28:1-8, 9ff; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20-21
 Romans 1:1-4; 1 Cor. 15; Hebrews 1:1-3; 1 Peter 1:3-5

B. The hope of the resurrection is _____ in our heavenly home.
 We will be raised to live _____ with our Savior.

John 14:1-6; 5:28-29; Matt. 24:36-51; 25
 1 Cor. 15; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Peter 1:3-9; Rev. 21-22

C. The hope of the resurrection is _____ in our daily lives.
 We are raised in baptism to live a _____ life.

Romans 6:1-4, 5ff; Col. 2:9-15; John 3:3-6; Titus 3:3-8
 1 Cor. 12:12-13; 2 Cor. 5:1-10, 17; 2 Peter 3:3-15
 Acts 2:36-47; 8:35-39; 16:29-34

Conclusion: Our new life is a life of _____.
 1 Peter 1:3-5; 3:15-16

Young At Heart

The North Tennessee Annual Senior Fellowship Salad Supper is April 14th at 6 p.m. Please sign up by March 30th at the Information Center if you plan to attend.

Prayer & Care

Lilly Joyce Brown was born Saturday, 3/19 to Lee & Janie Brown. She weighed 7.13 lbs. and was 21.5 inches long. Nina Crow is the Great Grandmother, Lauren Delivaudais is her aunt and Michelle Kuechle her Great Aunt.

Updates:

Ruby Cliver is in Mother Frances with an infection in her leg after an earlier fall. Louis Jones' sister, **GeneAnne Masters Robinson**, suffered a stroke and is now in HealthSouth. **Julie Morrison**, daughter of Jim and Carol Armstrong, will have surgery and has asked for our prayers. Jim and Carol's daughter, Joanie Prinz, and their son, Vince, also have health issues.

Remi Roberts, the 5-month old daughter of Steele and Victoria Roberts (friends of Danielle Rousseau), needs a heart transplant.

Marsha Richardson's infant grandnephew, **Kase Gartham**, went into cardiac arrest on March 3rd. He is in Texas Children's in Houston. He is now off the ventilator. He is better but they would like us to continue to pray for him.

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - *Hebrews 1:1-3* Stan Clark
 Song #162 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Gary Ables
 Song #577 We Bow Down
 Song Wonderful, Merciful Savior
 Prayer Ralph Henderson
 Song #344 Low in the Grave He Lay
 Communion & Contribution Robert Lee
 Song #464 Because He Lives
 Scripture *1 Peter 1:3-5* Myron Granberry
 Song #346 He Lives
 Message: **The Hope of the Resurrection** Bill Allen
 Song #881 Mansion Over the Hilltop
 Elder's Prayer Fred Wingate
 Song #853 When We All Get to Heaven

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Stan Clark
 Song #811 Mansion Over the Hilltop Lance Yarema
 Song Into Our Hands
 Song #788 Be With Me, Lord
 Prayer Frank Debenport
 Scripture *Joshua 1:9* Ernie Gordon
 Song #538 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
 Message: **Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow** Bill Allen
 Song #662 All to Jesus I Surrender
 Song #851 I'll Fly Away
 Dismiss Tom Hale

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 Clay Mitcham,
 Jackson Parker & Wyatt Parker

SOUND

Clifton Lindsey & Jeff Horton

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM:
 Ellen Matthews
 Toddler AM: Emily Moore

Today is Easter Sunday. If you are visiting West Erwin this morning we are happy to have you. We hope and pray that our time of worship together brings you closer to the One who lived and died and rose for you.

The messages and songs today center on the hope and strength the resurrection of Jesus gives us. Our world today—including our own communities and our own homes—desperately needs the hope and strength that will last through all of life’s difficulties and can be found only in the resurrected Lord Jesus.

Our devotion to Christ does not exempt us from the sufferings that come with this life. We face all the same hurts that everyone else experiences. But there is something different: we face them with hope.

When we struggle in this world, we are “*joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*” (Rom. 12:12) When a loved one passes, we do not grieve like others “*who have no hope,*” because “*we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.*” (1 Thess. 4:13-18) We live active, serving lives in the midst of this world with “*work produced by faith, labor prompted by love, and endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*” (1 Thess. 1:3) And others notice the difference. Your hope-filled life becomes an opening to share the message of hope with others, being ready and willing “*to give an answer to everyone who asks to give the reason for the hope that you have.*” (1 Peter 3:15-16) That reason is the resurrected, living Lord Jesus!

We have about **ninety** of our church family participating in Leadership Training for Christ (LTC) this weekend. Young people in 3rd through 6th grades have been focusing on the books of Joshua, Judges and Ruth as they prepared for Bible Quiz and Bible Bowl, chorus and song leading, drama and puppets, Christian art and many other activities. Thank you God for LTC, and thanks to all who have been a part of it this year.

Nothing could give us more hope for our country and our world, our present and our future, than this: thousands of young people and parents, coaches and helpers, all across the country giving so much of their time and energy over the last weeks and months to honor God and His Word in so many different ways.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 15:13)



A CHOSEN PEOPLE!

In continuing our thoughts from last week, I wanted to look at specific areas of our lives where Peter gives us expectations of how a “chosen people” of God should act in response to the mercy God gives us. Consider Peter’s words, *Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, ... they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation (1 Pet.2:11-12).* As spiritual citizens that are living for heaven, we are to bring glory to God **with our conduct**. Peter calls us “sojourners and exiles”. We live here on earth, but our real home is in heaven. As a result, we don’t live by the world’s standards. We don’t look like the world looks. We don’t talk like the world talks and we certainly should not think like the world thinks. Just as we are to glorify God with our lives, our goal is to live such a life that unbelievers might be drawn to God by our example. *Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor... or to governors, as sent by him to punish those who do evil ...Live as people who are free...living as servants of God... Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor (1 Pet.2:13-17).* We glorify God when **we honor our national citizenship**. God gives us leaders to protect us so we can help with His work of growing the kingdom. The business of government will never be the business of the church. Our job is to pray for our leaders, be subject to our laws, and use our freedoms to proclaim Christ to the world!

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 “He is Sovereign” The lesson this week... “From Misery to Mission” from John 20:1-31. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following from John 20:25-29 “But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” **26** A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” **27** Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” **28** Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” **29** Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

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Avoid distractions.

When I am spending time with my kids, I turn off my phone. I do my best to eliminate outside distractions — no emails or conflicting appointments. Almost every outside, urgent request can wait at least a few minutes. My kids know how busy my life is, so setting everything aside for them is an effective way of communicating that they matter.

NO DEVO TONIGHT

As most all of our teenagers and families recover and rest from an amazing weekend at LTC (and catch up on the homework they didn’t do at the hotel) there is no devo tonight. But we’ll be back to normal next week, so make your plans!

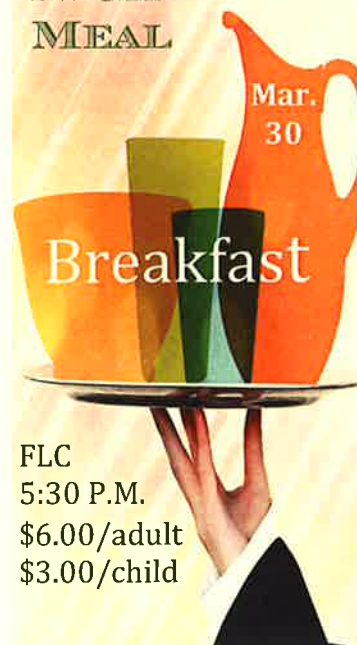
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LTC FINAL THOUGHTS

This weekend marks the culmination of several months of preparation. Months spent studying the books of Joshua, Judges and Ruth for our Bible Quiz students, months practicing singing together for Chorus, acting together for drama, and perfecting the art of synchronizing an inanimate object with your mouth and hand for Puppets. Add to these group events the individual events that a good number of our kids have worked and prepared for outside of all those other hours. Bottom line, a LOT of work goes into this weekend. Our prayer is that the things learned go far beyond this convention, that they continue to use their talents for the Lord, and that the time they’ve all spent together has helped forge and strengthen friendships with each other. The ministry of LTC would not happen however without all of our coaches and volunteers. My bulletin section isn’t long enough to mention them all, but if you come to our LTC awards night in a few weeks, we definitely want to recognize those in this church who’ve put in just as many (often times more) hours in helping our students prepare for this weekend. Thank you to everyone!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL



FLC
5:30 P.M.
\$6.00/adult
\$3.00/child



We rejoice with our Hispanic congregation and Gabriel and Ana Zavala on the baptism of their daughter, Jazmin, this past Sunday. Please pray for her and her new relationship with Christ, and for her church family as they encourage her in her faith!

The Benevolence Center is in need of several men who are able to work on Tuesdays from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Please see Donnie if you want to be involved with this ministry.



"Responding to the Gospel"

Introduction: Because of the Gospel of Christ there _____ a response of faith.

Rom. 1:14-17; 1 Cor. 15:1-5

Matt. 26-28; John 10:11-18; Acts 20:28; Rom. 3:21-26; 5:6-8; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 John 1:7-2:2

John 3:14-17; 8:24; Mark 16:15-16; Rom. 10:8-15

Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:36-38; 17:30; 2 Cor. 7:8-11; 2 Peter 3:9

Rom. 10:8-15; Acts 8:36-40; 1 John 1:6-10

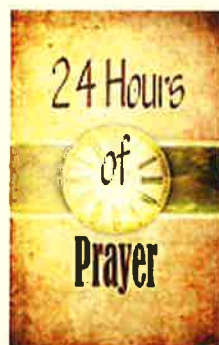
Be _____
Matt. 3:13-17; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; John 3:3-5

Acts 2:36-41; 8:30-39; 10:44-48; 16:13-15, 25-34; 19:1-7; 9:17-18; 22:16

Rom. 6:1-4; 1 Cor. 12:12-13; Gal. 3:26-29; Col. 2:6-15; Titus 3:3-8; 1 Peter 3:18-22

Conclusion: Our _____ response of faith to the gospel is the beginning of our _____ life in Christ.

John 3:3-5; Titus 3:3-8; Rom. 6:1-4; Col. 2:6-15; 2 Cor. 5:17



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Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

We are saddened by the death of our Juanita Masters. Our sympathy goes out to her family. Services were Saturday in Jacksonville.

Our love and sympathy is extended to Linda Marts in the death of her uncle, Everett Garrett. Services were Tuesday in Pittsburg.

Our sympathy is also extended to Diane Denman in the loss of her uncle, Doyle Boyette. Services were Tuesday in Lindale.

Updates:

Stan Mallory is home now.

Ruby Cliver is home now and she requested our prayers for her son, G.W. Cliver as he travels to India to have both knees replaced.

Shannon Mabry, daughter of Glynn and Fran Starnes, has been diagnosed with Stage 2 breast cancer. She began treatment at M.D. Anderson last Wednesday. She lives in Friendswood.

Julie Morrison, daughter of Jim and Carol Armstrong, received favorable test results. Jim and Carol's daughter, Joanie Prinz, and their son, Vaughn, also have health issues.

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Titus 3:3-7	Danny Snell
Song #112 Wonderful Grace of Jesus	Wayne Berryman
Song Salvation Belongs to Our God	
Song #129 Amazing Grace	
Prayer	Don Durham
Song #324 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?	Gary Ables
Communion & Contribution	Sean Sillavan
Song #517 Heaven Came Down	
Scripture Galatians 3:26-29	Gene Chandler
Song #470 Victory in Jesus	
Message: "Responding to the Gospel"	Bill Allen
Song #904 Have You Been to Jesus?	
Elder's Prayer	Jay Bynum
Song #470 Victory in Jesus (verse 3)	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song #460 Washed In The Blood	Wayne Berryman
Song #605 I Will Serve You	
Prayer	Jonathan Stone
Scripture 1 Peter 3:21-22	Barry Ciaschini
Song #619 A New Creature	
Song #695 None of Self and All of Thee	
Message: "How Baptism 'Now Saves You'"	Bill Allen
Song #544 Without Him	
Song #636 To Love Someone More Dearly	
Dismiss	Wyatt Gruver

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What an incredible weekend! As I said on Sunday morning, it is impossible to feel pessimistic about the future when you see thousands of young people in 3rd through 12th grades, along with even more parents and coaches, family members and friends, all descending on one of the prime hotels in the southwest to do this: participate in what is the culmination of months of work in all kinds of areas focusing on the Bible, and specifically the books of Joshua, Judges and Ruth. The overall message of Leadership Training for Christ this year was **“Refuge.”** And there are a lot of verses throughout Scripture that remind us of the great truth that our Creator and Savior is our refuge. Verses like this one:

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. (Psalm 18:2)

Our children and their families and adults who coached and helped them did a marvelous work over the last several months, and it showed this past weekend. Thanks to all who were a part of this great effort, and special thanks to Danny and Lisa and Eric and Jean for all you did to make possible this important part of our West Erwin life and ministry, and for all you do for our church family.

This Sunday as we continue considering a few things related to being “The 21st Century Church” we will focus on the response of faith. Without the gospel—the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ—there would be no response. The answer to the question, “What must I do to be saved?” would be hopeless. “I’m sorry, because we’re sinners, there’s nothing you or I or anyone can do.” The truth of Rom. 6:23 would be the last word—“The wages of sin is death.”

But as you know, that’s not the last word. It’s not even the last word in that verse! It continues with the statement of the gospel, the good news: “But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” And that’s the gospel! That’s why we have hope, and that’s why there *is* a response of faith. I’m excited about sharing that response this Sunday. This may be a lesson you want to get a copy of and share with others who have asked that same question. You may want to pay special attention to the outline in the bulletin, and make extra notes or circle specific Scriptures. And I hope that you will be prayerful for those God has put in your life who are ready to hear this message of salvation by the grace and sacrifice of Christ through the response of faith.

May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.” (Ruth 2:12)



BRINGING GLORY TO GOD THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

Today we close our thoughts on how our lives bring glory to God. Peter wrote, *Likewise, wives be subject to your own husbands, ...even if some do not obey the word, they may be won... by the conduct of their wives when they see your respectful and pure conduct...let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious...Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you in the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered (1 Pet.3:1-7).* We bring glory to God in **the way we do family**. Peter’s picture is a husband and wife living in harmony with each other with respect, honor, trust, and love in high priority. We see husbands that strengthen themselves in prayer and show their children God’s vision of marriage in the way they honor their wife. We see wives that support their husbands even if he is an unbeliever. Her priority is the will of God and that is her husband’s salvation. Peter also wrote, *Finally, all of you, have the unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil...but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called...(1 Pet.3:8-9).* We bring glory to God in **the way we treat each other**. Jesus’ church will be a place of unity where all submit to the will of God and make His purpose our purpose. We worry about others well-being. We are kind to one another, and return blessing for evil. It’s how Christ lived, and how we should too!

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 “He is Sovereign” The lesson this week... “How Excellent is Your Name!” from Exodus 33:12-34:8. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following from Exodus 33:4-5 *“So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the Lord had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord.”*

Your Kids Are Important to You . . . Do They Know It?

Here is a great article on parenting adapted from Focus on the Family... Part 3.

Keep promises.

When I can't immediately fulfill my children's requests for my time, I try to follow this simple formula: I make a concrete promise to spend time with my kids and set a specific time to make it happen. I might say something like, "I can't play right now, but I will gladly play catch with you in 30 minutes." Keeping my word to my children means that even if I won't do it right away, they can trust I will do what I say.

DEVO TONIGHT

Tonight we begin to get back into the post-LTC routine, so knock off the dust and come join us for a 6th-12th grade devo, from 6-8pm in the FLC. Please bring \$3 for dinner and your Bible.

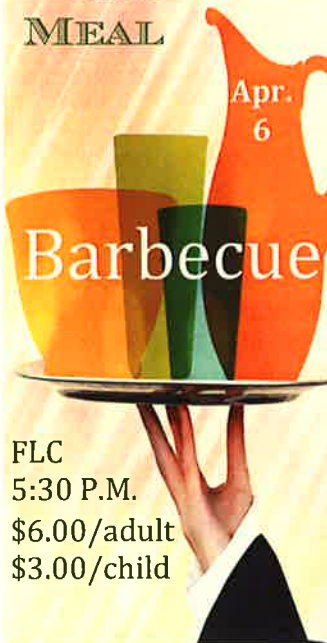
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL



FLC
5:30 P.M.
\$6.00/adult
\$3.00/child

The Benevolence Center is in need of several men who are able to work on Tuesdays from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Please see Donnie if you want to be involved with this ministry.

Join us this Wednesday night for another evening of singing with Chuck Munoz. Let's learn new songs!

This is the last Sunday Cal and Jo Ann Wilkinson will be here before moving to Colorado. Cal has done a great job as our maintenance director since August of 2012. We will miss them.



Ladies are invited to a bridal shower honoring
Samantha Richardson

Bride-elect of Eric Applegate

Sunday, April 10

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Selections at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target

"O Worship the King"

Introduction: There is a sense in which _____ we say and do is done to honor God and in obedience to His will and is therefore an act of worship.

Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 13:15-16; Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:17
Direct v. Indirect Worship; Public/Corporate v. Private/Individual Worship

There is something _____ about the worship assembly.

A. Some specifics about _____

Matt. 7:12; Mark 12:28-34; Rom. 13:8-10; 1 Cor. 13; Gal. 5:13-26; James 2:8
1 Cor. 12-14; Rom. 14:1-15:9; Eph. 4:1-16; Phil. 2:1-11; Heb. 3:12-14; 10:19-25

B. Some _____ of our worship assemblies

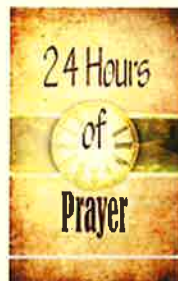
- The Lord's Supper—Matt. 26:26-30; Luke 22:7-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7-12; 1 Cor. 11:17-34
- A Cappella Singing—1 Cor. 14:15; Eph. 5:19-21; Col. 3:15-17; James 5:13
- Male Leadership—1 Cor. 11:3-16; 14:33-40; 1 Tim. 2:8-15

C. Some thoughts on the _____ of the worship assembly.

Focus v. Purpose
1 Cor. 11:17-34; 14; Heb.10:19-25

Conclusion: "I was _____ when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" (Psalm 122:1)

"O worship the King"—_____!



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Prayer & Care

Updates:

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Dick Higginbotham is in Mother Frances.

Lee Mink has asked for prayers for his brother, **Ed Mink**, who is having tests.

Wanda Frick, mother of Terry Frick, is having neck surgery on April 14th. Please pray that all goes well and her pain is eliminated.

G.W. Cliver, former member and son to Ruby Cliver, is traveling to India to have both knees replaced.

Shannon Mabry, daughter of Glynn and Fran Starnes, has been diagnosed with Stage 2 breast cancer. She began treatment at M.D. Anderson. She lives in Friendswood.

Mike Gravois, former member, is having an issue with blood clots in his legs.

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Young at Heart

The North Tenneha congregation is having a Salad Supper on Thursday, April 14th at 6 p.m. If you plan to attend please sign up at the Information Center by this Sunday.

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Revelation 4:8-11

Danny Snell

Song #47 Holy, Holy, Holy

Gary Ables

Song How Great is Our God

Wayne Berryman

Song #76 How Great Thou Art

Prayer

Dannie Skipper

Song #264 O Come, Let Us Adore Him

Don Crawford

Communion & Contribution

Song You're Worthy of My Praise

Billy Terrell

Scripture Revelation 5:11-14

Song #227 On Zion's Glorious Summit

Message: "O Worship the King"

Bill Allen

Song #2 We Praise Thee, O God

Greg Jones

Elder's Prayer

Song #144 O Worship the King

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship

Danny Snell

Song #679 Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Lance Yarema

Song #801 Where No One Stands Alone

Prayer

Tom Clark

Scripture 1 Corinthians 14:26

Kelly Monahan

Song #474 Thank You, Lord

Song #537 Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims

Message: "Entertainment v. Encouragement"

Bill Allen

Song Come to Jesus

Song #744 God's Family

Charles Melville

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One of the most important roles of our Christian lives is worship.

In fact, in one sense worship encompasses every aspect of our lives.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. (Rom. 12:1)

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col. 3:17)

Scripture clearly calls us to recognize that everything we say and do is done to honor God, to glorify Christ, and is therefore done as an expression of devotion—an act of worship—to our God.

That being said, there is something unique and special about the worship assembly. Though there is not much said about it in the New Testament—most Scriptures focus on how we live and act and treat others in all aspects of our lives—the ones we do find call on us to make that an opportunity to encourage one another as we focus upon our great God and Savior in direct worship.

That includes this passage, one of “our” favorites.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Heb. 10:23-25)

While we have been right in saying this passage calls on us to recognize how essential it is to be faithful in attending our worship assemblies, we haven't always considered the reason why.

We need each other! We need encouragement from others in order to “hold unswervingly to the hope we profess.” And others need the same from us!

I'm looking forward to sharing this Lord's Day about this vital moment in the Christian's life.



SETTING THE RIGHT GOALS!

Many people today work hard trying to reach goals they have set for their lives and I think that is important. The problem I see with that is that many are not setting goals that are in harmony with God's will for their lives. Here are three goals to set that would benefit our lives greatly. If we accomplish these, all our other goals would fall in place. **Be conformed to the image of Jesus.** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers (Ro. 8:29). God's will for us is to submit to His teachings so that we then have the desire to be molded in the image of Christ. We need to reflect Jesus at all times and in all ways. **Be transformed into the image of Christ.** And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit (2 Co. 3:18). It is soft and willing hearts that help us in our transformation. Once we are willing to let God work in us, amazing things happen. His spirit works within us and we take on His image. We now think on things above. **Be renewed in the image of Christ.** And have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator (Col.3:10). Our knowledge of Christ drives us to a spiritual renewal. This renewal helps us make better decisions and takes us to a deeper relationship with God. We realize His ways are better than our ways and then we become the reflection that this world needs to see.

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24 Hours of Prayer

In a few weeks, we will have the opportunity to participate in West Erwin's 24 Hours of Prayer. As a church family, this has been one of our most treasured times in the past few years. I would like to challenge every West Erwin family to participate this year.

Give it a try... You will not regret it!
Give me a shout if you have any questions.
Consider this quote from EM Bounds...

Prayer is the easiest and hardest of all things; the simplest and the sublimest; the weakest and the most powerful; its results lie outside the range of human possibilities—they are limited only by the omnipotence of God.

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“It is the duty of youth to bring its fresh powers to bear on social progress. Each generation of young people should be to the world like a vast reserve force to a tired army. They should life the world forward. That is what they are for.” -Charlotte Perkins Gilman

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL



We welcome Odie Kennedy to the position of Maintenance Director for our facilities here at West Erwin. We know he'll do a great job!

We received this note in response to our Arms of Hope food donation: Thank you so much for donating to our Boles commissary. It was much needed and very much appreciated. God bless you all!
Charlie and Melissa R.

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"The 21st Century Church Lives the Life"

Introduction: If the 21st Century church is to be faithful we must _____ live the life.

A. Some _____ Background

Psalm 50; Isa. 1:10-20; Jer. 7:1-15; Hosea 6:4-6; Amos 5; Micah 6:6-8; Mal. 2:10-17; 3:8-12
 Matt. 5:13-16; 6:19-34; 25:31-46; Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37; 2 Cor. 8-9; 1 Tim. 6:17-19; Eph. 4:7-16
 Gen. 1:26-31; 2:18-25; 18:16-19:29; Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Matt. 19:1-12; Mark 10:1-12; John 17:13-19; Rom. 1-3
 Exod. 20:1-17; Luke 10:25-37; Gal. 6:9-10; Heb. 13:15-16; James 1:27; 2:14-26; 1 John 1:5-2:2; 3:16-18
 Rom. 1:18-32; 1 Cor. 6:9-20; Gal. 5:13-26; Col. 3:1-17; 1 Peter 1:13-25; 2:9-12; 4:1-5, 12-19; 2 Peter 3:3-14

B. A Case Study from the Life of _____

John 8:2-11

C. A Few _____ to Living the Life in the 21st Century

- 1) We must begin with _____ and _____.
- 2) We must live moral lives _____.
- 3) We must have a _____ call for Biblical morality.
- 4) We must be okay with _____ even though we're not okay with _____.



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Next Sunday, the 24th during Bible Class at 9 a.m. there will be a meeting in the Young Couples Class - Room 111 regarding our **children's ministry**. We would like ALL parents of children ages birth to 5th grade to attend as well as anyone interested in the children's ministry.

Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday
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Our Records	April 10
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Wed. p.m.	170
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 Song #300 Praise Him! Praise Him! Gary Ables
 Song #574 O How I Love Jesus
 Song In Christ Alone
 Prayer Eric Moseley
 Song #376 He Paid a Debt
 Communion & Contribution David Hammond
 Song #731 Take Time to Be Holy
 Scripture 1 Peter 1:13-16 Lance Yarema
 Song #429 Oh, to Be Like Thee
 Message: **"The 21st Century Church Lives the Life"** Bill Allen
 Song #681 More Holiness Give Me
 Elder's Prayer Phil Marts
 Song #15 Step by Step
5:00 P.M. Assembly
 Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
 Song #514 Redeemed Logan Stone
 Song #768 Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You Logan Stone
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 Scripture Jeremiah 1:4-8 Evan Kingsbury
 Song #766 Open Our Eyes Logan Stone
 Song #587 Sing and Be Happy Jonathan Gunz
 LTC Speech Ruger Stocking
 LTC Speech Miguel Santibanez
 Message & Presentation Eric Thornton
 Song #15 Step by Step Jonathan Gunz
 Song #490 It Is Well With My Soul Jonathan Gunz
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The end of this month is our annual "24 Hours of Prayer." We will have people praying every hour from 8 AM April 29th to 8 AM Saturday April 30th. You can sign up to pray or make requests for prayer the next two Sundays at the designated table in the foyer.

The Bible speaks a lot about prayer.

It gives commandments to pray, such as 1 Thess. 5:17: "Pray continually."

It gives requests for prayer, such as this one from the apostle Paul: "Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should." (Eph. 6:18-19)

It gives great examples of prayers, such as these:

- King Solomon's great prayer of dedication for the majestic Temple (2 Chronicles 6);
- King Hezekiah's prayer when Judah was threatened by the Assyrians (2 Kings 19:14-19);
- Nehemiah's prayer for his people and Jerusalem before approaching the King (Neh. 1);
- The early church after being threatened by the Jewish authorities (Acts 4:23-31);
- Pretty much every chapter in the book of Psalms...

One of the amazing things about our Lord Jesus is that He prayed. A lot. Here are some examples.

- Before choosing the twelve apostles, Jesus "went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God." (Luke 6:12-16)
- Jesus was praying with Peter, James and John when He was "transfigured" before them. (Luke 9:28-36)
- According to Luke, His prayers were the motivation for the teaching that includes what we call "The Lord's Prayer." (Luke 11:1ff.)
- The Lord "often withdrew to lonely places and prayed." (Luke 5:16)
- Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before He was killed, and was "deeply distressed and troubled,...overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death." (Mark 14:32-42)
- The whole 17th chapter of John is a prayer from the heart of Jesus to the Father in heaven's throne room He had left behind for us.



TAKING DAD TO THE TRAIN STATION!

When I was very young, my Dad traveled a lot with his job. I'll always remember taking him to the train station (very exciting) and him always promising me that he would bring something back for all of us kiddos. We would eagerly await his return. Dad always kept that promise. God, our Father keeps His promises too. His promises are our rewards to those that keep their covenant with Him and become conquerors in His name. Let's look at some of these promises. *To the one that conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God (Rev.2:7). The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death (Rev.2:11). To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna (spiritual sustenance from Christ), and I will give him a white stone (symbol of acquittal, freedom, and acceptance), with a new name written on the stone (Rev.2:17). The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels (Rev.3:5). The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on His throne (Rev.3:21).* We overcome and conquer only through the power of Christ. Only Christ has the power and authority to fulfill these promises that have been made to us. Living with Christ means living with confidence, assurance, and with courage. We can't show Christ to others without those traits in our lives. Are you living for the promises? Are you eagerly awaiting your Father's return?



By Danny Snell



Eric Thornton
Youth Minister

Bible Class

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Consider the following from Ezek. 34:30-31 "Then they will know that I, the Lord their God, am with them and that they, the Israelites, are my people, declares the Sovereign Lord. **31** You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign Lord."

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Consider this quote from Corrie Ten Boom...
"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?"

LTC AWARDS PRESENTATION - TONIGHT

Every year, after LTC, we want to take a chance and share with our church family a little about what went on here for the first 3 months of the year leading up to the NTLTC convention over Easter weekend in Dallas. So tonight, we will have our awards and presentation night. Several of our young men (**Logan Stone, Matthew Christian, Evan Kingsbury, Jonathan Gunz, Ruger Stocking, Miguel Santibanez, and Ethan Stone**) will lead our worship. Then after our time of worship, we will get to enjoy hearing from our 11th and 12th grade drama as well. Our theme this year was "Refuge", taken from Ruth 2:12. So many of our dramas, puppet performances and speeches centered around the idea of finding our refuge and hiding place in Christ. We view tonight as our church family's chance to affirm what our kids have learned and practiced for so long. **Please come tonight to our PM assembly and support and encourage our children and teens!**

DEVO TONIGHT

We will have a 6th-12th grade devo tonight in the FLC after our PM assembly. Please bring \$3 for dinner and your Bibles. We will be done at 8pm.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL



FLC
5:30 P.M.
\$6.00/adult
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We rejoice with Carter Pippin and his family as he was baptized into Christ April 3rd. Be prayerful about his new Christian walk.

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Cost is only \$3.00.
Sign up and pay at the 24 Hours of Prayer table.
If you want a new picture in it... please send it to sharonh@westerwin.org by next Sunday, Apr 24.

To Our West Erwin Family,
We would like to thank you for the calls, cards, visit, flowers, food and basket full of goodies. They were wonderful. Thank you very much. We love you.

The Culpepper Family

Thank you for the beautiful cards remembering my sister, Charlene, who passed away in March. She was a dedicated Christian for many years. We know she is in a better place. I love you. Cherrie Magee

The Benevolence Center is in need of several men who are able to work on Tuesdays from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Please see Donnie if you want to be involved with this ministry.

"The 21st Century Church Shares the Story"

Introduction: The 21st Century Church is called to _____ the faithful life and _____ the gospel story.

A. We are _____ to share the story.

Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-49; Acts 1:8
1 Peter 2:9-12

B. Others _____ us to share the story.

Matt. 20:28; Luke 19:10; John 3:14-17; 10:1-18; 11:20-27; 14:1-6
Matt. 5:13-16; Rom. 1:14-17; 3:21-26; 2 Cor. 5:11-6:2
Mark 5:18-20

C. We share _____ story by sharing _____ story.

1 Peter 3:15-16; Acts 9; 22; 26
1 Tim. 1:8-17

Conclusion: If the _____ is going to be advanced in the 21st Century, it will be because the 21st Century _____ is living and sharing the story.



24 Hours of Prayer will be April 29-30. If you have prayer requests that you would like to share cards are available at the exits and the Information Center. You can sign up for your time slot to come to the building and pray. All of those who sign up for a time slot are invited to breakfast at 8:00 Saturday morning, April 30th in the FLC.

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24 Hours of Prayer

Any men who want to pray together before the breakfast on April 30th, sign up for the 7:00 slot on Saturday morning.

The Benevolence Center will be showing "God's Not Dead" on Friday, May 20th at 6:00 p.m. for our neighbors. If you can help serve popcorn and drinks please see Donnie Carnathan.

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Song #622 Ring Out the Message	
Song #635 Freely, Freely	
Prayer	Bud Cawyer
Song #325 Boundless Love (verse 1)	Wayne Berryman
Communion - Bread	Stan Clark
Song #325 Boundless Love (verse 2)	
Communion - Cup	
Song #273 More Precious Than Silver	
Contribution	
Song #659 I Love to Tell the Story	Jay Bynum
Scripture Mark 5:18-20	
Song #290 Shine, Jesus, Shine	
Message: The 21st Century Church Shares the Story	Bill Allen
Song #609 I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord	
Elder's Prayer	Gaylan Seagler
Song #632 O Spread the Tidings 'Round	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song #667 Savior, Thy Dying Love	Wayne Berryman
Song #701 My Jesus, I Love Thee	
Prayer	Ron Parish
Scripture 1 Peter 2:9-12	Jonathan Stone
Song #767 In the Hour of Trial	
Song Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone	
Message: "Evangelism, Persuasion and Manipulation"	Bill Allen
Song #930 Jesus, The Loving Shepherd	
Song #889 I Am Bound for the Promised Land	
Dismiss	Chris Conder

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This past Sunday evening it was such a joy to celebrate the accomplishments of our young people and their families, our youth workers, coaches and all who had a part in making this year's **Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)** such an amazing blessing. We were able to congratulate all who participated and see a list of the events they took part in, as well as be encouraged as we watched a video highlighting the weekend in Dallas. Our older young people touched and challenged us once again with their drama presentation.

Several of our young men led songs and prayers and shared Scripture readings. Two of our young men gave excellent speeches that reminded us of the love our God has for us. **Ruger Stocking** reminded us that God pursues us and seeks us out in spite of our sinfulness, just as He instructed the prophet Hosea to seek out his adulterous, prostitute wife Gomer. And **Miguel Santibanez** took us to the story of Jesus eating with Matthew and his friends—"sinners"—and shared the great blessing that though we ourselves are sinners our holy and loving God reaches out to us with these same words: "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (Mark 2:17)

Thanks so much to **Eric** and **Danny** and to all who had a hand in this year's LTC, and who regularly make the effort and sacrifice for the sake of our young people and the future of Christ's church.

This Sunday is the last of the messages in the series, "**The 21st Century Church.**" I have tried to speak plainly to a few of the critical issues related to being the people of God today. If you missed any of these important lessons or would like to pass them along to someone you can download them on our web site or call/email the office for a CD. We are not the first century church. We are the 21st Century church, called to faithfully live out and share the boundless love of Christ and the inspired Word of God with our 21st Century world. As we end this series we will remind each other of the important call to share the story.

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. You will be my witnesses.

I'm sure these things will be on all our hearts this next weekend as we go before the throne of God during our annual "**24 Hours of Prayer.**" Every hour from 8 AM Friday to 8 AM Saturday members of our West Erwin family will be in prayer for our church and our families, our neighborhoods, our nation and our world.

Which hour have you signed up for to speak to the Father as part of this special prayer effort?



REWARD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

And the LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in his sight. With the merciful, you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; with the purified you deal purely, and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. You save a humble people, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness (2 Sam.22:25-29). This passage is from a song David wrote to God in thanksgiving for the deliverance from his enemies. You can also find this in Psa. 18. There are some great truths in this passage on how we need to handle our relationships with each other. **God rewards righteous behavior.** When we deal with each other in a righteous manner, God deals with us in His righteous manner. Being clean in God's eyes helps us to treat each other in the manner God desires. **Receiving mercy takes extending mercy.** Do you want to see a merciful God at judgment? Then show mercy to others. **God rewards humility and crushed pride.** We want others to deal with us in a spirit of humility. Why would we not treat others the same? **If we choose to walk contrary to God's will, God will frustrate our plans and punish our wickedness.** God will allow us to walk in those dark paths until our destruction, if we choose. We see that God's attitude toward us is conditioned by our attitude toward Him and others. If we deal with others in loving-kindness, we will experience God's loving-kindness. Treat others the way you pray God will treat you!

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"There has never been a spiritual awakening in any country or locality that did not begin in united prayer."

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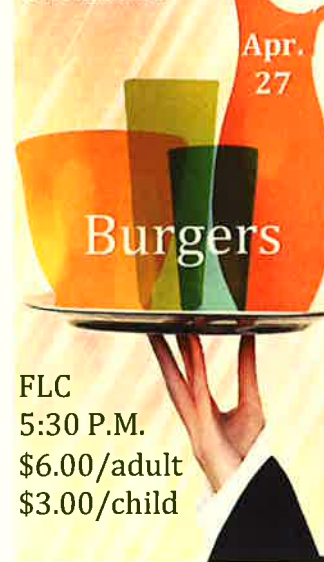
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SENIOR SUNDAY - MAY 22ND

This year, we have 3 graduating seniors here at West Erwin... **McKenzie Fennell, Kalli Huff, and Hannah Metcalf**, each representing a different school. So on Sunday night, May 22nd, we will be celebrating those graduates here at West Erwin. Please make plans to join us for this special night.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL



FLC
5:30 P.M.
\$6.00/adult
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Our brother and shepherd Phil Marts announced Sunday that he will resign as an elder the end of June. Phil has faithfully served the Lord and our church family as an elder here at West Erwin for 25 years. We are happy to know that Phil and Linda will continue to work and worship and serve as part of our West Erwin family. We love and appreciate you both. Thank you for your years of love and service and leadership.

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By this Wednesday.

Dear Friends at West Erwin Church of Christ, The flowers you sent in memory of our mother were beautiful. She loved all of her spiritual brothers and sisters and enjoyed attending West Erwin during her latter years. Your kindness was comforting to us.

With grateful hearts,
Reed Masters, Danita Alfred and families (family of Juanita Masters)



Now on the "New Books" shelf in the Adult Library: **Proverbs and the**

Formation of Character

by Dave Bland

"Responding to Jesus"

Introduction: Jesus calls us to _____ how we will respond to the message of the gospel.

A. Responding to Jesus with a "_____!"

Acts 26:1-23
Acts 9; 22; Gal. 1:11-24; Phil. 3:3-14; 1 Tim. 1:12-17

B. Responding to Jesus with a "_____!"

Acts 26:24-25; 24:24-27

C. Responding to Jesus with a "_____."

Acts 26:26-32

Conclusion: What is keeping _____ from responding to Jesus with a "_____?"

Prayer & Care

Updates:

Services for Ruth Bell will be Saturday, May 7, 1:00-3:00 at Shiloh Rd. Church of Christ, Room 101.

Leon Welborn's cancer has returned and it is now in his brain. Please pray for Leon and Carolyn as Leon soon begins radiation.

Davy Carter is home now.

Janice Hardaway had hip replacement surgery on April 25th at Medical Center of Plano. She is having issues with her heart rate. No phone calls, please.

Mike Watts' mother, **Maygene Watts**, is under hospice care at Colonial Nursing Center in Lindale.

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Welcome/Call to Worship - 2 Timothy 1:9-12	Danny Snell
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Song #924 Just As I Am	
Communion and Contribution	Pete Leung
Song #948 I Am Resolved	
Scripture Acts 22:14-16	Chris Reynolds
Song #674 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus	
Message: "Responding to Jesus"	Bill Allen
Song Almost Persuaded	
Elder's Prayer	Wade Weathers
Song #528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song #453 Love Lifted Me	Lance Yarema
Song #595 I Come to the Garden Alone	
Prayer	Larry Murphey
Scripture 1 Corinthians 10:11-13	Randy Turner
Song Sanctuary	
Song #650 Send the Light	
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Dismiss	Howard Dickson

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Jackson Parker,
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Brayden Reeder

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McKenzie Fennell

Toddler AM:

Jean Thornton &
Rebecca Weathers



By Danny Snell



Eric Thornton
Youth Minister

I appreciate very much all the response to the sermon series just completed. "The 21st Century Church" shared some important and challenging and very significant things for today's church. Thankfully, we trust in our great God to use us—His church—to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world today, just as He has done with His church in every century, and in every place, since that day described in Acts 2 so long ago. Let us know here at the office if you would like CDs of the set or of any particular message. And you can listen on our web site.

Thanks to all who took part in our "24 Hours of Prayer." Let us all make the commitment to spend deliberate time in prayer for our church and our community, our nation and our world.

This Sunday we begin a month of considering the book of Job in our teen and adult Bible classes. We will have the opportunity to share some questions and issues we typically only think but that the book of Job says out loud.

We've all been touched at times in our lives with suffering, and we have all sought to minister to others who are experiencing difficulties and trials. The book of Job gives us some help with both, and gives us some good examples of how to respond, as well as, um, how *not* to respond and what *not* to do and say. You have to love Job's friends. You want to throw something at them sometimes though. They say things like this:

- "Is not your wickedness great? Are not your sins endless?" (Eliphaz; Job 22:5)
- "When your children sinned against him, he gave them over to the penalty of their sin." (Bildad; Job 8:4)
- "When will you end these speeches? Be sensible, and then we can talk." (Bildad; Job 18:2)
- "Know this: God has even forgotten some of your sin." (Zophar; Job 11:6)

In contrast, Satan himself asks the question that is truly the theme of the book.

"Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face." (Job 1:9-11)

In other words, will Job continue to serve God, even if God doesn't answer his prayers with a "Yes?" Will he serve God if the Lord doesn't protect him and bless him, but rather takes away those blessings? Will Job serve God even if he doesn't understand Him and how He's acting?

Will we?



THE DEAD SNAKE IN THE YARD

Last weekend, my brother and his wife came in from Bryan to visit with us. Mikah (my 4 year old granddaughter) wanted to take Dave to see the fort (my grandkids favorite spot on our property). When they got back, I asked Mikah how the fort was. She said it was ok, but then she mentioned casually about the dead snake she saw in the yard. I asked Dave about it, and he did not see it. We went to investigate and sure enough, there was about a 2 foot dead copperhead in the yard. Mikah will tell you that she was never scared, but I can tell you, we have been very anxious about it (Suzie is on official snake watch). I can't help but think about what the outcome could have been if that snake had been alive. It makes me think of how danger can slip up on us so easily. It also reminds me of how Satan works. Consider these words from the Hebrews writer, *Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today", that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin (Heb.3:12-13).* Satan can be so deceitful, sneaky, and down right mean. I am amazed at how destructive he is, and how he shows no mercy to those he destroys! Yet, today, many ignore him, many do not acknowledge him, and many have no fear of him. He has battled God since the beginning of the world and has destroyed many people and their families. He makes sin and its dangers look appealing. Like that snake, we don't always know when he is around. Take care brothers!

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 "He is Sovereign" The lesson this week... "When it All Comes Crashing Down" from Job 1:1-2:3. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following from Job 1:1-3 *"In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. He had seven sons and three daughters, and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East..."*

24 Hours of Prayer

Thanks to all who gathered for our 24 Hours of Prayer. James says... "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

May God bless you for participating in this year's 24 Hours of Prayer.

Family Day @ Brookshire's Park

Family Day at Brookshire's Park Sunday, May 15!
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!!!

DEVO TONIGHT

We will have a 6th-12th grade devo tonight in the FLC after our PM assembly. Please bring \$3 for dinner, wear close-toed shoes and your Bibles. We'll be playing "9 Square in the Air", so bring a friend! We will be done at 8pm.

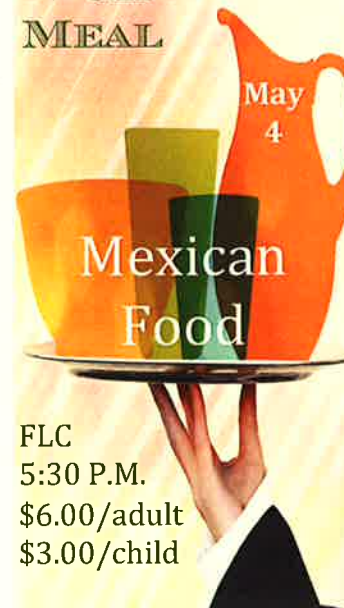
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES - OVERCOME

Sometimes the circumstances of life can be overwhelming, especially during your teenage years. Because we can't always change them, unfortunately many times we just learn to survive beneath them. Thankfully, we know that God is always at work in our circumstances and equips us to rise above them. Jesus overcame so that we can overcome. Over the next 6 weeks, we'll look at the concept of overcoming through the lens of the life of Joseph. By looking closely at Joseph's life, we can find both the motivation and practical help we need to live as an overcomer. Regardless of what is happening in our lives, we can be certain that God is at work. This past week, we talked about how we should react when we feel like we've been "Forgotten", and this week we'll be looking at how we can "Overcome Hard Times". The life of Joseph demonstrates that God does what He says He will do – and that even in the face of a problem, God offers the answer that we need. So please come, bring a friend, it'll be worth it.

SENIOR SUNDAY – MAY 22ND

This year, we have 3 graduating seniors here at West Erwin... **McKenzie Fennell, Kalli Huff, and Hannah Metcalf**, each representing a different school. So on Sunday night, May 22nd, we will be celebrating those graduates here at West Erwin. Please make plans to join us for this special night. Senior tables will go up in the foyer during the week of May 8th.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL



FLC
5:30 P.M.
\$6.00/adult
\$3.00/child

FAMILY DAY AT BROOKSHIRE'S PARK MAY 15TH



The Benevolence Center will be showing "God's Not Dead" on Friday, May 20th at 6:00 p.m. for our neighbors. If you can help serve popcorn and drinks please see Donnie

West Erwin Family,

We appreciate all the prayers, calls and expressions of love concerning our children's illnesses. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving family.

Jim and Carol Armstrong

"God's Abiding Presence"

Introduction: Perhaps there is no greater blessing than the feeling and assurance of God's abiding presence—that the eternal God is with me.

A. God is our fortress, and is our ever-present comfort and help.

Psalms 46

"Be still and know that I am God."

B. There is nowhere I can go and be away from God's presence.

Psalms 139

God knows me, because he made me.

C. God is with me, and I will be in His presence forever.

Psalms 23

"The Lord is my shepherd.

Conclusion: God's presence continues with me today.

Matthew 1:18-25 (Isaiah 7:14); 28:18-20
John 14:1-21

God has promised: "Never will I leave you; "Never will I forsake you."

Deut. 31:1-8; Joshua 1:5-6; Heb. 13:5-6

There will be a
table wedding shower
July 31 and August 7
to honor
Lilly Brandenburg Keele,
bride of Kerrigan Keele,
son of Kevin & Kris Keele.
Selections are at
Bed, Bath & Beyond
and Target.

Children's Ministry
Teacher's Meeting
Sunday, August 14 at 4 p.m.
Room 112

Minibus driver for
Sunday & Wednesday
Don Ingram
903.253.4600

Please call if you need
transportation.

Our Records	July 24
Bible Class	248
Worship a.m.	423
Worship p.m.	151
Wed. p.m.	NC
Contribution	\$22,540.00
Weekly Budget	\$25,444.00

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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Song #801 Where No One Stands Alone	Frank Debenport
Prayer	Don Durham
Song #324 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?	Bud Cawyer
Communion and Contribution	Bill Allen
Song #134 The Lord's My Shepherd	Jay Bynum
Scripture Reading Matthew 1:20-23	
Song #778 Be With Me, Lord	
Message: "God's Abiding Presence"	
Song Surround Us, O Lord!	
Elder's Prayer	
Song #852 When the Roll is Called Up Yonder	
5:00 P.M. Assembly	
Welcome/Call to Worship	Eric Thornton
Song How Great is Our God	Davy Carter
Song #719 Angry Words	Lee Mink
Prayer	Wyatt Gruver
Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 2:15	
Song Great Are You, Lord	
Song #647 Soldiers of Christ, Arise	Bill Allen
Message "Strength and Grace"	
Song #927 Why Keep Jesus Waiting	
Song #309 In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified	Phil Marts
Dismiss	

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Jackson DeLivaudais
Liam Harbuck
Logan Metcalf
Luke Metcalf

SOUND

Clifton Lindsey &
Shaun Stamps

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM:

Freida Starr &
Bailey Hammond

Toddler AM:

Kim Frick & Emma Stamps

K.F.C.
(Kids for Christ)
meets in
Room 110 for grades
3-5 during
Sunday evening
services.

DON'T MISS OUR ANNUAL
BACK TO SCHOOL
PRAYER NIGHT!
COME ENCOURAGE OUR
CHILDREN TO WALK WITH GOD.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17TH
IN THE F.L.C. STAY FOR
HOMEMADE ICE CREAM!

Israel Sandoval and several of our Hispanic brothers are traveling to the children's home in Nueva Rosita, Mexico September 2nd-5th. Several of our adult classes as well as the church continue to support the children's home. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travels.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to Penny McDonald in the loss of her son, Wade. They both were former members of West Erwin. Services for Wade were last Monday.

Updates:

Congratulations! Donna Mullins is the proud grandmother of a baby boy born to Kyle and Marissa Mullins in Denver, Colorado.

Agnes Ables had colon surgery Wednesday at ETMC.

Dick Higginbotham is in Mother Frances, Room 4440.

Sue Higginbotham is in Mother Frances, Room 4420, being treated for low blood pressure.

Charles Rachui is back at Park Place.

Cathy Culpepper will have surgery August 2nd at ETMC Olympic Plaza.

Suzie Roden had open heart, aortic valve replacement surgery last Monday. It went well.

Arles Wicks, friend of Davy Carter, is in Mother Frances in critical condition. He lives in Frankston.

Ronnie Brock, brother of Judy Clark had successful knee replacement surgery last Monday in Marshall.

West Erwin Family:

Evelyn Muncy | Frances Broome | Pat Lewis | Charles Rachui | Ruth Moore | Kalli Huff | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Elmer Miles | Forest McFadden | Brice Sustaire | Winona Shankle | Millie Tomlin | Joann Davis | Nella Ware | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Charles Harris | Bob May | Jess & Charlotte Hopkins | Ruby Cliver | Tommy Parrish

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We are now streaming our Sunday A.M. service live on the internet at
<http://wechurchofchrist.christianworldmedia.com/>



By Danny Snell



Eric Thornton
Youth Minister

This Sunday we get to look at what is not only the favorite and most well-known psalm for most people, but one of the most favorite passages of Scripture period. It is the 23rd Psalm.

But this great comforting statement of faith and trust in the Lord as our Shepherd will not be the only psalm that we read Sunday. And that is because our focus will be on one of the greatest blessings of all: God's marvelous and abiding presence.

One of the songs we will sing is "Where No One Stands Alone." The first verse sounds like some of the psalms we have seen that cry out for God's presence and action in the lives of the psalmists.

"Once I stood in the night with my head bowed low, in the darkness as black as could be;
And my heart felt alone and I cried, 'O Lord, don't hide Your face from me.'"

We've all been there, haven't we? And we would likely agree with the songwriter's view from the second verse: "But I don't know a thing in this whole wide world that's worse than being alone."

If we all feel that way, perhaps we could be a little more conscious of those around us. Instead of just seeking this blessing for ourselves, maybe we could ask ourselves, "What am I doing to make sure *they* don't feel like they're all alone?" In this way we take the focus off ourselves and help overcome our own aloneness by ministering to and encouraging others. You see we all have that same request: "Take my hand; let me stand where no one stands alone."

And while we all need someone around us to assure us that we are not alone, there is One who has promised us that He will never leave us, never forsake us, never leave us alone. And so we pray this prayer, from another hymn we will sing Sunday morning. It is my favorite verse of any song.

"Be with me Lord! No other gift or blessing Thou couldst bestow, could with this one compare:
A constant sense of Thy abiding presence, Where'er I am, to feel that Thou art near."

The great blessing of the gospel is that Jesus went through our aloneness and forsakenness (Psalm 22; Matt. 27:46) so that we can never be separated from God because of our sin (Isaiah 59). And now He has called us to make sure that others know they too are not alone. We can demonstrate to them, in a world gone crazy, that they can still experience God's abiding presence, and feel that the Savior is near.



WHAT A PRAYER!

In 2 Chronicles 14, we see the story of King Asa of Judah. Scripture says that, "Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of the Lord" (2 Chron.14:2). Later in the chapter, we read where Zerah the Ethiopian came against Asa with an army of a million men and 300 chariots. Asa had around 580,000 men in his army. Asa goes out to meet Zerah on the battlefield, and prays this prayer, "O Lord, there is none like you to help, between the mighty and the weak. Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this multitude. O Lord, you are our God; let not man prevail against you" (2 Chron.14:11). That is one powerful prayer and God answered it because the Ethiopians fell until none remained alive. I think we need to live the things that Asa prayed. We need to acknowledge that **there is none like our God**. With Him, we can do some amazing things. We need to realize that **we need God's help**. Without Him, we are easy prey for Satan. We need to **rely on God**. With Him, we are able to step out in faith and go beyond the limits we set for ourselves. We need to **go out in His name!** When we live in His name, our perspective changes, our goals change, and our view of mankind changes. We can then live in power and love! We must not **let the world prevail against us!** We have the strength, we have the spirit of God, and we have the power of His word to help us! We have the assurance of God's promises and we have the blessed hope of Heaven. We can live with confidence, we can reach the lost, and we can be more than conquerors!

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes will begin a new study from John and Acts. The title of our study is "God Building His Kingdom" The lesson this week... "In His Care" from Genesis 45:1-28. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!
Consider the following from Gen 45:7 "But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance."

Rangers Game!!!

Join us on Friday, Aug. 12 for our Family Night at the Rangers. Tickets are \$20. We have a few tickets available. First come, first served on signing up. We may be able to get more if we run out. Please contact me directly @ 903-521-6864 to reserve your seats.

Upcoming Events

Join us for our next Summer Speaker Series on Wednesday, Aug. 3. Chuck Munoz from Tyler will lead us in a time of worship.

Join us on Wednesday night, Aug. 17 for our annual Back To School Prayer Night. This will be a special evening where we join with our children and spend time in prayer for them and their teachers as they prepare for the new school year. Please plan to come and show our kids how much you believe in prayer! We will close out the evening with homemade ice cream. If you would be willing to make a freezer of homemade ice cream, please sign the list at the Welcome Center.

FUN ACTIVITY TONIGHT

Tonight, from 6-8pm, following our regular 5pm assembly, all of our 6th-12th grade teens are encouraged to bring \$10 for an out of the ordinary fun night together. The \$10 will cover the activity, dinner will be provided free.

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER NIGHT - AUG. 17th

Make sure to mark your calendars for Wednesday night, August 17th for our 3rd annual Back to School Prayer Night. All children's and adult classes will meet in the Family Life Center that night, and we will break into school district based groups to pray for our students and teachers as they head back to classes in just a few weeks. Immediately following that time of prayer, we will enjoy some homemade ice cream together, so please make plans to be a part of this encouraging (and delicious) night!

AN ACTUAL BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Here is an example of an actual prayer you can be praying in the coming weeks for your or any child. Give it a try, intentional prayer is never something we look back on as believers with regret.

Father,
Thank you for _____ (child's name)
Enable him/her to stand strong in Christ. (2 Timothy 3:10-12)
Give him/her a hunger for learning. Enable him/her to use his/her ability to think and learn. (1 Samuel 2:10)
May he/she study and work with diligence. (Proverbs 10:4-5)
I pray that he/she will develop healthy relationships with others. (Proverbs 13:20)
Show him/her how to relate to others with compassion, respect, and understanding. (Ephesians 4:32)
I ask that he/she will have good relationships with the teachers and the administration and show them respect. (Romans 13:1)
I pray that Your Holy Spirit will do a powerful and gracious work in his/her heart. (John 16:7-11)
May he/she love You and follow You with all his/her heart, soul, and strength. (Deuteronomy 6:5-6)
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

I would like to thank my Christian family for all the hugs, prayers, phone calls and beautiful cards sent at the loss of my grandson, Shawn. Allene Smith

Dear Family, I want to thank the Tuesday workers for my birthday card and I appreciate the friends that came to see me. Thanks for your efforts. I love you. Jean Oliver

To our dear friends at West Erwin Church, Thank you so much for all the cards, flowers, food, hugs and comfort that you have given us since the passing of our dear loved one, Clay Kirby. You all have been such a support to us during her struggle with Alzheimer's disease, and you were faithfully there for us throughout the week of her funeral. We cannot thank you enough for everything you've done, especially for the beautiful flowers at the memorial and for your help with the meal following the service. Clay loved you dearly, and we thank God that you are a part of our lives.

Sincerely, Jamon Kirby / Suzanne, Stan and Grant Perkins

To West Erwin Elders and church family, Thank you for the prayers, cards and kindness during our illness and then losing our grandson! We appreciate all the caring thoughts and prayers. We love you, Ira and Sherrie Groom.

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you for your love and support for me as I again deal with a hip replacement. I know without a doubt that the Lord is in control and has plans for all of us. The prayers, beautiful cards, calls, visits, rides and so forth have been such as blessing and mean the world to me. No matter what happens, all is well. Thank you again.
Love, Janice Hardaway

THANKS!

Summer Speaker Series

August 3
Singing with
Chuck Munoz -
Tyler
August 10
"LOVE"
Greg Neill -
Marble Falls

**PLUGGED
INTO
HIS
POWER**

2 Peter 1:5-11
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to all the VBS
workers for your love and support.
It was a great success!
Bruce Bevers

"Getting From Naomi to Jesus"

Introduction: What could be better on Mother's Day than a great _____?

The story in the book of Ruth was a bright spot in a very dark time.

A. Naomi in _____ (Ruth 1)

B. Ruth and _____ (Ruth 2)

C. Naomi plays _____ (Ruth 3)

D. Boaz _____ Ruth. (Ruth 4)

Conclusion: All this leads us to _____ (Ruth 4:16-22)

And David leads us to _____ (Matt. 1:1-6)

There is an opportunity to teach the gospel from the comfort of your home either by mail or computer. In Luke 4:18 we read to take liberty to captives. This is possible by a prison ministry conducted through West Erwin. If you want a challenging and rewarding way to teach others, contact Jim Boyd.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Doris Kennedy. Services were last Wednesday. Our sympathy is also extended to the family of Ruth Bell. Services were yesterday.

Updates:

Doctors were able to put **Janice Hardaway's** hip back into place Monday at Medical Center of Plano.

Bobby Greer, father of Ginger Philpot and Bonnie Sanchez and grandfather of Catlin Conner, is in ICU at Mother Frances. He is suffering from PRES which involves his blood pressure and confusion. No visitors at this time, please.

Mike Watts' mother, **Maygene Watts**, is under hospice care at Colonial Nursing Center in Lindale.

Inez Kennedy, sister-in-law of Rita Sitton and Nita Kennedy, is now at Hospice of East Texas on University Drive.

Louise Land, sister of Arnold Ables, is now in Waterton.

Ken Brewer, Sharon Hammond's uncle, was to have heart surgery at ETMC last Friday. Martha Sandoval's father had surgery last Tuesday.

Betty Holt's sister, **Frances**, will need radiation.

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Family & Friends:

Leon Welborn | **Janice Hardaway** | **Mildred Barnwell**, mother of Linda Marts | **Larry and Randy Davis**, brothers of Shirley Denman | Betty Holt's sister, **Frances** | Jim and Carol Armstrong's daughter, **Joanie Prinz**, and Jim and Carol's son, **Von** | **Tommy Konczak**, former member of W.E. | Lee Mink's brother, **Ed Mink** | **Shannon Mabry**, daughter of Glynn and Fran Starnes | **Remi Roberts**, friend of Danielle Rousseau

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Song #535 The Glory-Land Way	
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Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song #246 Let Me Be a Sacrifice	Wayne Berryman
Song #309 In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified	
Song #605 I Will Serve You	
Prayer	Gene Chandler
Scripture Galatians 6:9-10	Robert Lee
Song Christ Above Me	
Song 693/694 Heart of a Servant/Servant Song	
Message "Being a Boaz"	Bill Allen
Song #676 Living for Jesus	
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Our hearts go out to all those who have been affected by the storms of the last few weeks, especially those this past weekend that hit the Lindale area particularly hard. That includes our own James and Suzanne Transier and their family as well as others that are a part of our church family or are friends and neighbors of our members. Thanks to all who are helping them in so many ways, including keeping them in thought and in our prayers.

After sharing these and other prayer needs in our Sunday morning Bible class last week, we began our month long series of lessons from the book of Job. It seems a bit ironic that this study will occur while we have so many that we love going through such difficulties. One of the great blessings of the book of Job is hearing his genuine pain expressed in honest communication with his God and with his friends. We share that opportunity with Job, and are relieved to know that our God is not only aware of our suffering but present with us through His Holy Spirit and has taken part in our suffering through our Lord Jesus Christ.

This Sunday is one of my favorites of the year. It's Mother's Day, and it's a favorite not just because we will have a good crowd that includes families and loved ones that are not always here. It's special because we are blessed to get to honor the incredible, godly women of faith that have touched our lives in the past and those who continue to be a strength and inspiration and example to us all today.

Of course, being a woman of faith isn't always easy, as this story illustrates.

While browsing in a Christian bookstore one day, I discovered a shelf of "reduced price" items. Among the gifts was a little figurine of a man and woman, their heads lovingly tilted toward one another. "Happy 10th Anniversary" read the inscription. It appeared to be in perfect condition, yet its tag indicated "damaged." Examining it more closely, I found another tag underneath and chuckled—"Wife is coming unglued." [Gayle Urban, Woodbridge, Va. *Christian Reader*, "Lite Fare."]

Being faithful doesn't mean one never comes, um, "unglued." It doesn't mean we always have it all together with everything all figured out. But it does mean that in the midst of the storms and the craziness of life, we remember that there is One who is our rock and our salvation, and who will never leave us nor forsake us. In fact, He would rather die for us than forsake us.

And so He did.



STORM THOUGHTS

I wanted to share some things I saw last weekend and give you some of my thoughts about them. Friday night after the tornados hit, I was on my way in to Tyler to cover my shift of our 24 Hours of Prayer. My subdivision was in the dark (no electricity) but there was a lightning show over Tyler. It looked like an old WW2 night battle scene where you see the sky light up with flashes from artillery rounds. It looked like I was headed into battle and indeed our prayer night together was a part of our ongoing warfare with Satan. I know that our prayer time together was the last place Satan wanted me. The requests were so personal; pleas for healings both spiritual and physical, pleas for spiritual restoration, pleas for personal strength, and pleas for West Erwin. Satan did not want us, as a church, to be turning our focus on God! If you did not take part in this beautiful night of prayer, I encourage you to reconsider for next year. Saturday, after the storm, we tried to get to Michael's house to take advantage of some air conditioning. Michael lives about a 1/2 mile from us, but we could not make it. Trees were blocking the road, some less than a 1/4 mile away. While the storm was upon us, we heard the warnings and went to our safe place in the house; but we never really thought the storm would get that close to us. We do that in life too. We think it will never happen to us, we think we are above having a spiritual collapse, and we don't take advantage of the warnings God has given us. Satan is real and the battle is always upon us. Heed the warnings. Make your safe place strong!



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Consider the following from Job 13:3-5

"But I desire to speak to the Almighty and to argue my case with God.

You, however, smear me with lies; you are worthless physicians, all of you!

If only you would be altogether silent! For you, that would be wisdom."

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NO DEVO TONIGHT - MOTHER'S DAY AND TORNADO RELIEF

Today, we have some who will be home celebrating Mother's Day with their families, and we have others who will be out in Lindale helping with the West Erwin tornado disaster relief effort, so due to each of those scenarios, we will not have a devo tonight. There will however be a devo next Sunday night, the 15th.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES - OVERCOME

Sometimes the circumstances of life can be overwhelming, especially during your teenage years. Because we can't always change them, unfortunately many times we just learn to survive beneath them. Thankfully, we know that God is always at work in our circumstances and equips us to rise above them. Two weeks ago, we talked about how we should react when we feel like we've been "Forgotten". This past Wednesday night, we enjoyed our church-wide singing night, so this week we'll be looking at how we can "Overcome Hard Times". The life of Joseph demonstrates that God does what He says He will do - and that even in the face of a problem, God offers the answer that we need. So please come, bring a friend, it'll be worth it.

SENIOR SUNDAY - MAY 22ND

This year, we have 3 graduating seniors here at West Erwin... **McKenzie Fennell, Kalli Huff, and Hannah Metcalf**, each representing a different school. So on Sunday night, May 22nd, we will be celebrating those graduates here at West Erwin. Please make plans to join us for this special night. Senior tables can start going up in the foyer during the week of May 8th.

INTERLINK - JUNE 5TH-10TH

Our first trip of the summer, INTERLINK, is only one month away. This camp, directed by several East Texas churches of Christ area youth ministers, is held in Hitchcock, TX. We go as a youth group to a single session, together! It is open to incoming 6th-12th graders. Go to <http://www.interlinkcamp.com/html/> to register and get all the information you need. Your cost is only \$115 for the week!



Young at Heart will meet Thursday, May 12th.

We will enjoy the talents of East Texas Men in Harmony.

Please sign up at the Information Center so we will have enough tables and chairs set up!

WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
MEAL



FLC
5:30 P.M.
\$6.00/adult
\$3.00/child

FAMILY DAY AT
BROOKSHIRE'S PARK
MAY 15th



The Benevolence Center will be showing "God's Not Dead" on Friday, May 20th at 6:00 p.m. for our neighbors. If you can help serve popcorn and drinks please see Donnie Carnathan.



Nolan Loftin was born April 30 at 12:30am to Paige & Randall Loftin. He was 8lbs 9oz, 20 1/2" long. Bill and Kim Paschall are the happy grandparents. Jeanine Hughes is the great grandmother.

"Growing Faith"

Introduction: Individual spiritual growth is _____ if one is to be faithful.

Acts 17:10-12; Rom. 10:17; 13:8-15:7; 1 Cor. 3:1-11; 8-14; Eph. 4:1-16; Heb. 5:11-6:2; 11; 2 Peter 1:2-11; 3:17-18

1) _____ Faith

We are experiencing someone else's faith.

2) _____ (Affiliative) Faith

John 3:1-2

"Some people haven't been a Christian for 50 years. They've been a Christian for a year 50 times." (Dr. Gary Holloway)

3) _____ Faith

John 3:3-5ff; 7:50-52; Job

4) _____ Faith

John 19:38-42

Conclusion: Is _____ faith growing?

Resource: John Westerhoff, *Will Our Children Have Faith*

Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Our love and sympathy is extended to Sondra Ramsour in the death of her father, Charles R. Allen on May 5th. Services were last Sunday.

Updates:

Leon Welborn will have 6 more radiation treatments. They seem to be helping. Last Friday he was to have a cat scan to see if there is cancer anywhere else in his body. If it is clear and he meets certain criteria there is a new drug for brain cancer that has been effective in some cases that they hope to use. Carolyn has asked for our continued prayers.

Pat Lewis will have a procedure done on Wednesday, 5-18, at Louis and Peaches Owen Heart Hospital for bi-lateral artery disease. They will be putting in stents.

Jo Rowland had a scan done last Thursday.

Betty Holt will have a procedure done on her carotid artery on May 26th at ETMC.

Bobby Greer, father of Ginger Philpot and Bonnie Sanchez and grandfather of Catlin Conner, is home now.

Mike Watts' mother, **Maygene Watts**, is under hospice care at Colonial Nursing Center in Lindale.

Inez Kennedy, sister-in-law of Rita Sitton and Nita Kennedy, is now at Hospice of East Texas on University Drive.

Bobby England, Diane Denman's father, will have a skin cancer removed from his face at Baylor University Hospital in Dallas on Monday, May 16th.

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New Members

We rejoice with **Kara Mink** as she made the decision to put on Christ in baptism Monday evening. Kara is the wife of Samuel Mink.

We welcome **William Parr** as a new member of West Erwin. William is the owner of Deaf Chef Catering and Premier Genealogical Services. William is employed at Sonic and Einstein Brothers Bagels.

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Welcome/Call to Worship - 2 Peter 1:2-4	Danny Snell
Song #167 Hosanna	Gary Ables
Song Ancient Words	
Song #808 Abide With Me	
Prayer	Chad Chauncey
Song #586 My Faith Looks Up to Thee	
Communion and Contribution	Bill Paschall
Song #560 Living By Faith	
Scripture 2 Peter 1:5-8	Scotty Albritton
Song Light the Fire	
Message: "Growing Faith"	Bill Allen
Song #452 Standing on the Promises	
Elder's Prayer	Jay Bynum
Song #469 Faith is the Victory	
5:00 P.M. Assembly	
Welcome/Call to Worship	
Song #545 This World Is Not My Home	Bryce Murry
Song #43 Blessed Assurance	
Prayer	Ron Parish
Scripture 1 Kings 17:8-16	Jimmie Philpot
Song #642 Where He Leads I'll Follow	
Song #643 When Upon Life's Billows	
Message	Chris White
Song #723 Wonderful Words of Life	
Song #243 I'll Fly Away	
Dismiss	Chuck Melville

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Thanks to all those who have reached out to the victims of the recent storms here in East Texas with love and prayers, with physical and financial help. Continue in prayer for those who still face difficult days ahead.

Helping others in need and being an active part of a church family are important things for all of us, but they are especially crucial for our children to experience. This Sunday will be our semi-annual **Family Day at Brookshire's Park**. I hope you are planning for your family to be out at the park Sunday afternoon, or are looking forward to worshipping with those who gather for our 5 PM assembly at the building.

This past Sunday our Bible classes focused on the friends of Job and the things they shared with their friend in his hour of need. Most of those things were not helpful and they were told at the end to seek his counsel and prayers. This Sunday we turn to the most powerful part of the book: **the response of Job himself**. What was different? What did Job do in dealing with his experiences that they did not do?

One big difference between Job and his friends is he did not deny the reality of his suffering and the incongruity of his actual circumstances with what he (and his friends) had always believed about how God works in the world. Instead **Job honestly struggled**, and acknowledged that not only did things not make sense, he felt God was not acting fairly and was cruel and unjust in how He was treating Job. Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar felt threatened by Job's honest outbursts and sought to defend God by chastising Job and trying to understand the incomprehensible and explain the unexplainable. In doing so they only made things worse for Job.

God is big enough to handle real questions from honest strugglers. Are we okay with listening to others react the way Job reacted, without becoming defensive? Are we ourselves willing to honestly struggle with things that don't make sense, and ask God the questions that Job asks?

Are we willing to trust God and continue to worship and serve Him, even when we don't quite get what He's doing? Job learned that he could trust God, even when he couldn't understand Him.

Is our faith in our God, or in our understanding of God?

John Westerhoff asks the question, "Will our children have faith?" It's an important concern, and not just for our children, but for all of us. Will we have faith? Is our faith growing and alive? In his book by the same name Westerhoff gives several stages of a growing faith. Sunday morning we will share a bit of that study, relating it to the brief windows into the faith progression of Nicodemus. Like Job, he chose to trust God. Will you?



TAKE A LOOK AT ME!

I am enjoying our little look into the book of Job this quarter. Today, I wanted to look at Job's response to his friends after they all had finished their first round of arguments against Job. All three told Job he needed to repent, because surely a righteous man would not be suffering as Job had been. Job tells them; *Will it be well with you when he searches you out? Will not his majesty terrify you, and the dread of him fall upon you (Job 13:9,11)?* Job makes a good point here. We need to be careful when we get into the judgment business (Matt. 7:1-5). We are not as competent in that matter as Christ was. When we choose to expose someone's weakness, our own lives then come under inspection too! We all have those secrets that we are ashamed of. We all have those closets in our house that we don't want open for inspection. God, on the other hand, welcomes open, honest, and sincere examination (Acts 17:11, Heb. 11:6). Job wanted a direct conversation with God. He demanded to know why he was suffering. I don't know if Job was defiant at this point or just confident in his own spiritual relationship with God (Job 13:15). Job was ready to argue his case before his friends, and more importantly before God! What about you? Do you have that same confidence in your life? Can you tell the world to "take a look at me"? At Judgment Day, we will all be grateful for the grace that God has given us. Are we willing to give some grace to others? As Christians, we are always under scrutiny. God needs us to be without blemish so we can be the light for a fallen world (Phi.2:14-15).



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Consider the following from Job 19:21-22,

"Have pity on me, my friends, have pity, for the hand of God has struck me. 22 Why do you pursue me as God does? Will you never get enough of my flesh? I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth."

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Our 2016 Seniors

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Jonathan Gunz has fulfilled the graduation requirements from an accredited Texas home-schooling association. Jonathan is planning to attend TJC in the fall. He is the son of KeriAnne Gunz.

Kalli Huff has graduated from East Texas Christian Academy. She plans to work and attend TJC later. Kalli is the daughter of Rachel Huff and Jerry Huff.

Hannah Metcalf graduates from Whitehouse High School. She is planning to attend McLennan Community College in Waco in the fall. Hannah is the daughter of Vance and Jamie Metcalf.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

We are saddened to learn of the death of Linda McClenny last Wednesday night. Services were Saturday in Lindale. Our prayers are with her family.

Our love and sympathy is extended to Lonnie Brown in the death of his grandmother, Janice Hampton, who passed away in Arizona last Thursday.

Updates:

Cathy Culpepper had surgery last Wednesday at ETMC. She is home now.

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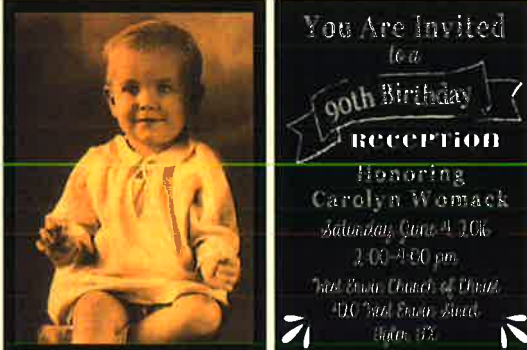
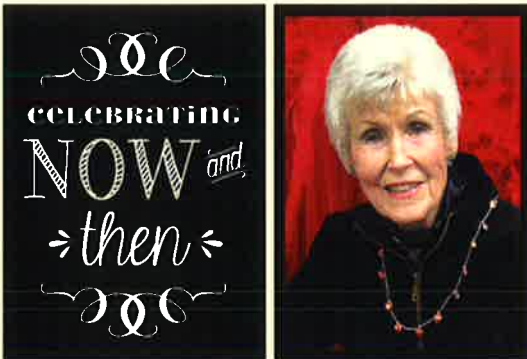
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Song #622	Ring Out the Message Wayne Berryman
Song #414	Anywhere With Jesus
Song #667	Savior, Thy Dying Love Lee Mink
Prayer	
Song	How Deep the Father's Love Bill Allen
Communion and Contribution	
Song	Salvation Belongs to Our God
Scripture	Matthew 28: 18-20 Ernie Gordon
Song #650	Send the Light George Hall
Message	
Song #639	Rescue the Perishing Greg Jones
Elder's Prayer	
Song #869	We're Marching to Zion

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song #382	Why Did My Savior Come to Earth? Lance Yarema
Song #406	Just a Closer Walk with Thee Wayne Berryman
Prayer	
Scripture	Matthew 6:25, 33 Tom Clark
Song #242	Sing Hallelujah to the Lord
Song #550	I Walk with the King Eric Thornton
Message	"There Is More"
Song	Who Will Follow Jesus? Ruger Stocking
Song #613	Hold to God's Unchanging Hand
Dismiss	

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It's a real joy to welcome Bruce Bevers to our West Erwin ministry team. Even though he will only be in the role of Children's Minister for a few months, he will be a great blessing to our families with young children and to all of us. Thank you to Bruce and Courtney for stepping up to fill an important need.

Speaking of stepping up, that's what Isaiah did as well. After seeing a vision of the Lord God on the throne and experiencing the grace and mercy of the Lord, he stepped up.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)

His ministry would be difficult, and yet that's what you do when you have felt the healing and loving touch of the Lord. You step up however you can.

It's what the man healed of the "Legion" of demons did. But, unlike Isaiah, it would not be in such a high profile spot. No, Jesus called him to step up and share the message where he lived, to tell his story to the people of his own community.

As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed. (Mark 5:18-20)

Whether He sends you far away or around the corner; whether it is a high profile position or a work of service that few if any will ever know about—Jesus is calling each one of us today to step up.

Scripture says that Christ gives gifts and abilities and opportunities to Christians

...to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...[Then] we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From 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. (Eph. 4:11-16)

How about you? Are you doing your part to build up the body of Christ? Where do you need to step up?



I'M NEVER TAKING MY TRAINING WHEELS OFF!

There are certain days of the week when I get to spend some time with Mikah and Beau (my two youngest grandchildren) before I come to work. I enjoy these times because we can have some pretty interesting conversations. This morning, Beau made the announcement that he is getting ready for "big boy pants". It seems that his potty training has taken a turn for the better. Mikah, not to be outdone in big announcements, spent some time in detail about her bike riding this past weekend. I asked her if she had gotten rid of her training wheels yet. She said, "It's getting close, but I'm never taking my training wheels off"! I don't know how she figures it's getting close with that attitude, but I can relate to her hesitancy to take the plunge of riding a bike without training wheels. Those little two wheels give her such comfort and security. I believe we have some in the church today that don't want to take their "training wheels" off either. There is too much comfort and security if we just leave things as they are, and don't ask too much of me. I understand that reasoning but it is so far from what Jesus wants from his church. Scripture tells us why we should not fear leaving our "comfort zone". Paul said, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Phil.4:13). Paul also said, "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control" (1 Tim.1:7). Is it time for you to leave your "training wheels" behind? Remember, God is there for you!



By Danny Snell



Eric Thornton Youth Minister

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. George Hall, Director of Biblical Institute of Central America, will be here teaching a combined adult class and speaking to us during the worship hour. Take this opportunity to hear a lot about this very important mission work that West Erwin is heavily involved in.

Consider the following from Matt 28:18-20 "19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Thank You!

Thanks to all those who made our Family Day a success! Thanks to all who participated in the events, cooked food, served and cleaned up. Thanks especially to Shannon Snell & Jordan Snell for taking the lead and organizing the activities.



MAY 22 IS SENIOR SUNDAY!
CONGRATULATIONS TO MCKENZIE FENNEL, JONATHAN GUNZ, KALLI HUFF AND HANNAH METCALF

SENIOR SUNDAY – TODAY

This year, we have 4 graduating seniors here at West Erwin... **McKenzie Fennell, Jonathan Gunz, Kalli Huff, and Hannah Metcalf**, each representing a different school. TONIGHT, May 22nd, we will be celebrating those graduates here at West Erwin at our 5pm assembly and then immediately following with a reception over in the Family Life Center that EVERYONE is invited to. Please make plans to join us tonight, stop by the Senior Tables in the foyer and congratulate our 2016 graduates!

INTERLINK – JUNE 5-10

Our first trip of the summer, INTERLINK, is only three weeks away. This is a camp, directed by several East Texas churches of Christ area youth ministers, is held in Hitchcock, TX. We go as a youth group to a single session, together! It is open to incoming 6th-12th graders. Go to <http://www.interlinkcamp.com/html/> to register and get all the information you need. Your cost is only \$115 for the week! You can turn that money, along with your required forms, in to Eric.

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MISSION NEBRASKA – CLASS SIGNUPS - TODAY

This Sunday morning in class, we will have our Nebraska classroom signups. This will be your chance to pick which class you will be working with on the trip in July. So make sure you are in class this Sunday so that you end up with the kids you're all so excited to see!



FLC
5:30 P.M.
\$6.00/adult
\$3.00/child

Congratulations to our College Graduates!

Allie Bowers, daughter of Allen & Jan Bowers and grand daughter of James & Helen Gullion, graduated Saturday, May 14th, from the University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Management. Allie is employed by Catholic Charities Fort Worth as a Program Assistant for the International Foster Care program.

David and Ginny Wicks are proud to announce that their daughter, Dr. Kelsi Lynn Hodges, graduated magna cum laude on May 11, 2016 with her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Texas A&M. She and her husband, Jared, will live in Abilene, Texas where she will begin work as a full time associate at Big Country Vets on May 30th. Thank you for all of your prayers and support for Kelsi while on her education journey.

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Singing with
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Tyler

June 8th
"FAITH"
Keith Hodges - *2 Peter 1:5-11*
Marshall

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Thank You!

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent in memory of our mother (Doris Kennedy). The Gregory Family

"In Remembrance"

Introduction: When He instituted the Lord's Supper, Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me."

Luke 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:17-34

A. Do this in remembrance of Jesus' _____.

John 3:14-17; Rom. 5:6-11; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 John 1:7; 2:1-2

B. Do this in remembrance of Jesus' _____ and _____.

Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 9:23-26; Phil. 2:1-11; Gospels; NT

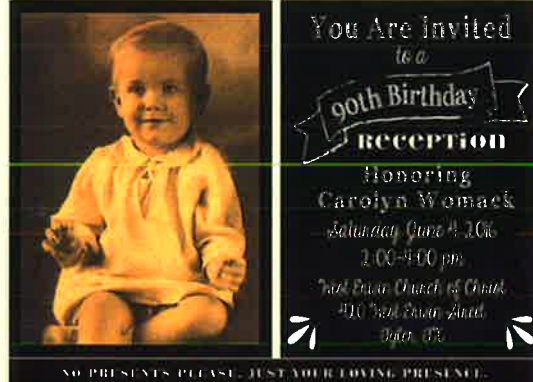
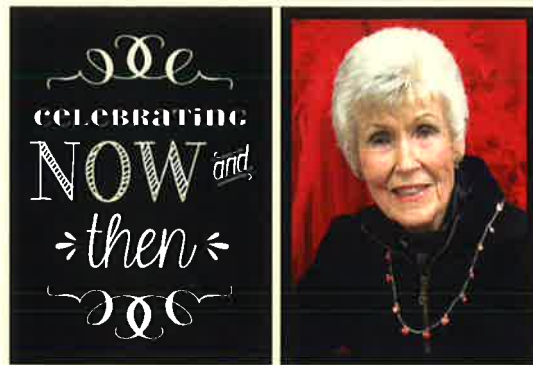
C. Do this in remembrance of Jesus' _____.

1 Cor. 11:29; 1 & 3; 8 & 10; 9; 12; 14; 13; 11; 10:16-17

D. Do this in remembrance of Jesus' _____.

1 Cor. 11:26; 15:12-20; Rom. 8:18-25; Col. 1:3-6, 27; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Peter 1:3-5

Conclusion: We remember Jesus in these ways each Lord's Day—and



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Our Records	May 22
Bible Class	218
Worship a.m.	394
Worship p.m.	161
Wed. p.m.	NC
Contribution	\$20,525.25
Weekly Budget	\$25,444.00

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Psalm 77:11-13	Danny Snell
Song #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah	Gary Ables
Song #76 How Great Thou Art	
Song #350 When My Love to Christ Grows Weak	
Prayer	David Hammond
Song #332 Lead Me to Calvary	
Communion and Contribution	Dannie Skipper
Song #365 How Beautiful	Wayne Berryman
Scripture Luke 22:19-20	Bruce Bevers
Song We Are the Body of Christ	
Message: In Remembrance	Bill Allen
Song #709 How Sweet, How Heavenly	
Elder's Prayer	Phil Marts
Song #853 When We All Get to Heaven	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song #461 Be Not Dismayed Whate're Befide	Wayne Berryman
Song #528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives	
Song #506 No One Ever Cared for Me like Jesus	
Prayer	Jim Boyd
Scripture Colossians 3:12-14	Jay Bynum
Song #644 Walking With Jesus Along Life's Way	
Song #922 Jesus Paid It All	
Message Don't Forget—You've Been Forgiven!	Bill Allen
Song #926 What Will You Do With Jesus	
Song #960 It's Me	
Dismiss	Wyatt Gruver

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Eric Moseley

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Louise Seabery

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Jack Stringer

W. Erwin Doors:

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Elizabeth Granberry & Rebecca Weathers

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THANKS!

I wish to thank the West Erwin Missions Committee for helping to support my 25th mission trip to Eastern Europe and Russia. They have graciously helped me afford my visa. I covet the prayers of the whole congregation. If the Lord wills, I will teach women in Lithuania, Tallinn, and St Petersburg, Russia. I am humbled by the invitation to teach at the Missions Summit and in various other locations. Please pray that God gives me the wisdom and ability to share His word and His vision.
—Joy Rousseau

Sympathy:

Our love and sympathy is extended to the family of Nell Beard. She passed away May 11th. Services were last week.

Our sympathy is also extended to Cindy Moseley and Eric Moseley, Jr. in the death of Cindy's mother and Eric's grandmother, Margaret Pearson. Our prayers are with this family.

Updates:

Kalli Huff is in Children's Hospital in Dallas. Her lung function was down 30%.

Norma Durham fractured her femur. She had surgery and is now home.

Chris Conder had successful neck surgery last Wednesday. He is home now.

Betty Holt had a procedure done on her carotid artery last Thursday.

Tim Holt, Sr.'s boss' wife, **Eleanor Olivares**, is undergoing major surgery and Jessica Vasquez, Tim's co-worker's mother is missing in Mexico.

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I hope you've congratulated our four graduating high school seniors, and their families! Last Sunday night we enjoyed a time of looking back on their young lives, including their service to the Lord with our church family. We also took a prayerful look ahead for their continued faith and work in His church. Thanks so much to **Eric and Jean** and so many others who have had a hand in their faith development. Remember young people, you may have several church homes throughout your life, but **West Erwin will always be your home church**. We love you and are proud of you!

This past Sunday our shepherds announced that we as a congregation are being asked to submit names of men to serve as elders, overseers, shepherds of our West Erwin church family. I hope that you are prayerfully considering some names to submit. Forms are available at the Information Booth in the main foyer, and completed forms can be given to Phil Marts or Wade Weathers or can be placed in the box at the Information Booth. Remember these must be received **by the end of services Sunday evening, June 5th**.

As Paul shared with the elders of the church at Ephesus, he gave them this important charge.

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. (Acts 20:28)

I preached a few sermons last year on the subject of elders and overseeing and shepherding the church. You can access those lessons on our web site here: <http://www.westerwin.com/> The sermon outlines can be downloaded in Word outline or in audio format. Or if you'll let us know here in the office we can get you a CD, hard copy or electronic copy of the sermons.

In one of the sermons I shared a few questions elders should ask themselves, based on the three primary terms used to describe them: **elders**—indicating their experience and knowledge, Bible study and prayer; **bishops/overseers**—indicating their call to equip and empower and hold accountable other workers/leaders/members of the church; and **shepherds/pastors**—indicating their call to be involved in the lives of the sheep, leading this flock in love and service and example. Here are those questions.

- **Elders** should ask themselves, "Are we acting wisely in the best interest of the church, spending our time and energy on the most important needs of this church family?"
- **Bishops** should ask themselves, "Are we equipping & empowering & holding accountable our ministers, deacons, teachers, coordinators and other ministry leaders, in order that they might be able to accomplish their tasks?"

Shepherds should ask themselves, "Do we smell like sheep?"



IF YOU DON'T, I'LL FIRE YOU!

When I was about 20, I was working road construction with Brown & Root. My boss was Merle Cheek. He went to church with me and was close friends with my family. My brother had just left the Navy and hired on with DuPont. He wanted me to come out there and apply. I told Dave that I had a good job making \$1.80/hour and I thought I was going places. Dave looked at me like an older brother and just shook his head. I told him I would talk to Merle. The next day Merle heard my story and looked at me and said, "If you don't try to get that job, I'll fire you!" I was shocked. I knew I had been a good hand for Merle, but I just did not understand that he was trying to better me. I had no clue about insurance, safety, and benefits. I ended up working for 31 years at DuPont and now when I look back, I realize how much Merle loved me to tell me that. It was good advice and also life changing for me. I think this story applies to spiritual advice that we receive almost daily. We get advice from sermons, lessons, spiritual broadcasts, and even gospel music. It sometimes goes right through us without ever registering. It is not in our nature to accept spiritual correction. When we let our nature rule, we will have problems with our spiritual life. When we let our nature rule, we fail to let Jesus' spirit work within our lives. Consider these words of Paul, "... he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith that you being rooted and grounded in love...may be filled with the fullness of God (Eph.3:16-19).



By Danny Snell



Eric Thornton
Youth Minister

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 "He is Sovereign" The lesson this week... "When Life Falls Together" from Job 42:1-17. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following from Job 42:12-17 *"The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the former part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. And he also had seven sons and three daughters. The first daughter he named Jemimah, the second Keziah and the third Keren-Happuch. Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. And so Job died, an old man and full of years."*

Upcoming Events
Our Summer Speaker Series will begin Wednesday, June 1. Join us each evening for a great time together!
Sunday, June 5 will be our All Church evening Sandwich Supper... Check the bulletin for details.

NO DEVO TONIGHT
Because this is a holiday weekend with many families out of town, some still "recovering" from senior/graduation weekend activities and our summer schedule starting next week, there will be no evening devotional tonight after our PM assembly.

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MISSION NEBRASKA - CURRICULUM - TODAY
This Sunday morning in class, we will hand out our curriculum to our teaching groups. Our theme this year is "God's Creation: Digging For Answers". Please make sure someone from you team will be present in class on Sunday to get the teaching binder for your group, then you can begin starting to work on decorations and activities!

Ladies! You are invited to a bridal shower honoring Lindsey Bowins, bride-elect of Chase Mink, son of Lee and Camille Mink on Sunday, June 12, 2016 from 3:30 - 4:30 in the FLC. Selections are at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

JOIN US FOR THE ALL CHURCH SANDWICH SUPPER ON JUNE 5TH AFTER EVENING WORSHIP. BRING SANDWICHES, CHIPS, DIPS AND DESSERTS. DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

PROMOTION SUNDAY IS JUNE 5TH!

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 30TH FOR MEMORIAL DAY.

The deadline for Elder Suggestion Forms will be June 5th after evening worship. Forms are available at the Information Center. Please put your form in the box there or give it to Phil Marts or Wade Weathers.

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“The Psalms—Honest Worship, Honest Worshipers”

Introduction: The book of Psalms _____ our worship assemblies most every Sunday.

A. Hebrew tradition divided the Psalter into _____ books, matching the Pentateuch.

B. The _____ found in some of the psalms can offer helpful information.
Psalm 51

C. There are several _____ represented in the book of Psalms.
King David; Asaph; “the sons of Korah”; Solomon; Moses

D. Psalms is a book of _____.
Acrostics (Psalm 119); parallelism (Psalms 18:4-5; 1:6); refrains (Psalm 136)

E. There are several _____ of psalms.
Praise (8; 148); Thanksgiving (23; 124; 129); Royal (2; 72; 101); Messianic (22; 110); Laments (22; 25; 44; 137); Penitential (32; 51); Ascent (120-134)

F. Context, setting and application are best determined by the _____ of the individual psalm.

Conclusion: The Bible is God’s Word to us, but the psalms are also _____ answers back to God. We use the heartfelt words of the psalmists to help us offer our own _____ worship to our God.

Psalm 125:1-2

THANKS!

Thank you so much for the flowers you sent for Mom. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness during this difficult time. Thank you,
The Mike McClenny Family

Dear West Erwin,
Thank you for the brand new Bible. You gave it to me with perfect timing, I needed a new one.
Thank you for everything,
McKenzie Fennell

Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Our love and sympathy is extended to Rita Sitton and Nita Kennedy in the death of their sister-in-law, Inez Kennedy. Services are pending.

Updates:

Ira Groom is in stable condition. They have asked for no visitors at this time.

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Psalm 100 1-5	Donnie Carnathan
Song #103 He Has Made Me Glad	Wayne Berryman
Scripture Psalm 148:1-6	Davy Carter
Song #74 Praise the Lord	Jonathan Stone
Scripture Psalm 42:1-5	David Hammond
Song #71 As the Deer	James Sublette
Prayer	
Scripture Psalm 22:1-5	
Song #318 O Sacred Head v. 1	Bud Cawyer
Communion - Bread	
Song #318 O Sacred Head v. 2	
Communion - Cup	
Song #354 I Gave My Life for Thee	
Contribution	
Scripture Psalm 121:1-8	Will Christian
Song #137 Unto The Hills	
Scripture Psalm 25:1-7 (KJV)	Danny Snell
Song #794 Unto Thee, O Lord	
Message: The Psalms: Honest Worship, Honest Worshipers	Bill Allen
Song Surround Us, O Lord	
Elder's Prayer	Gaylan Seagler
Scripture Psalm 107:1-2	Gaylan Seagler
Song #514 Redeemed	
5:00 P.M. Assembly	
Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song #574 Oh, How I Love Jesus	Lance Yarema
Song #552 Have Thine Own Way	
Prayer	Tom Hale
Scripture 1 Timothy 3:14-16	Ron Parish
Song #38 Awesome God	
Song #23 Our God, He Is Alive	
Message: The First Trustworthy Saying: The Gospel	Bill Allen
Song #939 O Why Not Tonight?	
Song #533 I Am a Sheep	Sean Sillavan
Dismiss	

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As we consider the calling and work of shepherds, we're reminded of several passages that speak to these Godly men specifically about the role of the faithful shepherd. Some of these include 1 Peter 5:1-4; Ezekiel 34; Acts 20:28-32; John 10:1-18. These passages and others give us a look into what it means to shepherd God's people. Here are a few of the characteristics that shed light on the servant leadership of a shepherd of the church.

- Faithful shepherds *genuinely care* about the sheep.
- Faithful shepherds lead by *example* rather than acting as rulers and lords.
- Faithful shepherds recognize they too have a *Chief Shepherd*.

Sunday I begin two new sermon series. In the evening we'll look at selected passages from 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus, letters sometimes called The Pastoral Epistles because of the many concrete instructions and "faithful sayings" regarding leading God's people.

Sunday morning we'll be sharing from the Psalms, and considering how the psalmists were—and how they help us to be—honest worshipers offering up honest worship to our God. We'll begin this series Sunday with a worship assembly that purposefully seeks to connect some of the songs and hymns we sing in worship with the psalms that inspired them.

Of course one of the most loved passages of Scripture, Old or New Testament, is the 23rd Psalm. This wonderful song expresses beautifully what a shepherd is and does, expressed by the shepherd king David as he pours out his heart in thankful praise to the Lord who was his Shepherd, and who is ours as well.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. (Psalm 23)



HOW GRATEFUL ARE YOU?

Two men were walking through a field one day when they spotted an enraged bull...Instantly they darted toward the nearest fence. The storming bull followed in hot pursuit, and it was soon apparent they wouldn't make it. Terrified, the one shouted to the other, "Put up a prayer, John. We're in for it!" John answered, "I can't. I've never made a public prayer in my life." "But you must!" implored his companion. "The bull is catching up to us." "All right," panted John. "I'll say the only prayer I know, the one my father used to say. 'O, Lord, for what we are about to receive, make us truly thankful...'. If there is one sin that is most prevalent today, it is the sin of ingratitude. God does and has done so much for us. Our indebtedness to him is enormous and yet we rarely or at least infrequently offer thanks for what he has done. In fact, many fail to offer thanks over their meals much less offer thanks for all that God does in their lives. We are much like the little boy who was given an orange by a man. The boy's mother asked, "What do you say to the nice man?" The little boy thought and handed the orange back and said, "Peel it". For a child of God thankfulness is not confined to a day or a season, it is an attitude that we should have everyday and every hour. Consider the words of Paul on the subject, *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thess.5:16-18)*.

By Michael Belcher

Have you seen our new website? www.westerwin.com Check it out!



By Danny Snell



Eric Thornton Youth Minister

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes will begin a new study from John and Acts. The title of our study is "God Building His Kingdom" The lesson this week... "Can We Know?" from John 14, 17 & 18. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following from John 14:6

"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Upcoming Events

Our next Summer Speaker will be Keith Hodges from Marshall on Wednesday June 8. Join us each evening for a great time together!

Sunday, June 5 will be our All Church evening Sandwich Supper... Check the bulletin for details.

If you could help set up chairs for the Sandwich Supper tonight please meet at the Family Life Center after services this morning. It won't take long if we have plenty of help. Thanks, David Hammond

INTERLINK - THIS WEEK

We leave today for our week at Interlink! This year's theme is FOLLOWER - Living an Authentic Faith. Each day we'll look at different topics, from "The Call to Follow" as our true foundation, "What Does It Really Mean to Follow", "The Cost of Following Christ", and finally "Encouraging and Empowering" the students to make real change in their lives. 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 us 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 1:30pm 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.

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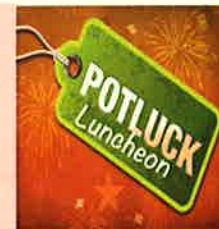
NEBRASKA TEENS - IMPORTANT

Again, there are no "official organized" Nebraska Sunday meetings until next Sunday, June 12th. **BUT**, if you are here today and not with us at Interlink, or any day between now and the 12th, **PLEASE GET STARTED** on your lessons 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!

If you have a child between the ages of 5-8 years old, they are eligible to attend Camp Deer Run's PeeWees Day Camp this summer. West Erwin's session is July 18-21, and the cost for the 4-day camp is \$70. If you are interested in information regarding registration for your child, please pick up at sheet at the Information Center.



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Bill Stinson of the Chimala Mission will be here Tuesday, June 7th. All the church is invited to a potluck luncheon at 11:00 a.m. at the Benevolence Center then Bill will provide us with information and updates about this ministry we've been involved with for so long. Bring a covered dish and join us.

JOIN US FOR OUR ALL CHURCH SANDWICH SUPPER TONIGHT AFTER EVENING WORSHIP. BRING SANDWICHES, CHIPS, DIPS AND DESSERTS.

Summer Speaker Series

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2 Peter 1:5-11

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

The deadline for Elder Suggestion Forms will be June 5th after evening worship. Forms are available at the Information Center. Please put your form in the box there or give it to Phil Marts or Wade Weathers.

"Calls to Worship and Praise"

Introduction: As we begin to look at individual psalms, we begin with psalms of _____. These psalms and many more like them are ideal to be used as a call to _____.

Psalm 117
Call to _____ praise

Psalm 95
Come before Him with _____ and _____.

Psalm 96
"Sing to the Lord a _____ song!"

Psalm 100
Come before the Lord with _____!

Conclusion: What would you say are the _____ refrains so far?

We would like to thank you for the prayers and the 100+ cards Davy received during his illness. God has certainly answered your prayers and it's so good to be back and serving with our church family.
Davy & Sonja Carter

Dear West Erwin Family:
We are so blessed beyond comprehension at the love of all our brothers & sisters in Christ. I wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the prayers, incredible food, cards & phone calls during & after my surgery. Me, Ken, Wendy, Eamond, Clinton & Louise could not face the daily challenges that we have, without your thoughtfulness & consideration. I love you all so much! We are so grateful to be a part of this church family.
Because of him, Cathy & Ken Culpepper

Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Our love and sympathy is extended to Norene Ingram and Donny Ingram in the death of Norene's son and Donny's brother, Bobby Ingram. Services were last Tuesday. We are also saddened by the death of Alice Thompson's sister, Ruth Mitchell. Services were last Sunday.

Our sympathy is also extended to Mary Adams in the death of her infant great-nephew. Services were last Tuesday.

Updates:

Brealyn Lindsey will have a tonsillectomy in Dallas on Monday. Her appointment with the neurologist will be at a later date.

Joyce Allen had outpatient surgery on her hand last Tuesday.

Pat Lewis will have leg surgery on June 15th at Louis & Peaches Owen Heart Hospital. Pat's son, **Brad Lewis**, will be undergoing tests on his heart.

Ira Groom is in rehab. They have asked for no visitors.

JoAnn Snell, Danny Snell's Dad's wife has stage 3 colon cancer.

Jon Murry is home now.

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Psalm 95:1-2 Donnie Carnathan
Song #103 He Has Made Me Glad Davy Carter
Song #532 All People That On Earth Do Dwell
Prayer Stan Clark
Song #337 Hallelujah! What a Savior
Communion and Contribution Eric Moseley
Song #2 We Praise Thee, O God
Scripture Psalm 117 Greg Jones
Song #282 Oh, Praise the Lord
Message: "Calls to Worship and Praise" Bill Allen
Song #909 There's a Fountain Free
Elder's Prayer Wade Weathers
Song #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
Song I Am Happy Lance Yarema
Song #962 Were You There?
Prayer Charles Melville
Scripture 1 Timothy 1:15-17 Don Durham
Song Great Are You Lord
Song #587 Sing and Be Happy
Message "Why Pray for Peace?" Bill Allen
Song #945 Kneel At the Cross
Song #991 This Is My Father's World
Dismiss Chris Conder

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Many folks commented about our worship assembly this past Sunday. Interspersing Scripture readings from the Psalms with some of our hymns and songs that have been taken from those specific psalms was a great encouragement to us and enhanced our worship together. I hope that as we go through this series you will be encouraged to read the Psalms, sing the Psalms, and pray the Psalms.

This Sunday we focus on four psalms that can be considered calls to worship and to praise our great God. In fact, I think I'll just include the whole of **Psalm 117** in this article.

Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord.

Yes, those two verses are all of Psalm 117, which is not only the shortest psalm, but the shortest chapter of the Bible. Contrast that with Psalm 119, the longest chapter, which has 176 verses!

While this psalm calls on all nations and all people to praise and worship the Lord, it also gives a reason why: because of the Lord's love and faithfulness.

What this psalm affirms is that we do not worship the Lord and give Him our praise to receive some kind of blessing from Him. We worship and praise Him because of the blessings we have already received! We worship Him because of the love He has already given and the faithfulness He has already shown.

The psalmist understood that, and appreciated God's blessings. That understanding propelled him to worship this loving and faithful God. The writer of the book of Hebrews recognized that we have something even far greater to move us to worship God: we live in the shadow of the cross.

We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. (Heb. 2:1-3)

See, there is a lot in these two short verses in Psalm 117! Aren't you glad I included the whole psalm in this article? However, I wouldn't expect the same treatment when we cover Psalm 119 next week...



WHAT MOVES YOU?

Beau's (my youngest grandson) favorite movie is Turbo. When he comes over, he asks, "Can we watch Turbo? I love it!" It is about a snail that wins the Indianapolis 500. There is a part where Turbo (the snail) races around the famous track for the first time and there is some upbeat music on the sound track. Beau loves that song because he jumps down and stands in front of the TV and starts dancing. I guess you could say he is "moved" by that part of the movie because he always does it!

When he did that last night, it made me think of how we need to be "moved" in our spiritual lives too. I'm not saying we need to start dancing like Beau does. I am saying that something needs to "move" us before we usually get involved. Jesus was moved with pity when he encountered the leper (Mk. 1:41). Jesus was also "deeply moved" when he came to Mary and Martha after Lazarus' death (Jo.11:33,38). Jesus had compassion on a crowd of people because they were like sheep without a shepherd (Mk.6:34). So, my question is, what does it take to move you to help the helpless? What does it take to move you to reach out to the grieving? What does it take to move you to be concerned for the lost? Kingdom work takes work, sacrifice, and the most precious of all, our time. What does it take to move us? Paul said the Thessalonians worked by a faith that was fueled by their love, and they were steadfast because of their hope in Heaven (1 Thess.1:3). We are moved when it comes from the heart, *He satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things (Psa.107:9).*



By Danny Snell



Eric Thornton
Youth Minister

Thanks!

Thanks to all who were a part of the All Church fellowship this past Sunday night. We had a great turnout and enjoyed some great dips and Homemade Cookies! Thanks to David Hammond and crew for making it happen and also to Cathy Hallman & crew for those great cookies!

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes will begin a new study from John and Acts. The title of our study is "God Building His Kingdom" The lesson this week... "Living in the Spirit?" from John 15, 17 & 2 Peter. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following from 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 Events

Join us for our next Summer Speaker on Wednesday, June 15, John Cannon from Texarkana.

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, June 20.

DEVO TONIGHT

There will be a devo tonight for all 6th-8th graders. This includes our INCOMING 6th graders that promoted last week. Please bring \$3 for food. The devo will go from 6-8pm, and BRING YOUR BIBLES.

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NEBRASKA - MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, BUT PREPARE NOW!

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Excerpts of a letter from G.W. Cliver—

...As of August, I was planning on moving to Russia to work there. (Valentina's) father lives in a little village of about 250 people...I will go there and in the larger village we will rent a place to teach English as a foreign language and hold classes and worship to teach the truth of God. I am asking for your prayers in this. I am going to have to put my house up for sale, sell all the things I have...I just returned from India and had both my knees replaced. I wanted to thank you all for the prayers that I know you have offered. All is well and I am getting better each and every day...You have been in our prayers as we feel that West Erwin is our 'home'. Until later...
Your servant, G.W. Cliver

Copies of the complete letter are at the Information Center.



VBS is June 23rd!

Planning Meeting With Bruce Bevers
June 12th 4:30 p.m.
Room 403 of the Office Complex
GET INVOLVED!

Summer Speaker Series

June 15th **PLUGGED**

"GOODNESS"
John Cannon -
Texarkana

INTO HIS POWER

June 22

"KNOWLEDGE"
Chris Vidacovich -
Kilgore

2 Peter 1:5-11

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

"Loving God's Word"

Introduction: We might understand the psalmists feeling a little _____ about the Law.

Psalm 19

- 1) The psalmist acknowledges the witness of _____. (Vs. 1-6)
- 2) The psalmist praises God for His _____. (Vs. 7-11)
- 3) The psalmist prays that he might be _____ to God. (Vs. 12-14)

Psalm 119

- 1) The psalmist finds help, guidance and _____ in God's Word. (Vs. 25, 28, 50, 61, 93, 105, 107, 143, 149, 153)
- 2) The psalmist delights in his _____ with God through His Word. (Vs. 76-77, 111-112, 114, 146, 150-151, 168, 169-176; Jesus—John 1:1-3, 14; 12:44-50; 14:1-11; 8:31-32)
- 3) The psalmist _____ obeys God's Word. (Vs. 2, 10, 18, 26-27, 34, 58, 125, 135, 145)
- 4) The psalmist _____ God's Word. (Vs. 48, 72, 97, 103, 113, 119, 159, 167)

Conclusion: A _____ of Praise and Thanksgiving for God's Word

Psalms 19:7-14; 119:33-48, 89-91, 97, 103-106, 108, 111-112, 166-176

THANKS!
Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement for the funeral service of my sister, Ruth Brown Mitchell. Also I appreciate the condolences, cards, calls and hugs at a time like this. Love, Alice Thompson

My dear church family, Thank you for the delicious food, basket full of goodies, the pretty cards, and the many phone calls. Also thanks to David Hammond and Donnie Carnathan for getting me a wheelchair. Our West Erwin family is such a caring one and Don and I appreciate each act of love. Norma & Don Durham

Thank you for the flowers, and more importantly, your thoughts and prayers. I want to especially thank all the members of West Erwin that went to visit my mother over the past few years. These visits meant more to her than you will ever know. Tim Beard

Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Our love and sympathy is extended to Ruth Moore. Her son-in-law committed suicide last week. His name was Charles Hester. Services were Wednesday. Ruth is now at Atria Willow Park.

..Updates:

Agnes Ables is in ETMC. Her colon surgery is pending.
Art Rowland is in Mother Frances.
 Carolyn McCune's son, Michael, is in Mother Frances suffering from pancreatitis.
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Welcome/Call to Worship - Psalm 19:1-4,14	Donnie Carnathan
Song #23 Our God, He is Alive	Gary Ables
Song #202 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee	
Song #431 Break Thou the Bread of Life	
Prayer	Will Christian
Song #288 Fairest Lord Jesus	
Communion and Contribution	Eric Thornton
Song #432 How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?	
Scripture Psalm 119:105, 111-112	Odie Kennedy
Song Ancient Words	
Message: "Loving God's Word"	Bill Allen
Song #450 Give Me the Bible	<i>Gaylan Seagler</i> Jay Bynum
Elder's Prayer	
Song #449 Thy Word	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song #429 O To Be Like Thee	Davy Carter
Song #694 Lord, Make Me a Servant	
Prayer	Gene Chandler
Song #589 What A Fellowship	
Scripture Acts 20:28	Ralph Henderson
Song #647 Soldiers of Christ Arise	
Message "Why This Guy?"	Bill Allen
Song #662 All To Jesus I Surrender	
Song #608 He Gave Me A Song	
Dismiss	Clifton Lindsey

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Lots on my mind this week, so here's a little bit of **This and That...**

Happy Father's Day!! What a blessing the men of this congregation are to our church family! I appreciate each one of you, and am so thankful for the good things you do for your family, for our church, for our community.

Speaking of Godly men, consider to keep our **elder selection process** in your thoughts and prayers. I am excited about what the future holds for West Erwin, and no time is as crucial for that future as when we call out men to serve as our shepherds. I'll share from 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 this Sunday night. Pray daily for our church family.

Our hearts are broken over the **Orlando shooting** this past weekend. At this writing 49 are known dead, and others are still in serious or critical condition. While we do not agree with the lifestyle, beliefs and conduct of many of those at the Pulse club that night, we are 100% opposed to the use of violence to make your point and the use of terrorism to win others over to your political or religious views. *Nothing could be farther from the way of the cross.*

Contrast the Islamic terrorists with **Chick-fil-A** employees. News articles and social media posts reported Monday that employees of some Orlando Chick-fil-A restaurants went to work on Sunday after hearing of the shooting, and provided food for those waiting several hours in line to donate blood as well as for the hundreds of law enforcement officials responding to the shooting. Though accused of hating gays and lesbians by many who support the LGBT agenda, they acted with compassion and offered real, genuine help. And this on Sunday when, as you well know, Chick-fil-A restaurants are closed to give their employees the opportunity to worship the Lord and spend time with their families. Huh. *So it looks like you can offer compassion and help to those with whom you may strongly disagree, without worrying that by sharing the love of Christ you are somehow condoning their beliefs and conduct.*

I hope you'll be in **Bible class** this Sunday morning (6/19) at 9 AM. We will be discussing Acts 10, and the extravagant means that God went to in order to help His people learn this important truth:

"I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all." (Acts 10:34-36)

And by the way, if you're reading this on Sunday, just a reminder: we email out the bulletin on Friday. Just sayin'...

As we continue our series on **the Psalms** and "Honest Worship, Honest Worshipers," we look in the morning sermon at Psalms 19 and 119. Both emphasize the importance of learning and obeying—and loving—the Word of God. Yes, even someone living in Old Testament times could love God's law. The question is, **do you?**



WITH CHRIST, THE PICTURE CHANGES!

Today, it is so easy to get discouraged about the world we live in. Society has changed, our core beliefs have changed, and our morals have changed. Things that once shocked us have become commonplace. Violence has become the accepted response to disagreement. Each day, it seems respect, courtesy, and honesty slide further away. It is a testimony to what depths mankind will sink without the influence of Christ in their lives. Sin has taken its toll on this world. Paul saw the effect of sin on the world over 1,900 years ago when he wrote the book of Ephesians. In the 2nd chapter, he gives us a great picture of our life before Christ, with Christ, and our future with Christ. Before Christ, we are dead in our sins. We follow the ways of the world (Satan), we are disobedient to God, and in rebellion to Him. We are driven to gratify our fleshly cravings, and we become objects of God's wrath (2:1-3). With Christ, God changes the picture. We experience God's great love and rich mercy. He gives us life and we are elevated in our thinking and our actions. We become more like Christ. God does this to show us the immeasurable riches of His grace and kindness (2:4-7). Paul does not stop there; he then shows us God's future promises. We see salvation that is rooted in grace not works. We realize that we were created for the purpose of "kingdom work". It is the activity and lifestyle that God intends for Christ's church in a fallen world (2:8-10). Yes we do see terrible things in this world, but that was not God's intention. He had a better picture in mind. He gave us Christ!



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Bible Class

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Consider the following from Acts 10:34-35 "*Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right."*

Karing Kitchen

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. We prepare at 5:00 and serve at 6:00. We are usually done by 7:00 with cleanup. We need your help! Join us as we serve the community.

Upcoming Events

Join us for our next Summer Speaker on Wednesday, June 22, is Chris Vidacovich from Kilgore.

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, June 20.

NEBRASKA - MEETING TODAY

For ALL those who are attending Nebraska this year, there is an informational meeting TODAY at 4pm in the Youth classroom. If at all possible, those who are coming to Nebraska need to attend. We'll go over the schedule for the trip, as well as what you need to bring and the other things we'll be doing. And as a reminder, **PLEASE BE WORKING** on your lessons and room preparation with your teaching group. It's less than 3 weeks now before we leave! Get together with your team (call, text, whatever), and figure out when you can all meet together to work on everything. You'll be reminded of this in class constantly, and we want this to be a great trip, but we need you to do the work to make that happen! The building and workroom will be open today at 3:00pm for those who need to get in this afternoon to work on their room decorations and lessons.

NO DEVO TONIGHT - SMALL GROUPS

Tonight is the 3rd Sunday of the month, and that means West Erwin's small groups will meet tonight after our 5pm assembly. So there is no devo tonight.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY MISSION TRIP - JUNE 20-23

We will be leaving for our Middle School Mystery Mission Trip on Monday morning (tomorrow) at 9:30am. Please arrive at the building before then to load the bus, and then we'll be on our way. Make sure you have paid your \$50 for the trip, and bring money for two traveling meals. Please bring a great attitude. This trip has all the makings of an amazing week, but that also depends on YOU!



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We congratulate Jeff and Robyn Horton on the birth of their granddaughter, Samantha Grace. She was 6 pounds, 9 ounces and 20 inches long. Charles and Jenny Melville are the great grand-parents. Parents are Jeff and Sarah Watson of Edmond, OK.

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PLUGGED INTO HIS POWER

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"Crying Out for Cleansing"

Introduction: We have found that the psalmists help us to _____ pour out our hearts to God. Perhaps in no place is that more important than in the _____ psalms, the psalms that seek forgiveness.

A. Crying Out in _____

Psalm 32
1 John 1:5-2:2; James 5:15-16

B. Crying Out for a Clean _____

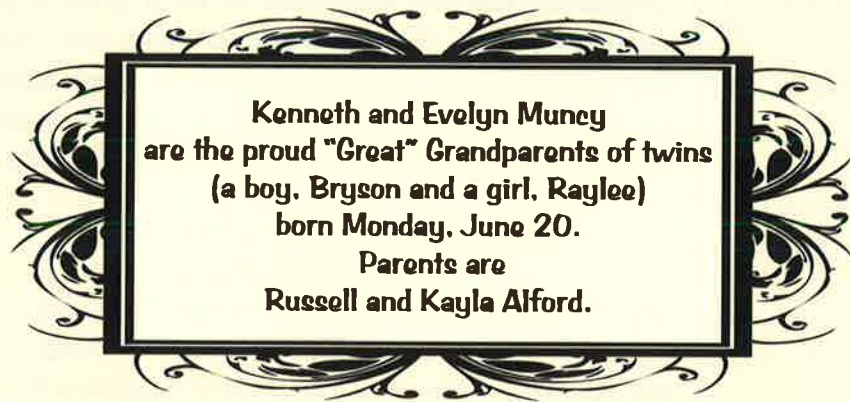
Psalm 51
Heb. 9:11-14; 10:10-22; Matt. 20:28; Luke 19:10; John 3:16; 10:10; Eph. 2:1-10

C. Crying Out for _____ to Seek His Mercy

Psalm 130
2 Kings 7:3-11; Isaiah 6; Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Rom. 1:14-17; 2 Cor. 5:11-21; 1 Tim. 1:12-17; 2:1-7

Conclusion: Have you called out to God, saying, " _____ me?"

Have you encouraged _____ to seek God's cleansing?



Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Our love and sympathy is extended to Linda Marts in the death of her mother, Mildred Barnwell. Services were Monday in Pittsburg.

Our sympathy also goes out to Kris Keele in the death of her aunt, Betty Thornton, last Sunday. Services were to be in Ft. Worth.

We are also saddened by the death of Mozelle Brown's son-in-law, David Daughtry. Services were Friday. He and Gloria are former West Erwin members.

Updates:

Agnes Ables had gall bladder surgery last Wednesday. She is home and doing well.
Ginny Wicks had outpatient surgery on her sinuses last Monday. It went well and she is home.
Art Rowland is in Briarcliff.
Don and Norma Durham's son, **Shane**, was to have surgery Friday at Spine and Joint.
Carolyn McCune's son, **Michael**, is home.

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Welcome/Call to Worship - <i>Psalm 130:1-4</i>	Donnie Carnathan
Song #112 Wonderful Grace of Jesus	Wayne Berryman
Song Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone	
Song Wonderful, Merciful Savior	
Prayer	Tom Hale
Song In Christ Alone	
Communion and Contribution	Robert Lee
Song #381 Years I Spent in Vanity	
Scripture <i>Psalm 51:1-2</i>	Jimmie Philpot
Song #113 His Grace Reaches Me	
Message: "Crying Out for Cleansing"	Bill Allen
Song #903 Power In The Blood	
Elder's Prayer	Fred Wingate
Song #635 Freely, Freely	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song #681 More Holiness Give Me	Wayne Berryman
Song 365 How Beautiful	
Prayer	Frank Debenport
Scripture <i>Matthew 5:20</i>	Jonathan Stone
Song #683 I Am Mine No More	
Song #716 Sing To Me of Heaven	
Message "Life and Doctrine"	Bill Allen
Song #674 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus	
Song #717 We Will Stand	
Dismiss	Ron Parish

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Last week our Bible classes examined Acts chapter 10 and the story of Peter and Cornelius and the call to not discriminate when it comes to the message of the gospel. "God is no respecter of persons," Peter learned, and so the church welcomed (though not without some convincing) the first non-Jewish Christian. Much of the rest of the NT, beginning with Acts 11 and Peter having to explain his actions, deals with this tension.

This week in our Bible class lessons we will consider "problem people"—who that tends to be and what we can do to respond to them with the love and Spirit of Christ. We tend to avoid them, ignore them, or respond to the way they treat us by giving them back double the same.

Pretty sure that's not what Jesus meant when He said "Love your enemies," "Turn the other cheek," what we call the Golden Rule (remember that one?) and all those other statements we'd just as soon He not have said. (Matt. 5:38-48; 7:12; etc.) Also it's clearly not what Paul meant when he said things like, "Do not repay anyone evil for evil...Do not take revenge...Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Rom. 12:17-21)

Jesus gives us the best way to handle those conflict situations: directly. Genuinely forgive them, directly confront them, or directly seek to understand them. In other words, go directly to them. First. (Matt. 18:15-17) What is always condemned is to deal with it by talking to everyone except the one person we should be talking to about it. (Rom. 1:28-32; Matt. 15:10-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Col. 3:5-10; etc.) Paul feared that was the situation with God's church in Corinth (2 Cor. 12:19-21), even after he had implored them to treat each other with the unselfish love of Christ.

In our sermon time we look at a few of the penitential psalms, and hear the psalmists give us the words to match our feelings when we have fallen into sin. With David we cry out for cleansing, forgiveness and restored joy.

None of these things is easy. And that's why we have each other! We need each other for the encouragement that is essential if we are to overcome the sin in our lives.

Are we okay with those who struggle with sin, those who are not as faithful as they should be, being a part of our church family? I sure hope so! Just exactly how "together" do people need to be before they can come to the only One who has it all together? We approach our differences, and those who are our fellow strugglers, with a deep sense of humility—remembering our own sinfulness; as well as with a deep sense of gratitude—remembering our own cleansing and forgiveness. This is why we—all of us—seek the righteousness of God that comes only by faith.

This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. (Rom. 3:22-24)



SMALL BUT POWERFUL

A few nights ago, Suzie woke up around 3:00 AM with a bug of some kind on her neck. It bit her and she promptly grabbed it and threw it in my direction. The next thing I know, the lights are on, we are searching the bed, and she is avoiding my question of why she threw it toward me! That small bug has made an impact on my house. We no longer sleep with any cover touching the floor. There is now a thorough search of the bed before Suzie gets in it; it does not matter if I am awake or not. That bug was small, but is still exerting some power. Scripture also talks about some small but powerful things that affect our spiritual life. *The tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark (Ja.3:5).* We all know what damage our speech can do to others. Let's be careful of its destructive power. *So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others (Ro.12:5).* Individually, we are a small part of the church. When we stand united and work as one, we can become a powerful force. Never take for granted how God can work through His church. *The tempter came to him... (Matt.4:3).* Satan came to Jesus and tried to make Him think that sin was not a big deal. Satan tempts us in the same way today. We can't change our core of beliefs just because it is not popular in the world today. *At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth (Phil.2:10).* Jesus; a small name, but it denotes such power in this world. Let's never forget, Jesus saves!



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Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes will begin a new study from John, and Acts. The title of our study is "God Building His Kingdom" The lesson this week... "When People Drive You Crazy..." from Rom 12:14-21, Matt. 18:15-17. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!
Consider the following from Romans 12:14-18: "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

Thanks!

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday night. Thank you for making a difference! We were talking this week about how long we have been involved in the Karing Kitchen... We began in April 1998. That's getting close to 20 years of serving a meal to hungry people in the heart of Tyler. You may never know what seeds that have been planted and what God is using for His purposes. Thank you for serving in our community!

Mission Trip

This next week, 10 of us from West Erwin will be working with the Carrollton Ave & Hollygrove churches in New Orleans in their summer camp for kids in their neighborhoods. We are helping with week 1 of 4 weeks. Pray for our mission as we are used by God to make a lasting difference in their lives. Thanks to these who are a part of this group: Suzanne Braly, David Hammond, Danielle Rousseau, Mary Scarborough, Sara Scarborough, Jordan Snell, Charity Stocking, Connie Sublette, Danny & Lisa Snell.

Upcoming Events

Join us for our next Summer Speaker on Wednesday, June 29. Mike Armour from Dallas will be speaking on self-control.

DEVO TONIGHT

There will be a devo tonight for all 6th-12th graders. Please bring \$3 for food. The devo will go from 6-8pm. BRING YOUR BIBLES.

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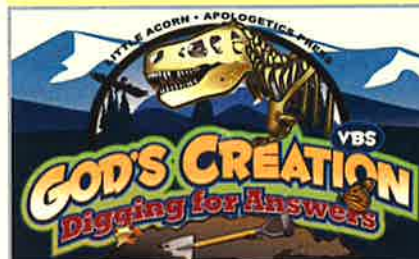
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MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

MISSION TRIP

Our Middle School Mystery Mission Trip was a great success. We were blessed to serve in Tyler, Dallas and Foster's Home for Children in Stephenville. Ask ANY of our middle school students about the trip. They will tell you it made an impact on their lives.

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There will VBS meetings on Wednesday, 6/29 and 7/6 to finalize plans. Room 112 behind the small auditorium at 6 p.m.

The commentary, Volume 2 of **Biblical Archeology**, is available at the Info. Center for \$28.00.

Please pray for the safety and efforts of our 10-member mission team on their way to New Orleans. They left this morning (Sun.) and will return on Saturday.

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Thanks!

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and calls since the death of Linda's mother. The plant you sent is beautiful! Being an elder at West Erwin for the last 25 years has been our greatest honor. We will continue to be an active part of the work here. We love and appreciate you all. You are our family! In Christian Love, Phil and Linda Marts

Thank you all so much for all your wonderful help. You are all such a wonderful blessing to our family and we are so thankful that God directed us to you! God Bless! The Transiers

Thank you for the lovely flowers and prayers. Mom's last year was really rough but the 95 before that were a blessing. It's good to know she's in heaven now. Sue & Steve Nickerson
(The family of Ruth Mitchell, sister of our Alice Thompson)

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.



Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday Don Ingram 903.253.4600

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Prayer & Care

Updates:

Rita Sifton had surgery on her face last Tuesday to remove a growth. **Tommy Parrish** will have a heart cath next Wednesday. **Brealyn Lindsey** was in Children's Hospital in Dallas last week because of some bleeding from her throat. She is home now.

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 Song #484 You Are My All in All
 Song #134 The Lord's My Shepherd
 Prayer Ernie Gordon
 Song #314 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
 Communion and Contribution Bruce Bevers
 Song #831 Let Me Live Close to Thee
 Scripture *2 Corinthians 5:18-19* Colby Chandler
 Song #448 The Greatest Commands
 Message: **This Much!** Eric Thornton
 Song #943 Do You Know My Jesus?
 Elder's Prayer Greg Jones
 Song #1007 America the Beautiful
5:00 P.M. Assembly
 Welcome/Call to Worship Danny Snell
 Song #604 I Want to Be Ready to Meet Him Davy Carter
 Song #509 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
 Prayer Tom Clark
 Scripture *Revelation 6:9-11* *Hand Clark* Jay Bynum
 Song #539 *Higher Ground*
 Song #712 Jesus is Coming Soon
 Message Donnie Carnathan
 Song #904 Have You Been to Jesus?
 Song #123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord
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Self Fennell

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In honor of the fact that Joyce and I are not “here” (at West Erwin) but rather are “there” (with oldest daughter Amy and family in Arkansas) I thought I would share a few “Here and There” kind of things.

This is the 4th of July weekend, and our nation celebrates our independence. We are truly blessed, and that blessing is first of all from the hand of the Lord, and is also the result of the labor and sacrifices of so many individuals and families who have come before us in this great country of ours. We continue to submit to and pray for our leaders and for all in authority (Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Tim. 2:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17).

We were reminded this week, however, that “this world is not my home,” and that even our own country is going to be far from a nation that pleases God and seeks His will. The Supreme Court ruled that abortion facilities and abortion doctors do not have to maintain similar health and safety standards as those of other outpatient surgery centers. This was clearly motivated by a desire to continue the horror and travesty of abortion in our land. And so we affirm the great truth that Paul and other first century Christians lived by:

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. (Phil. 3:20-21)

In addition to it being our nation’s birthday, it is also the one-year anniversary of our ministry here at West Erwin. I know, some of you are thinking, “Hasn’t he been here like five years already?” Nope. Just one! But what a great year it has been! We cannot begin to thank you for the love and kindness that you have shown us. Yes, we have a lot of work to do— together—for God’s glory! But the Lord has blessed us with a great start, and I can honestly say we are looking forward to the years ahead. A big part of that future involves the selection process of men to join with our current elders to shepherd this church family. We are so very thankful for Phil and Linda Marts and the servants they have been to West Erwin for so long. Be prayerful about this process, and for all our leaders. We look to God’s Holy Spirit to direct and lead us as we call out more men to serve at this critical time.

And we do so with confidence. The times are challenging. And this is not the first time that’s been the case for God’s people. We share the same calling and offer the same witness as those in the first century.

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 2:11-12)



MY GRANDCHILDREN REMIND ME OF MY CHILDREN!

Sue and I were with all my children and grandchildren this weekend. What a fun, exhausting, thrilling, and loud weekend! It struck me as funny when I would look at my grandchildren and see the traits of my children in them. Davis picks and separates his food just like Michael did. Logan sticks his tongue out when he concentrates just like Matthew did. Beau and Owen give you those sweet looks when they get in trouble just like Lindsay did. As I watched them all, I could see traits they got from their parents at birth, but I could also see some learned behaviors they got by seeing the examples of their parents. Just as it is important for parents to be good examples for their children, it is the duty of all Christians to be good examples for the world (Col.4:5-6). Consider these passages about how we teach others by our example. *For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was there deceit found in his mouth (1 Pet.2:21-22).* The world needs to see Christians that represent the church by following Jesus’ example and not settling for something less. Jesus said, *Love one another; just as I have loved you...By this all people will know that you are my disciples (Jo.13:34-35).* The world needs to see a church that loves each other. It is the best way to show Christ! *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing (1 Thess.5:16-17).* We should never be afraid to show our joy in Christ and pray for a stranger should the need arise. We are Christ’s ambassadors; be proud!



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Bible Class

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Consider the following from Gen 27:27-29 v“...he blessed him and said, “Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the Lord has blessed. May God give you heaven’s dew and earth’s richness— an abundance of grain and new wine. May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed.”

Mission Trip

This week, 10 of us from West Erwin will be working with the Carrollton Ave & Hollygrove churches in New Orleans in their summer camp for kids in their neighborhoods. We are helping with week 1 of 4 weeks. Pray for our mission as we are used by God to make a lasting difference in their lives. Thanks to these who are a part of this group: Suzanne Braly, David Hammond, Danielle Rousseau, Mary Scarborough, Sara Scarborough, Jordan Snell, Charity Stocking, Connie Sublette, Danny & Lisa Snell. We will be leaving to return home on Saturday, July 2.

Upcoming Events

Join us for our next Summer Speaker Series on Wednesday, July 6. Larry Parker from Longview will be leading us in a time of worship.

NEBRASKA – FINAL PREPARATION WEEK

These last few days leading up to our annual Nebraska Mission Trip are always hectic ones. Our teens teach all the classes and the puppets for over 100 kids each day, for 4 days straight. Our Nebraska friends cover the snacks and crafts each day, but other than that, it’s all on our teens that go. Many will be up at the church every day this week working on final room decorations and lesson plans. If that is you, please make sure you are communicating with the rest of your group on when you will be meeting to work on everything. The building will open at 2:00pm today! Also, if your child is coming but not with you as a parent, please make sure the release form, trip contract and service hour forms have been turned in. As a reminder, everyone will also need money for 7 traveling road meals and the cost for the trip itself is \$100 per person.

NEBRASKA PREP – TONIGHT (AFTER CHURCH TOO!)

Since this is our last Sunday before we leave for Nebraska, we will also be working on decorations and teaching materials TONIGHT after church. There will be FREE pizza, so no need for money, but plan on staying from 6-8pm like a regular devo night if you will be joining us on our Nebraska trip.

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Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

"True Religion"

Introduction: What is true religion? (John 4:24; Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 13:15-16; James 1:27)

A. True Religion is an _____ life. (Psalm 40)

- The psalmist _____ in the Lord. (Vs.1-5)
- The psalmist _____ the Lord. (Vs. 6-8; Heb. 10:5-10)
- The psalmist _____ his faith to others. (Vs. 9-10)
- The psalmist continued to seek _____ from the Lord. (Vs. 11-17)

Matt. 5:17-20; 7:13-27; John 13:12-17; 14:15, 21, 23; 15:9-10; Heb. 10:5-10

B. True Religion is more than simply _____ worship practices. (Psalm 50)

- God summons His people to appear in _____. (Vs. 1-6)
- God testifies _____ His people. (Vs. 7-13, 16-20)
- God gives a stern _____ to His people. (Vs. 21-22)
- God tells His people what He _____. (Vs. 14-15, 23)

Exodus 20:1-17; Isaiah 1:10-20; Jer. 7:1-15; Hosea 6:4-6; Amos 5; Micah 6:6-8; Mark 12:28-34;

Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:17; James 2; Heb. 13:15-16; 1 John 3:16-18; 4:7-12, 19-21

Conclusion: True Religion today is Jesus Christ. (Heb. 10:1-18; Jer. 31:31-34)

- _____ Him;
- _____ Him;
- _____ Him.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Bill McCain. Bill has been a shut-in for several years in Lindale. Services were last Wednesday.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of Bill Wilmeth, a former member of West Erwin who passed away last week.

We are also saddened to learn of the death of Carolyn McCune's niece, Kathy. Please pray for Carolyn's sister-in-law, Camille.

Updates:

Betty Holt will have a special stent placed in her carotid artery on Monday, July 11. She will also have aortic valve replacement surgery at the end of August.

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Tommy Parrish is in Mother Frances Hospital with an infection.

Dick Higginbotham is in HealthSouth.

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Worship a.m.	408
Worship p.m.	155
Wed. p.m.	NC
Contribution	\$46,331.79
Weekly Budget	\$25,444

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Psalm 50:1-2	Danny Snell
Song #4 To God Be the Glory	Wayne Berryman
Song #993 What a Mighty God We Serve	
Song #77 Glorify Thy Name	
Prayer	Pete Leung
Song #325 Boundless Love	
Communion	Jim Boyd
Song #790 Lord, Take Control	
Contribution	
Song #309 In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified	
Scripture Hebrews 10:5-7	Howard Dickson
Song #664 Take My Life, and Let It Be	
Message: "True Religion"	Bill Allen
Song #662 All to Jesus I Surrender	
Elder's Prayer	Wade Weathers
Song #752 God Bless You, Go With God	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song #238 You Are the Song That I Sing	Lance Yarema
Song #569 Sweeter Than All	
Prayer	
Scripture Psalm 119:9-11	Myron Granberry
Song #567 Restore My Soul	
Song #560 Living By Faith	
Message "Essentials in the Treatment of Others"	Bill Allen
Song #705 A Common Love	
Song #831 Let Me Live Close to Thee	
Dismiss	Dannie Skipper

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It was really nice to be away this past week—we celebrated our one-year anniversary here at West Erwin by being with three of our four wonderful grandchildren! Oh yeah, it seems like their parents were there as well... Thanks to all who covered for Bill this past week while we were away.

This week we resume our study through the book of Psalms with our Sunday morning sermon, and continue Sunday evening in 1 Timothy with a look at chapter 5. Our thoughts in the morning will center on Psalms 40 & 50. They both speak of true worship, true obedience, true religion. The OT and NT are very consistent. They both state in the strongest of terms that it doesn't matter if we've got everything else "right"—if our lives are not lived each day to honor God by serving others, by treating them with love and respect and consideration, then we are not practicing "true religion." Here are a few of these great statements of Scripture.

Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. (1 Sam. 15:22)

For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings. (Hosea 6:6)

With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:6, 8)

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: '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 mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col. 3:17)

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead. (James 2:26)

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. (Heb. 13:15-16)



A TALE OF SIX WOES

It is difficult to have a relationship with someone when you don't know where you stand with them. It is the same with God. With study, we can learn from the mistakes of others and see behavior that God does not approve of. In Isaiah 5, the prophet writes to Judah and tells them of 6 woes that harm God's people. It would serve us well to review them. *Woe to those who join house to house, who add field to field, until there is no more room, and you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the land (5:8).* God does not like greed and selfishness in His people. How can one live a life of service and humility when they are driven by the desire of material gain? *Woe to those who rise early in the morning, that they may run after strong drink, who tarry late into the evening as wine inflames them (5:11).* No matter your opinion on the use of alcohol, Isaiah tells us the danger when it becomes a priority in life. Here, alcohol has caused them to forget the deeds of the Lord (5:12) and that damages their knowledge of God. *Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of falsehood, who draw sin as with cart ropes (5:18).* This is a vivid picture of how dishonesty can pull a person down. Their sin becomes as a heavy cart, holding that person in captivity. *Woe is those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put sweet for bitter (5:20).* Sin has a harmful effect on the heart. It hurts our power of discernment. God knows the difference between good and evil; we should too! *Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and shrewd in their own sight (5:21).* Man does not do well in spiritual matters when he listens to his own ego. Job said that the fear of the Lord is wisdom and departing from evil. It is still good advice today. *Woe to those who acquit the guilty for a bribe, and deprive the innocent of his right (5:22-23).* God detests any perversion of justice. He has always expected his children to be fair and to take care of the oppressed. God did not like this behavior in Isaiah's time and He does not like it today!



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Consider the following from Gen 28:15 "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Mission Trip

Our mission trip to New Orleans to work with the Kid City Camp was a blessing beyond any we expected. It was a great opportunity to minister to kids from the community and just to be able to love on them. Thanks to the Carrollton Ave & Holly Grove churches for making a difference in their community!

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NEBRASKA MISSION - THIS WEEK

A group of 40 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 "God's Creation: Digging for Answers", looking at each of the days of creation as well as spending a day discussing the flood and even some about dinosaurs! Today we are leading and worshipping with the West Point church. One Monday afternoon we will be helping them with several work projects, including taking down several large trees on their church property that have started to affect their parking lot, as well as resealing the roof of their church building. On Tuesday afternoon we'll finish up those projects if need-be, and that night we'll be providing a free screening (and free food) of the movie "God's Not Dead 2" 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 Kansas City for a fun day on Friday before the final push home on Saturday. 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 and its few remaining members. 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!

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If you will make homemade cookies for VBS please sign the sheet at the Information Center. We need 20 dozen cookies. Have them here on Wed., July 20 or no later than Fri. July 22.

VBS Kick-off Dinner: Those teaching, helping or decorating are invited to a dinner on Thursday, the 21st. We will decorate Thursday evening, the 21st and Friday, the 22nd ... more details at a later date.

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July 20 "GODLINESS" Jeff Holland - Midlothian

2 Peter 1:5-11

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

"The Leader for God's People"

Introduction: The leader for God's people is a _____.

1 Peter 5:1-3

1. The leader for God's people must _____ the _____.

Psalm 101:1-2

2. The leader for God's people must _____ the _____.

Psalm 101:3-5, 7-8

3. The leader for God's people must _____ the _____.

Psalm 101:6

Conclusion: The leader for God's people follows the example of the _____ Shepherd.

1 Peter 5:1-4; 1 Cor. 11:1

Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Our love and sympathy is extended to Ira and Sherrie Groom and Allene Smith in the death of their grandson, Shawn Groom. Services were last Friday.

Our sympathy is also extended to Jamon Kirby, a former member in the death of his wife, Clay. Services were last Thursday.

Services for Leonard Thompson will be Community Funeral Home at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Updates:

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Song #74 Praise the Lord	Gary Ables
Song How Great Is Our God	
Song #770 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind	
Prayer	Bill Paschall
Song #354 I Gave My Life For Thee	
Communion & Contribution	Kelly Monahan
Song #744 God's Family	
Scripture 1 Peter 5:1-4	Gaylan Seagler
Elder Affirmation	
Forms	Gaylan Seagler
Song #410 He Leadeth Me	
Message: "The Leader for God's People"	Bill Allen
Song #416 Footsteps of Jesus	
Elder's Prayer	Fred Wingate
Song #167 Hosanna	
5:00 P.M. Assembly	
Welcome/Call to Worship	Eric Thornton
Song Anywhere Is Home	Wayne Berryman
Song Who Am I?	
Prayer	Dale White
Scripture Matthew 6:19-21	Billy Terrell
Song #817 See His Glory	
Song #813 Jesus, Meek and Gentle	
Message "Treasure and Hope"	Bill Allen
Song #837 I Need Thee Every Hour	
Song #781 Thank You, Lord!	
Dismiss	

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By Danny Snell



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Our hearts are still hurting—and will continue to hurt—over the escalation of violence in our country. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been especially affected—the family and friends of those who have been killed; the Law Enforcement community who have seen more of their own viciously murdered. As I said in the statement I read at the start of last Sunday’s message on “True Religion,” we as God’s people, in the midst of very difficult times, are called upon to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. That statement and sermon can be heard on our website, or you can call or email the office and get a CD.

Our hope and prayer is that our nation—all nations—will recognize that they are “under God” and that there would be “liberty and justice for all.” Or, as the OT prophet put it, that everywhere citizens and their leaders would “let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream.” (Amos 5:24)

Civil government officials as well as other authorities have a difficult job. To be successful—not to mention faithful—they must not only punish the wrongdoers but must also affirm those who do good. Scripture says that those in authority “hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended.” (Rom. 13:3) They are expected “to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.” (1 Peter 2:13-14) Of course Peter (as well as Jesus and others) acknowledges that those in authority are not always faithful and that at times God’s people and others in society have to endure unjust suffering at the hands of those in power. But that’s a message for another day.

Though these passages speak specifically to government officials and other civil authorities, I think there are applications for others in positions of authority, including church leaders.

We forget sometimes as leaders that while we must respond to the needs of the “needy” and confront those who are acting sinfully, we must not neglect those who are living and acting in faithful obedience. Unfortunately as leaders we too many times are so overwhelmed with the *urgent* needs and fires that need to be extinguished that we forget to do the *important* work of maintaining our relationships with those who are not presenting any problems and commend those who are doing what is right and good. While it’s many times true that “the squeaky wheel gets the grease,” all the wheels need to be greased regularly. Or else we’ll end up walking!

As our elder selection process continues I will share this Sunday from Psalm 101. It is a call to the leaders of God’s people to be blameless themselves, to hate evil, and to confront the faithless and wicked who do evil deeds. But leaders of God’s people are also called upon to be mindful of the faithful who need commendation. “My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; the one whose walk is blameless will minister to me.” (v. 6)



ARE YOU BEING TREATED KINDLY?

In Acts 27, we see the start of Paul’s voyage to Rome. He was guarded by a centurion named Julius. Look what happened in verse 3, *The next day we put in at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave him leave to go to his friends and be cared for.* In this chapter, we see Paul receiving courtesies’ that strike me unusual for a prisoner. Was it God’s care being extended to Paul through Julius? Was it because of how Paul acted toward Julius? Was good care ordered to be given to Paul because of his Roman citizenship? Probably all of these things had something to do with it, but I lean more toward God’s providence and the way Paul treated others. While Paul suffered persecution for the cause of Christ (2 Cor. 11), he still had a way of gaining favor from man. Why was he able to do that? I believe it was because Paul put such value on men’s souls. Paul said that he “was a servant to all, that I might win more of them” (1 Co. 9:39). This is part of the famous “all things to all people” passage. Reaching the lost was a priority to Paul. I believe that is why Paul wanted us to be devoted to one another in brotherly love (Ro.12:10). That is why Paul wanted us to live in harmony with one another, not be too proud to associate with people of low position, and not be conceited (Ro. 12:16). Paul also wrote that we should accept one another, just as Christ accepted you (Ro. 15:7). I can’t imagine Julius not hearing the gospel from Paul. I think Julius saw where Paul’s heart was and responded in kindness. Kindness begets kindness. Do you find yourself being treated kindly?

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Consider the following from Gen 35:11-13 “*And God said to him, “I am God Almighty; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will be among your descendants. The land I gave to Abraham and Isaac I also give to you, and I will give this land to your descendants after you.” Then God went up from him at the place where he had talked with him.*”

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NEBRASKA MISSION

This week was an amazing week in West Point, Nebraska. We took a group of 41 from West Erwin for our 25th consecutive youth mission trip there. Our theme of “Creation: Digging for Answers” this year focused on the themes of each day of creation, as well as the flood and even dinosaurs!. We had almost 100 kids or more each day. Monday we cut down several trees and revealed the roof of the church building as our annual work project. Tuesday night we screened the movie “God’s Not Dead 2” 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 Jennifer Skender** 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, Jean Thornton, Clifton Lindsey, Ginger Philpot, Chad Harbuck, Lindsey Harbuck, Jonathan Stone, 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. Without a shadow of a doubt, 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 from Tyler, TX.

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PLEASE GIVE THEM TO DONNIE CARNATHAN.



VBS is JULY 23rd
for 5 year olds-5th grade!
Download a registration form from www.westerwin.com.

If you will make homemade cookies for VBS please sign the sheet at the Information Center. We need 20 dozen cookies. Have them here on Wed., July 20 or no later than Fri. July 22.

VBS Kick-off Dinner: We will decorate Thursday evening, the 21st and Friday, the 22nd. Those teaching, helping or decorating are invited to a dinner on Thursday, the 21st, at 6:30 in the FLC. We’ll have pizza on Friday.

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July 20
“GODLINESS”
Jeff Holland –
Midlothian

PLUGGED INTO HIS POWER

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“MUTUAL AFFECTION”
Ben Brewster –
Bossier City

2 Peter 1:5-11

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

"From Lament to Praise to Victory"

Introduction: A _____ is "an expression of sorrow; a crying out in grief."

Psalm 22

"My God, my God, why have you _____ me?"

Psalm 42

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so _____ soul pants for you, my God."

Psalm 13

"How long, Lord? Will you _____ me forever?"

Psalm 137

"By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we _____ Zion."

Lamentations 1-3

"His compassions _____ fail."

Psalm 110

"You are a priest _____, in the order of Melchizedek."

Conclusion: Two things psalms of lament have in common:

- _____ expressions of suffering and sadness;
- _____ praise of the God who one day will bring the victory.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Our love and sympathy is extended to Sondra Wilkinson in the loss of her sister who lived in Longview.

Our sympathy is also extended to Linda Dickson in the death of her uncle, Sterling McCanless. Services were Thursday in Cookville, TN.

Updates:

Dick Higginbotham is in Mother Frances, Room 4440. He will probably remain there for two weeks with an antibiotic treatment. He would really appreciate visits.

Cathy Culpepper will have surgery August 2nd at ETMC, Olympic Plaza.

Betty Holt is back home after a short hospital stay.

Suzie Roden had a heart cath last Friday at ETMC. She will have open heart, aortic valve replacement surgery on Monday, the 25th.

Steve Denman was diagnosed with prostate cancer. They caught it at a very early stage.

Rita Sifton's nephew by marriage, **Raynard Screws**, went on a mission trip to Honduras. He returned and is now in the Pittsburg hospital with some kind of virus.

Ronnie Brock, brother of Judy Clark is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Monday, July 25 in Marshall. Existing medical issues compound the seriousness of this procedure. Your prayers are appreciated for a successful surgery and recovery.

West Erwin Family:

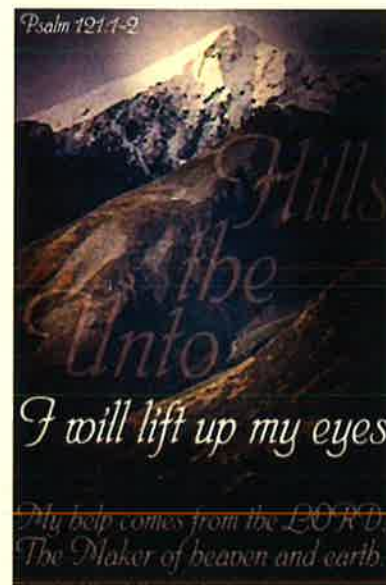
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Family & Friends:

Leon Welborn | **Larry Davis**, brother of Shirley Denman | **Tommy Konczak**, former member of W.E. | **Shannon Mabray**, daughter of Glynn and Fran Starnes | Keith Skender's brother, **Doug**

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Our Records	July 17
Bible Class	233
Worship a.m.	396
Worship p.m.	166
Wed. p.m.	163
Contribution	\$23,206.32
Weekly Budget	\$25,444.00

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Lamentations 3:22-24	Eric Thornton
Song #123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord	Wayne Berryman
Song #577 We Bow Down	
Prayer	Robert Lee
Communion Psalm 22	Bill Allen
Song #454 Rock of Ages	
Contribution	
Song Had It Not Been the Lord	
Scripture Reading Psalm 42:1-3	Eric Moseley
Song #71 As the Deer	
Message: "From Lament to Praise to Victory"	Bill Allen
Song #57 Great is Thy Faithfulness	
Elder's Prayer	Gaylan Seagler
Song #470 Victory in Jesus	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Eric Thornton
Song #121 Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing	Bryce Murry
Song #716 Sing to Me of Heaven	
Prayer	Danny Snell
Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 1:11-12	Randy Turner
Song #450 Give Me the Bible	
Song #524 I Know Whom I Have Believed	
Message "The Power of Sincere Faith"	Bill Allen
Song #904 Have You Been to Jesus?	
Song #611 Heavenly Sunlight	
Dismiss	David Hammond

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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COMMUNION

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Gene Chandler
Keith Chandler
Will Christian
Barry Ciaschini
Tom Clark
Chris Conder
Ken Culpepper

GREETERS

Info Center:

Phil & Linda Marts

Main Doors:

James & Connie Sublette

East Doors:

Billy & Lynda Terrell

W. Erwin Doors:

Jim & Helen Boyd

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Jackson DeLivaudais
Liam Harbuck
Logan Metcalf
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SOUND

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Toddler AM:

Sharon Beaver & Hannah Metcalf

This past Sunday Gaylan Seagler shared with our West Erwin family the next important step in our elder selection process. He explained and distributed the elder affirmation forms which are to be completed by each of our members and returned by the end of the Sunday night worship assembly on July 31st.

On these forms are the names of the men the congregation has called out to serve as our shepherds and who have willingly accepted that call. Ken Culpepper, David Hammond and David Wicks are joining current elders Jay Bynum, Gaylan Seagler, Wade Weathers and Fred Wingate to be a part of this affirmation process. Recently Phil Marts announced that he would no longer serve as an elder, and Greg Jones has also decided not to continue as an elder at this time. We appreciate Phil and Linda and Greg and Debbie for the loving service and leadership they have given our church, and are grateful to God that they will continue to serve alongside us as a part of our West Erwin family.

If you did not receive one of these forms already you can pick one up at the Information Booth or contact us at the church office. Be sure and complete and return the affirmation form by July 31st. And pray every day for our church and our leaders, thanking God for His great blessings and asking His continued guidance and strength as we do His work in the years ahead.

Sunday morning's sermon will focus on the power and blessing of lament. God has never promised His people that they would not suffer. He has actually warned us of just the opposite! But He also joined in our suffering through His Son, and through that suffering brought about our salvation.

That doesn't mean those times when God seems so far away are any easier for us. The psalms and other passages of lament are our way of putting words to the reality of our difficulties, while at the same time acknowledging our trust in the One who sees and knows and will one day make all things right.

Sunday night we will see this assurance as we consider the power of the gospel through a great faith statement from the apostle Paul. Even in the midst of difficulty and suffering we are encouraged, just as the apostle was, knowing that Christ Jesus "has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day." (2 Tim. 1:9-12)



WHERE WOULD YOU BE WITHOUT WATER?

A few weeks ago, Suzie and I lost our water heater. In the process of replacing it, we were without water for a day. I can't tell you how many times we went to a faucet and out of habit, turned it on. We bought water to drink, we hauled water in so we could flush the toilets, and we went and borrowed showers. It seemed like so much effort, and it was only one day. It made me realize just how important water is to our lives and how blessed we are to have it piped into our homes! It gave me a new perspective when I read the words of Jesus...*everyone who drinks of this water (from the well) will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life (John 4:13-14).* This was part of the conversation that Jesus had with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. When you read the story, you see that it did not take Jesus very long to get around to spiritual matters. While she was looking to solve the physical problems of getting water, Jesus offered to solve her spiritual problems for all eternity! It is a hardship to be without water, but it is a greater problem to be without Jesus. It does not matter what we may struggle with. It does not matter what we may have to sacrifice, and it does not matter whose friendship we may have to lose; it is worth it to have the security of the savior with us. Jesus is bigger than any problem or sacrifice that may arise. Jesus is the best friend we can have. Where would you be without the water He offers?



By Danny Snell

Bible Class

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Consider the following from Gen 39:2-4

"The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned."

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Eric Thornton Youth Minister

DEVO TONIGHT

There will be a devo for all 6th - 12th graders tonight in the FLC from 6-8pm. Please wear close-toed shoes, bring your Bibles, and \$3 for dinner.

POKEMON GO & EVANGELISM

For those of you who do not have a child between the ages of 10 and 28, this post will probably be completely foreign to you, but it's become such a national phenomenon, it's worth speaking to from the perspective of the Gospel, even if you find it ridiculous. Pokemon began in the early 1990's as a series of portable video games, then a TV series, films, trading card games, and continues on today in various forms. Two weeks ago, Pokemon made a resurgence into popular culture in the form of "Pokemon GO", a game made for mobile devices where participants can go from place to place in real time (literally, as in walking downtown or to the Tyler mall), collecting characters, playing the game with other people, and increasing their experience points. If all of this sounds like a massive waste of time to you, that's fair (I myself do not play the game). However, less than 2 weeks after becoming available in the United States, the app has already been downloaded by more than 21 million people (as of 7/21/16, that number is sure to have gone up by the time you read this). In two weeks, it has already become the most popular game in the history of smartphones, and is currently averaging 5,200 downloads PER MINUTE. Bottom line, this is HUGE in the millennial culture. So how should we respond to this from the perspective of the church? With so many people playing this game, if nothing else, it's a segue into conversation. Ironically, most church buildings are actually something called "PokeStops" where those who play the game come to gather items. Some churches have even setup phone charging stations (as this game uses a lot of battery life), free water and shade breaks, etc. But individually, the game gives the player the opportunity to try three very simple things... asking, admiring and admitting. Ask them questions about their experiences with the game. Then find a spiritual segue and ask them what they believe spiritually. Try to identify areas about their beliefs that you can admire and, finally, admit the reason you're a Christian is that you're so messed up you need Jesus to save you. Then share the Gospel with them! Anything (even Pokemon Go) can be used as a tool to share the Gospel if we care enough about the salvation of those around us to share!

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A few Texas Ranger tickets are available for our Family Night at the Ballpark on August 12th. See Danny Snell to reserve your spot. Tickets are \$20 each.

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Chuck Munoz -
Tyler

2 Peter 1:5-11

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

"The Way of the Righteous"

Introduction: Today we install seven men called out by the Holy Spirit and the church to serve as our elders, shepherds, overseers; to lead us in the way of the _____.

A. The way of the righteous is the way of _____.

Psalm 1

Deut. 6; Psalms 19; 119; Isaiah 40:6-8; 55:6-11
John 8:31-32; 12:44-50; 14:6; 20:30-31
2 Tim. 3:14-4:4; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Gal. 1:8-9; Rev. 22:18-19
Rom. 10:17; 1 Thess. 2:13; James 1:16-27; 1 Peter 1:17-25

B. The way of the righteous is the way of _____.

Psalm 73

Psalm 119:97; 122:1; Heb. 10:19-25

C. The way of the righteous is the way of _____.

Psalm 133

Rom. 12-15; 1 Cor. 8-13; Eph. 4:1-16; Phil. 2:1-11

Conclusion: Today God calls on _____ of us to follow the leadership and example of our elders as they follow the leadership and example of Christ.

1 Cor. 11:1; 1 Peter 5:1-4

The Shiloh Road Prime Timers invite our Young at Heart members to their annual area wide dinner on August 19th. Sign up and see more details at our Information Center.

WE NEED 20 FREEZERS OF HOMEMADE ICE CREAM FOR OUR BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER NIGHT ON AUGUST 17TH! SIGN UP AT THE INFORMATION CENTER.

Arms of Hope will make a 'Grocery Run' through here next month.

Please bring the following items to your classrooms:
Laundry detergent - liquid or PODs, liquid hand soap, dishwashing liquid, shampoo/conditioner

West Erwin needs school supplies! We will be stuffing bags and delivering to the Benevolence Center on Wednesday August 10th at 6 PM. A sign up list has been posted at the Information Center. All donations will be accepted and can be dropped off at the Information Center.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy: Our love and sympathy is extended to Alice Thompson in the loss of her sister, Mary McCoy, who passed away Thursday morning and her nephew, Richard Pride, who passed away Tuesday. **Updates:** **Rebecca Weathers** was in a car accident Tuesday. No serious injuries. She is recovering at home. **Pat Lewis** had surgery on her leg last Wednesday. She is home. **Agnes Ables** is home now. **Dick and Sue Higginbotham** are both back at Prestige Estates. **Cathy Culpepper** is home after surgery. **Ira Groom** is in the STAR unit at Briarcliff. He expects to go home in a week or so. **Arles Wilks**, friend of Davy Carter, is in Mother Frances in critical condition. He lives in Frankston. **West Erwin Family:** Suzie Roden | Frances Broome | Pat Lewis | Charles Rachui | Ruth Moore | Kalli Huff | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Elmer Miles | Forest McFadden | Brice Sustaire | Winona Shankle | Millie Tomlin | Joann Davis | Nella Ware | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Charles Harris | Bob May | Jess & Charlotte Hopkins | Ruby Cliver | Tommy Parrish | Steve Denman **Family & Friends:** **Leon Welborn** | **Shannon Mabray**, daughter of Glynn and Fran Starnes | **Doug Skender**, brother of Keith Skender | **Chester Poston**, brother of Suzie Carnathan

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Psalm 95:6-7	Danny Snell
Song #126	Gary Ables
Song #715	
Song #391	
Prayer	
Song #364	
Communion - Bread	
Song #366	
Communion - Cup	
Song #705	
Contribution	
Song	
Scripture Reading	
Song	
Message:	
Song #709	
Installation of Elders	
Elder's Prayer	
Song #2	

The Lord, My Shepherd Is
The Church's One Foundation
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Come Share the Lord
By Christ Redeemed
A Common Love
We Are One in the Spirit
Colossians 1:13-20
We Are The Body of Christ
"The Way of the Righteous"
How Sweet, How Heavenly
We Praise Thee, O God

Bruce Bevers
Davy Carter
Bill Allen
Gaylan Seagler

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song #869	Lance Yarema
Song #837	
Prayer	
Scripture Reading	
Song #791	
Song #543	
Message	
Song	
Song #882	
Dismiss	

We're Marching to Zion
I Need Thee Every Hour
James 1:22-25
On Bended Knee
Wonderful Words of Life
Thoroughly Equipped, Ready and Willing
God is Calling the Prodigal
No Tears in Heaven

Larry Murphey
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Harold Denman
David Dill
Don Durham
Rick Fedell
Myron Granberry
Wyatt Gruver
James Gullion

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Toddler AM:

Elizabeth Granberry & McKenzie Fennell

Today our church family appoints seven men who will serve as elders and overseers of our church family, shepherds of the West Erwin flock.

As we take this significant step I want to commend the men and their families who in years past through today have served this church in this important and critical way. And I also want to commend these who are today making the commitment to shepherd this flock and lead us in the way of righteousness.

I also want to commend the congregation. You have been a part of this process at every turn, and it has been a very positive experience for our church family. There was great participation, and each of the men we appoint today as elders received overwhelming support from the church to serve as one of our shepherds.

What a great blessing for our church and our leaders to see this unified call! What an incredible statement that makes about the potential and opportunities God will give us in the years ahead!

As we begin this new chapter with new leadership, I want to remind us of some things I shared last year as we considered the role and work of elders. I said that there were lots of things we could say about what our church needs—and doesn't need—from you men who serve as our shepherds. Here are a few I mentioned.

- What we *don't* need:
 - We don't need you to neglect *your family*.
 - We don't need you to neglect *yourself*.
 - We don't need you to do our ministry *for us*.

- What we *do* need:
 - We need you to lead by your *example*.
 - We need you to focus on ministry to us *personally* as well as decisions about us *congregationally*. Public prayers in the assembly need to reflect that.
 - We need you to be faithful in *your own* faith. (1 Cor. 9:27) We want you to spend eternity in heaven in the presence of our Father. And we need your help so that we will as well.

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)



As long as God's people hold to God's principles, we should never be lacking for great relationships within the church. Paul gives us some guidelines for maintaining great relationships. While Paul was giving encouragement to Titus in his ministry, his instruction would benefit us all in any relationship we are trying to cultivate. Paul wrote to Titus, *Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men* (Titus 3:1-2). On paper, it looks so simple, but in life we sometimes struggle with these traits. Have you ever broken a law such as speeding or maybe a little creative bookkeeping on a tax return because of a little selfishness? Have you ever passed up an opportunity to do some good for others because you did not want to stop and take the time to help? Have you ever slandered someone in a moment of weakness and desire for revenge? Have you ever failed to be peaceable when your temper has gotten the best of you? How many times have you struggled with your humility and looked down on others because they were different from you? Paul gives us some help for these struggles in the next few verses. *At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived, and enslaved... We lived in malice and envy, ... hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us... He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit* (Titus 3:4-5). When you catch your relationships slipping away from you, remember where you came from and what you were without the influence of Christ and the Holy Spirit on your life. Remember who saved you and the fact that Christ did it out of his love and kindness for you. Love and kindness are the foundation for great relationships and Christians should specialize in relationships.

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Consider the following from Acts 7:59-60 "59 While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep."

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To our West Erwin Family. Thank you so much for the calls, flowers, food, visits and most of all your love to us and the family of my brother, Bobby Ingram due to his recent and sudden death. Paula and the boys are coping with the loss as best they can. Only time and God's help will get them through. Thanks again and it's such a joy and comfort for me and my family to have our church family to be there for us like you are in our time of need.
 Love to you, Donnie and Nerene Ingram and the family of Bobby C. Ingram.

Dear friends in Christ, Please accept my deep appreciation for the many good wishes and welcome notes, plus the thoughtful cards on my birthday with so many memorable stories of our work in the past 61 years in Tyler. True Christian relationships never end. It was such a joy to have many of you join us for lunch, a great surprise, tho a bit of a shock. May God bless each of you for taking time to show your love for me. Jo Anders

Church Family, Thank you for the cards, calls, food, well wishes, and prayers following my surgery. I am thankful for all of them. Love, Evelyn Muncy

For all your support, prayers, your concerns, and the delicious foods, we thank you. There was a comfort in knowing you were with us. May God richly bless all of you in all future endeavors. Your friends, the family of Leonard Thompson

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Thank you so much for your prayers, the beautiful plant, calls, cards, visits – your many comforting and encouraging expressions of concern and sympathy during our time of sorrow. Your acts of kindness and caring are greatly appreciated and will always be remembered in our hearts! We thank God for being part of such a loving family. May God bless each of you, With love – Sondra and Dan Wilkinson

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Summer Speaker Series

August 10
 "LOVE"
 Greg Neill –
 Marble Falls

August 17
 Back to School
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2 Peter 1:5-11
 Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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"Psalms of Praise"

Introduction: The Psalms call the people of God and all creation to _____ and _____ the Lord.

A. "Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name _____ is exalted; his splendor is _____ the earth and the heavens."

Psalm 148

B. "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is _____; his love endures _____."

Psalm 118

Matt. 21:6-11, 42; Mark 11:8-10; 12:10-11; Luke 13:35; 19:38; 20:17; John 12:13

Acts 4:11; Heb. 13:6; 1 Peter 2:4-8

C. "Lord, _____ Lord, how majestic is _____ name in all the earth!"

Psalm 8

Matt. 21:15-16; Heb. 2:5-18

Conclusion: We praise God for our _____ through Jesus Christ.

The Shiloh Road Prime Timers invite our Young at Heart members to their annual area wide dinner on August 19th. Sign up and see more details at our Information Center.

WE NEED 20 FREEZERS OF HOMEMADE ICE CREAM FOR OUR BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER NIGHT ON AUGUST 17TH! SIGN UP AT THE INFORMATION CENTER.

Arms of Hope will make a 'Grocery Run' through here next month.

Please bring the following items to your classrooms:
Laundry detergent - liquid or PODs, liquid hand soap, dishwashing liquid, shampoo/conditioner

Prayer & Care

Updates:

Dick Higginbotham is back at Prestige Estates.

Wendy Nelson broke a bone in her ankle. She will be in a boot for about 6 weeks.

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Live stream of A.M. service from <http://wechurchofchrist.christianworldmedia.com>

There will be a meeting for all those interested in the work at Douglas Elementary on Sunday, August 21 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 112 at the back of the small auditorium.

Children's Ministry

Teacher's Meeting

Sunday, August 14

at 4 p.m. Room 112

Be Prayerful about Eastern European Missions!

September 25th is MILLION DOLLAR SUNDAY

Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday
Don Ingram
903.253.4600

Please call if you need transportation.

Our Records	August 7
Bible Class	215
Worship a.m.	386
Worship p.m.	172
Wed. p.m.	166
Contribution	\$18,752.95
Weekly Budget	\$25,444.00

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Psalm 117	Danny Snell
Song #282 Oh, Praise the Lord	Davy Carter
Song #54 We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise	Gary Ables
Song Prayer Wonderful, Merciful Savior	Chad Chauncey
Song #313 The Old Rugged Cross	Stan Mallory
Communion and Contribution	
Song #89 Be Exalted, O God	David Demic
Scripture Reading Psalm 148:1, 13	Bill Allen
Song #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah	
Message: "Psalms of Praise"	Bill Allen
Song You're Worthy of My Praise	Fred Wingate
Elder's Prayer	
Song #66 Doxology	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song #886 On Jordan's Stormy Banks	Wayne Berryman
Song #957 This World Is Not My Home	
Song Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone	Greg Jones
Prayer	Don Durham
Scripture Reading Hebrews 2:6-9	
Song #895 I'll Live in Glory	
Song #916 What a Day That Will Be	Bill Allen
Message "Ready for the Crown"	Bill Allen
Song #877 Won't It Be Wonderful There	
Song #988 I'll Be Listening	Robert Lee
Dismiss	

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BY BILL ALLEN

“Revive us again!”

That was our prayer-song at the end of a wonderful worship assembly Sunday.

We reminded each other that “The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;” that “We are the body of Christ;” that “We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.” We praised our great God and called on our seven shepherds to lead us in the way of the righteous—the way of the Word (Psalm 1); the way of worship (Psalm 73); and the way of unity (Psalm 133).

I hope that if you were unable to be in our assembly Sunday morning—or even if you were!!—that you will go to our live stream web site, click on “Archives” and take a few minutes to share in this great day. And just in case you need another reminder of how to do that, here’s the link:

<http://www.christianworldmedia.com/livesite/wechurchofchrist>

In our 131-year history, God has done amazing and incredible good through the West Erwin church. Untold numbers of souls have been helped with physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

And we look to a future just as important, promising, and needed—there are still souls all around us and all around our world that will need those same blessings.

Looking to the future with the promise and assurance of God because of His great faithfulness throughout our past, we realize that there is one thing that connects our past and our future: it is our **present**.

We recognize that there is one thing that connects yesterday and tomorrow: it is **today**.

And so we boldly and joyfully face today with an eye toward the future and assurance from the past.

God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?” Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Heb. 13:5b-8)

Let’s get to it!



One of the nicer things I have noticed about living in Tyler is that many clerks at stores and such wish me a blessed day as I am leaving. I was rarely told that in Houston. I enjoy it when someone wants to wish God’s blessings on me. It makes for a good life when you are a blessed child of God. How does one receive the blessings of God? The book of Revelation gives us some thoughts on that. Consider these passages: *Blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it... (1:3)*. Blessings come to those who live a life centered on God’s word. *Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord... that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them (14:13)*. You give the blessing of peace to your family when they know you are with the Lord for eternity. *Behold I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on (16:15)*. To the one who lives faithful, Jesus’ second coming will not be a time of worry, but instead, it will be a time of fulfilled promises. *Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb (19:9)*. The bride is ready and this will be a time of joy and celebration. Don’t miss this feast! *Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death holds no power... (20:6)*. Those who live with Jesus will overcome. With Jesus, we can live without doubts or fear. *Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life... (22:14)*. This is the reason for purity in our lives. The world offers nothing. Christ offers all and gave all so that we can claim our blessings. With Jesus, you can truly have a blessed day!

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Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are in a study from John and Acts. The title of our study is “God Building His Kingdom”. The lesson this week... “Transforming Grace” from Acts 9:1-43. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following from Acts 9:17:

“Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord – Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here – has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Upcoming Events

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Last Sunday we appointed these men as elders and shepherds of our church family:

- Fred Wingate
- Ken Culpepper
- Wade Weathers
- Gaylan Seagler
- David Hammond
- David Wicks
- Jay Bynum

Let’s show them our love and support as they lead us into a bright future in Christ.



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INCREASE IN MEASURE
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August 28th ALL CHURCH LUNCHEON

Tyler morning worship we will enjoy a meal together in the Family Life Center. We’ll have an afternoon devotional then be dismissed for the day.

Kids are to bring their empty backpacks to **BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER NIGHT** next Wednesday.

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"Joyful Thanksgiving"

Introduction: When was the last time you prayed to God, and _____ Him for anything? "One of the most attractive features of Biblical faith is its _____." (John Willis) That optimism is tied directly to our sense of _____ in God and _____ for His blessings.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 calls on us to do these things:

- Rejoice _____.
- Pray _____.
- Give thanks in _____ circumstances.

Psalm 103

1. Grateful for _____ Blessings

Psalm 103:1-5
Isaiah 40:28-31; 2 Cor. 4:16-18

2. Grateful for Blessings on God's _____

Psalm 103:6-12
Exodus 34:5-7; Psalms 86:15; 106; 111; Joel 2:12-14; Neh. 9

3. Grateful for Blessings on all _____

Psalm 103:13-22
1 Chron. 29:10-13; Psalms 27; 90; 145; Isaiah 40:6-8; Jonah 4; Hab. 2:2-4; 3:16-19; 1 Peter 1:22-25

Conclusion: We look to the future with hopeful optimism, not because we deny the difficulties we face in the world, but because we have learned to _____ God and to acknowledge and appreciate His _____.

Ephesians 3:14-21

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to the family of Dick and Sue Higginbotham. Sue passed away last Sunday afternoon and Dick passed away Wednesday morning. Services are scheduled for Sunday, August 28th at 2 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Updates:

Bud Cawyer had surgery Friday at Mother Frances for an aortic aneurysm. He was to go to the heart hospital afterwards.

Steve Denman is home now. **Ira Groom** is home now.

Kalli Huff is in the hospital at UT Southwestern in Dallas for possibly another week.

Betty Holt is to have open heart aortic valve replacement surgery at the end of August.

Wilma Wilson, sister of Dolores Kennedy, will have surgery Monday, August 22nd. She has a broken femur that won't heal.

Lila Whitesides, James Transier's grandmother is having complications with healing after back surgery.

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If you can help set up chairs this Wednesday night for the All-Church Luncheon next Sunday, please meet in the Family Life Center after class Wednesday night.

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Marsha Taylor & Jayden

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - <i>Psalm 33:1, 20-22</i>	Danny Snell
Song #103 He Has Made Me Glad	Davy Carter
Song #608 He Gave Me a Song	
Song #837 I Need Thee Every Hour	
Prayer	Ernie Gordon
Song Above All	
Communion	Dannie Skipper
Song #474 Thank You, Lord	
Contribution	
Song #587 Sing and Be Happy	
Scripture Reading <i>1 Thessalonians 5:16-18</i>	Will Christian
Song #742 When Upon Life's Billows	
Message: "Joyful Thanksgiving"	Bill Allen
Song #213 He is Able	
Elder's Prayer	Wade Weathers
Song #480 Blessed Assurance	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song #300 Praise Him! Praise Him!	Bryce Murry
Song #885 How Beautiful Heaven Must Be	
Prayer	Gene Chandler
Scripture Reading <i>1 Timothy 2:5-6</i>	James Sublette
Song #376 He Paid a Debt	
Song #538 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less	
Message "Who Gave Himself For Us"	Bill Allen
Song #943 Do You Know My Jesus?	
Song #915 Trust and Obey	
Dismiss	Charles Melville

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Though the goal at the Olympics is to get on that medal stand and perhaps take home a gold medal, the games also can remind us of the more noble aspects of our humanity. The web sites washingtonpost.com and buzzfeed.com along with other media outlets share the details of one such display.

New Zealand runner Nikki Hamblin and USA runner Abbey D'Agostino collided on the track Tuesday during their round one heat in the women's 5,000-meter race—a grueling event entailing 12½ laps around the track. The collision occurred as they were bunched up in a tight group of more than a dozen runners with 4½ laps still to go in the race. The two seemingly sacrificed any chance at an Olympic medal to help each other reach the finish line, picking each other up, urging each other to continue, pushing each other to finish.

Hamblin didn't see what happened and wasn't sure who was at fault, but she crashed onto the blue track and lay there still on her side for a couple of seconds. Both Hamblin and D'Agostino had fallen in the collision. Nikki told the press that despite Abbey being more severely injured, she was the one that told her they had to finish the race. "I went down, and was like, 'What's happening? Why am I on the ground?'" Hamblin said. "Then suddenly this hand on my shoulder, like 'Get up, get up, we have to finish this.'" The hand and the voice belonged to Abbey D'Agostino. She'd been right on Hamblin's heels and tumbled over the New Zealand runner, badly twisting her right knee in the process. But Abbey popped right up, urging Nikki to do the same. "I was like, 'Yep, you're right. It's the Olympic Games. We have to finish this,'" Hamblin said. Both runners were on their feet and continuing in the race, but the American was clearly hurting. She didn't make it far before collapsing again. This time Hamblin was there to lend a hand. While the leaders raced ahead, both Abbey and Nikki sacrificed valuable seconds to help a competitor. It was something that doesn't usually earn medals or recognition.

The pair managed to finish the race as the last competitors on the track, and the crowd cheered loudly as they reached the finish line. Abbey would finish the race last, more than a minute after Nikki, and over two minutes after the winner of the heat. "Everyone wants to win and everyone wants a medal. But as disappointing as this experience is for myself and for Abbey, there's so much more to this than a medal," Hamblin said immediately after the race when her hopes of advancing in the Olympics appeared to be dashed. After reviewing the incident and deciding the unintentional mishap impacted their result, both runners, if physically able, were later declared eligible for the finals on Friday.

In her post-race interview, Nikki Hamblin said of D'Agostino: "That girl is the Olympic spirit right there. I've never met her before, and isn't that just so amazing, such an amazing woman. I'm so grateful for Abbey for doing that for me. I'm never going to forget that moment. When someone asks me what happened in Rio in 20 years' time, that's my story."

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." (Phil. 2:3-4)



THE GREAT LIFE!

I have heard many people say that they have a "great life". There are many ways that people can judge how "great" their lives are. I want to look how a great life looks using God's word as the standard of judging. Here are three things from the book of Titus to judge how "great" your life is. **How fit are you for God's work?** *They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work (Titus 2:16).* A great life comes from great service in the name of the Lord. God's work is done by those whose lives are worthy of their calling. The Lord's work is done by the Lord's people. **Do you appreciate what God has done for you?** *But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ... (Titus 3:4-6).* Our salvation and the power of the Holy Spirit are our most precious assets in life. Knowing that our place in Heaven is waiting for us and knowing that we have the power of His spirit in our lives should give us an attitude of gratitude! **Are you working to stay pure?** *Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession... (Titus 2:13-14).* A "pure life" does not come without faithful study, prayer, and worship. We can't live like those outside of Christ. A "great life" takes work, self-control, and patience, but the benefits last an eternity!



Bible Class

This quarter our Bible classes are studying from John and Acts. The title of our study is "God Building His Kingdom". The lesson this week... "Sent into the World" from Acts 13:1-52. More on this in class this Sunday morning at 9... Join us!

Consider the following from Acts 13:4-6: *"The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper. They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos."*

All Church Luncheon
Sunday, Aug 28 is our All Church Luncheon in the FLC followed by a short devotional and then dismissed for the day.

Movie Night
Join us for our Movie Night on Sunday, Sept 11. We will have a special showing of "God's Not Dead II." Hotdogs and popcorn will be provided. This will be a great opportunity to invite friends and family to enjoy this faith based movie and to provide opportunities for further discussion. Mark your calendars for Sunday, Sept. 11!

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. Next week there will also be no devo as the 28th is our Family Day and evening services are cancelled for the night.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES – FAMILY LIFE

Let's face it, these days, once the school year starts, even if your kids are young, you only get several hours a day of quality time with them at most, and if they're older, MUCH less than that. Sometimes you may only see each other in passing. That's why it's that much more important to make the most of the time we do have. Through the month of August on Wednesday nights, we're studying a short series I've simply titled "Making the Most of the Time You've Got". Last time we studied and discussed "Understanding One Another & How I Can Help". This week we're looking at how we can "Set the Standard of Loving God First" so that our relationship with God overflows and influences all of our other relationships. So make plans to join us this Wednesday in the youth classroom.

SCHEDULES

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August 28th ALL CHURCH LUNCHEON
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THANKS!

Thank you for the cards, calls, food, and especially your prayers during the time of my two surgeries. Arnold and I are so blessed to have the love of our West Erwin family. -Agnes Ables

West Erwin Church of Christ, Thank you for the peace lily and ivy basket! Shawn volunteered his time with his grandfather unloading groceries to the food pantry. He loved helping his grandfather and others. Our family is grateful for the prayers and concern during our loss! Humbled, the Greg Groom Family (Shawn Groom was the grandson of Ira and Sherrie Groom and Allene Smith.)

Summer Speaker Series

August 24
 "Increase in Measure"
 Jerry Savage - Sulphur Springs

August 31
 Singing with Larry Parker - Longview
 2 Peter 1:5-11
 Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

PLUGGED INTO HIS POWER

There will be a meeting for all those interested in the work at Douglas Elementary on Sunday, August 21 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 112 at the back of the small auditorium.

"Songs for the Road"

Introduction: How do you do _____ trips?

Psalms 120-134 are psalms of ascent and have been called "songs for the road."

Disciple and Pilgrim
"Monuments or Footprints?"

These songs for the road are sung with _____ praise to God in anticipation of worshiping with God's people. We worship, honor, and glorify God in all aspects of our lives, but there is something

_____ about the worship assembly. (1 Cor. 11:17-34; 14; Heb.

10:19-25)

Psalm 122

Psalm 124

Psalm 121

Psalm 125

Conclusion of series: Where do we go from here?

- _____ the psalms.
- _____ the psalms.
- _____ the psalms.

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Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to the family of Dick and Sue Higginbotham. Services are scheduled for Sunday, August 28th at 2 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Updates:

Norma Durham may be facing hip replacement surgery. She is in a great deal of pain.

Bud Cawyer is home and is awaiting further tests.

Barbara White will have back surgery on September 1 at Mother Frances. She expects to be able to go home that day.

Kalli Huff remains in the hospital at UT Southwestern in Dallas.

Betty Holt has been cleared to have open heart aortic valve replacement surgery soon.

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Stevie Blakemore

Michael & Tami Hurley

Be Prayerful about
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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - <i>Psalm 124</i>	Danny Snell
Song	Had it Not Been the Lord Davy Carter
Song #747	Sing On, Ye Joyful Pilgrims Gary Ables
Song #415	Each Step I Take Jim Boyd
Prayer	Jim Boyd
Song #395	Follow Me Clifton Lindsey
Communion	Clifton Lindsey
Song #137	Unto the Hills
Contribution	
Song #412	Jesus, Hold My Hand Colby Chandler
Scripture Reading	<i>Psalm 125:1-2</i> Colby Chandler
Song	Surround Us, O Lord Bill Allen
Message:	"Songs for the Road" Bill Allen
Song #957	This World is Not My Home Jay Bynum
Elder's Prayer	Jay Bynum
Song #869	We're Marching to Zion

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God has blessed us over the past week or two in some amazing and incredible ways.

A week ago last Wednesday evening, in spite of serious rain and storms, a large number of our family gathered to pray for our children, parents and other family members, our teachers and administrators and schools. What a great blessing it is to be able to pray for all this past week, and to focus in prayer and encouragement on a child or two throughout the year!

Sunday morning it was announced that four new families have decided to make West Erwin their church family and home. You'll see their names elsewhere in this bulletin, along with one more who has made the same intention known this week. Praise God!

One of our shepherds Wade Weathers announced on Sunday that we have ordered a bus and it will be here by the end of the year. Thanks to all the committee members and others who have put so much work and love and prayer into this project over the last several months. As was said Sunday, let's put it to use!

We have had some conversations with the administration at Douglas Elementary and have committed to helping this great school out over the course of this school year. We will be reading to students, mentoring students, helping provide and complete student uniforms, volunteering for classes, praying for and encouraging teachers and staff, and helping out in several other ways.

Danny Snell has put this together, and called for a meeting of those interested in hearing more about this great opportunity to show the love of Christ to some of the most needy in our community.

65 of our members attended that meeting Sunday!

This outreach and service kicked off in a big way as we provided and served lunch for the teachers and staff this past Monday, with around 50 of the Douglas Elementary family there. Thanks to all who helped make this a terrific time! Our group wore our "W. E. Love Douglas" shirts, complete with the "Wildcats" mascot of the school, which were a big hit. Well done Suzanne Braly for your design! Fifteen of us were there to meet these wonderful servants and on behalf of our whole West Erwin family thanked them for what they do. We let them know that they will be seeing these green shirts around this year and that the shirt is being worn by people who love the students and their teachers and school staff and are there to help however we can. Fantastic!!

So add this to the incredible work we do through the Benevolence Center (Karing Kitchen is coming up!) and in so many other ways, serving people from the youngest to the oldest among us in our church and community and world. And all praise and glory to our great God who first loved us and has loved us more than we could ever repay!



I WANT TO SLEEP IN MY ROOM!

As most of you know, Suzie has been keeping Beau (our youngest grandson) for a few years now while Lindsay works. He takes his daily nap in our middle bedroom. This weekend, we kept both Owen and Beau while Matt & Lindsay went to a wedding. Saturday, while we were putting them down for the night in the front bedroom, Beau sat up and said that he wanted to sleep in "his room". While Beau thinks he has a bedroom of his own, in reality, his only claim to ownership to that room is the fact that he is my grandson. I think this describes our position with the church. While people claim West Erwin to be "their church"; the reality is that it is Christ's church. Like Beau, the basis for our membership lies in our relationship with Christ. When I hear someone say "my church", I see someone taking ownership in the church and committing their loyalty to that congregation. That is such a positive message the leadership needs to hear. I hear someone saying that this is my immediate "spiritual family". This is the family that builds me up and makes me feel worthwhile. This is the family that I will sacrifice for. This is the family that I will love unconditionally; even though we may disagree at times, I will not ridicule or criticize them. I will love them as Jesus did because this is how the world will know that I am a Christian. When someone says "my church" they are saying that these are the elders and deacons that I will work for and make their job as easy as possible, because that's how Jesus would have me treat them. When someone says "my church" they are saying that this is the family that I will stay with, in good times and in bad times because just as I consider West Erwin to be my church, it is also "our church" too! What are you willing to do for "your church"?

Bible Class

This quarter our Bible classes are studying from John and Acts. The title of our study is "God Building His Kingdom". The lesson this week... "A Passionate Defense" from Acts 15:1-35. More on this in class this Sunday morning at 9.... Join us!

Consider the following from Acts 15:7-11: "*Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.*"

All Church Luncheon

Sunday, Aug 28 is our All Church Luncheon in the FLC followed by a short devotional and then dismissed for the day.

Movie Night

Join us for our Movie Night on Sunday, Sept 11. We will have a special showing of "God's Not Dead II." Hotdogs and popcorn will be provided. This will be a great opportunity to invite friends and family to enjoy this faith based movie and to provide opportunities for further discussion. Mark your calendars for Sunday, Sept. 11!

Don't forget Karing Kitchen! Monday, August 29th!

We meet at 5 p.m. We serve at 6 p.m. We're usually finished with cleanup by 7 p.m.

NO DEVO TONIGHT - FAMILY DAY

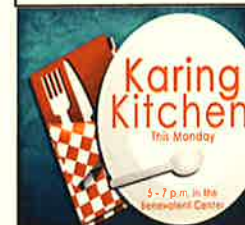
This Sunday, August 28th, is our fall All Church Family Day. We will have our regular AM Bible classes and worship assembly, and then afterwards everyone is invited over to the Family Life Center for a free luncheon together. We will follow that with a short devotional, and then will be dismissed for the day, with the intent of spending that time together with your family! Youth devos will be back on track next week.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT - CHURCH-WIDE WORSHIP

As it is the last Wednesday night of the summer, the youth group will be joining all of our adult classes in the small auditorium for a church-wide singing night of worship led by Larry Parker from Longview. So teens, head to the main building, as then next week we begin our new fall Wednesday night series I've titled "**Red Letter Riot**", looking very seriously at the words of Jesus, and what the full-on sold out life he calls us to as followers.

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Dear West Erwin Family, Thank you so much for the cards, visits, calls and especially prayers during my heart surgery and recovery. All of these have meant so much in helping with my recovery. I am looking forward to being with everyone again soon.

In Christian love, **Suzie Roden**

I wanted to thank my church family for the food, cards, phone calls and especially prayers. I am so thankful to be part of West Erwin. **Wendy Nelson**

To my Church of Christ family, I want to thank you for all the calls, cards, visits and food. We have the best cooks in town. Thanks to Harvey for bringing my lunch.

Love you all. **Clinton Culpepper**

To our West Erwin Family: Ken and I want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the love, kindness, and concern during these past few weeks and months while I've been recovering from surgery. The food, cards, calls, visits and flowers were wonderful! I can't imagine life without my brothers and sisters in Christ at West Erwin! Thank you! God bless you all and the wonderful work that you're doing!

Because of Him, **Ken & Cathy Culpepper**

Letters of THANKS!

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"Why Do What is Good?"

Introduction: So this is a Sunday _____ sermon to end a Sunday _____ sermon series.

Titus 3:3-8

A. _____ bad news: _____

Titus 3:3; Isaiah 59; Ezekiel 18; Rom. 1-3; 6:23

B. _____ good news: _____

Titus 3:4-7; 2:11-14

John 3:3-5, 14-17; Rom. 1:16-17; 3:21-30; 5:6-11; 2 Cor. 5:21; Eph. 2:4-9; Col. 1:15-23

Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:36-41; 8:30-39; 10:44-48; 16:13-15, 25-34; 19:1-7; 9:17-18; 22:16

Rom. 6:1-4; Col. 2:6-15; 1 Cor. 12:12-13; Gal. 3:26-29; 1 Peter 3:18-22

C. _____ to doing _____

Titus 3:8; Rom. 6:4ff; 8; 12:1-2ff; Eph. 2:10ff; Gal. 5:13-26; Matt. 5-7; John 13; James 2; etc.

Conclusion: So *why* do what is good?

Titus 3:8; Eph. 2:10; Rom. 12:1

- Doing good is excellent and profitable for _____.
- _____ have trusted in God.
- This is _____ we are, and _____ we should be about.

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Updates

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Jerry Fennell, father of Jeff, had a heart attack last week. He is home now.

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Ryan & Desiree Poole Braxten and Colbee

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Welcome/Call to Worship - Ephesians 1:3-7	Donnie Carnathan
Song #162 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	Gary Ables
Song #508 A Wonderful Savior	
Song #288 Fairest Lord Jesus	
Prayer	Greg Jones
Song #221 Jesus, Name Above All Names	
Communion - Bread	Fred Wingate
Song #222 There's Something About That Name	
Communion - Cup	
Song #694 Servant Song	
Contribution	
Song In Christ Alone	
Scripture Reading <i>Ephesians 2:8-10</i>	Chris Ables
Song #570 A Beautiful Life	
Message: "Why Do What is Good?"	Bill Allen
Song I Want to Be a Worker	
Elder's Prayer	Ken Culpepper
Song #853 When We All Get to Heaven	
5:00 P.M. Assembly	
Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song He Is My Everything	Lance Yarema
Song #848 Did You Think to Pray?	
Prayer	Jonathan Stone
Scripture Reading <i>Revelation 15:3-4</i>	Myron Granberry
Song Light the Fire	
Song #76 How Great Thou Art	
Message "I Know Your Deeds"	Bill Allen
Song #911 Bring Christ Your Broken Life	
Song #414 Anywhere With Jesus	
Dismiss	Ralph Henderson

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**The church office will be closed
Monday, September 5th for Labor Day.**

Again this week we are welcoming new members to our West Erwin family. Soooo, Welcome!!

This Sunday our Bible classes begin a new quarter and a new focus in our curriculum. For the month of September we will consider several important themes in the book of James. In the first one, the half-brother of the Lord takes a seemingly contradictory stance on persecution.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (James 1:2-4)

This of course does not make much sense to those who do not approach suffering and persecution in the broader context of the ultimate will of God and the centrality of the gospel. But for people of faith we recognize that though God is concerned about our physical and emotional well-being in the present time, He is even more concerned for our spiritual welfare, and wants us to have an eternal home with Him. And He wants the same for others as well.

The question is, in an environment and a culture that is moving farther and farther away from this perspective, and is more centered on *what I think is best for me myself right now*, can we, in that environment, continue to be people of faith when that faith is being tested? Russell Moore shares some related thoughts in a recent article, which can be found here: <http://www.russellmoore.com/2016/08/08/cultural-engagement-secular-age-look-like/>

As American culture secularizes, the most basic Christian tenets seem ever more detached from mainstream American culture. There is, for those who came and will come of age in recent years, no social utility to embracing them. Those who identify with Christianity, and who gather with the people of God, have already decided to walk out of step with the culture. These Christians have already embraced strangeness by spending Sunday morning at church rather than at brunch. Those who were nominally Christian are suddenly vanished from the pews. Those who wanted an almost-gospel will find that they don't need it to thrive in American culture. As a matter of fact, cultural Christianity is herded out by natural selection. That sort of nominal religion, when bearing the burden of the embarrassment of a controversial Bible, is no more equipped to survive in a secularizing America than a declawed cat released in the wild. Who then is left behind? It will be those defined, not by a Christian America but by a Christian gospel... **The test will be if we can engage the culture without losing the gospel...** We will hardly be "normal," but we should never have tried to be.



WHAT TO REMEMBER

It is so frustrating when your memory is failing. You go through life depending on sticky notes, you can never find your phone, and if that reminder is not written down in an obvious place it is lost forever! There are some things we should never forget though. They are the basic building blocks of our faith. We must never forget that **we were redeemed!** *As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live...But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ...it is by grace you have been saved (Eph.2:1-5).* It is through God's love and mercy that we can be alive with Christ. There is no hope without Him! We must never forget what **we could not do!** *At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly...While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Ro.5:6,8).* At our worse, God still loves us. It is not about us or what we can do, it is about God's love, his gift of mercy, and the grace he gives us. We must never forget the **death, burial, and resurrection.** *For I delivered to you as first importance what I also received; that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day...but by the grace of God I am what I am...(1 Co.15:3,4,10).* Paul wanted the church at Corinth to know what was of the first importance to them and also to us. We must never forget that **there is a place prepared for us.** *In my Father's house are many rooms...I am going there to prepare a place for you...I will come back and take you to be with me (Jo.14:2, 3).* Every hardship we face, every struggle we encounter, and every doubt we overcome is worth it. Our place with Jesus is promised and prepared for us. Our salvation comes from what God has done for us out of his great love for us. Never forget it!



DEVO TONIGHT

There will be a devo tonight for all 6th-8th grade students from 6-8pm in the Family Life Center. Please bring \$3 for dinner, your Bibles, and wear close toed shoes! Next week there will be no devo, but everyone is invited back over to the FLC for our church-wide movie night showing God's Not Dead 2 immediately following the PM assembly.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - RED LETTER RIOT

This week we begin our new fall Wednesday night series I've decided to call "**Red Letter Riot**", looking very seriously at the words of Jesus, and what the full-on sold out life he calls us to as followers should look like. Jesus' example is relevant and revolutionary and His words should call us back to a Christianity that looks like Him and Him alone. As we dig through the words of Jesus in this series—the "red letters" of Scripture—I want us to ask ourselves this very simple question, "What if we actually lived out the stuff He said?"

EAST TEXAS AREA WIDE - SEPT. 18TH

Two weeks from tonight, on Sunday, Sept 18th, our first "Gathering" area-wide of the school year will be at Chandler Street in Kilgore. We will leave West Erwin at 5:15pm from the FLC parking lot, and return at 8:30pm. Please make plans to join us for uplifting worship, an encouraging message, and great food and games!

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00 as we begin a new study. This quarter our Bible Classes will be studying James and Exodus. The title of our study is "Living in this World with a God Who Provides". The lesson this week... "Blessings in Disguise" from James 1:1-18. More on this in class this Sunday morning... Join us!

Consider the following from James 1:12:

"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him."

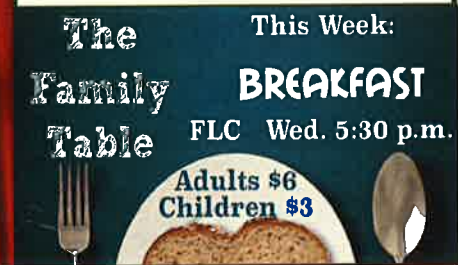
West Erwin Movie Night

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There is a table baby shower for Josh and Meagan Hays through September 4th in the foyer. Selections are at Bye Bye Baby and Target. (It's a BOY!)

Thanks to all the workers who volunteered their time for the teacher's luncheon at Douglas Elementary before school started. We had a great response and we made them really feel appreciated. It's going to be a great year!



THANKS! "When love and support of family and friends occur with such humbling frequency, it is very difficult to find words to express the appreciation that is felt." The visitations in the hospital, the numerous cards and phone calls, and especially the multitude of prayers on my behalf are unbelievable, and tremendously appreciated. There are still issues to be resolved, but we believe they can be handled on an outpatient basis!! Thanks so very much to our church family for your thoughts and prayers these past two weeks! We love you and appreciate every one of you. God bless you!! Bud and Charlotte Cayger
Thank you to everyone who helped with last Sunday's All Church Luncheon. Thank you for your willingness to serve others. David Hammond

“Living in an Even More Different World”

Introduction: On the Sunday following the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001, I preached a sermon entitled, “Living in a _____ World.”

THEN

NOW

A. There were threats in the _____ century B.C.

Isaiah 7:1-17; 8:11-17

B. There were threats in the _____ century.

Matt. 10:16-42; John 17:13-23; Acts 4; 1 Peter 2:9-17; 3:8-22;
Matt. 5-7; James 1-2

Rom. 11:33-36; 12:9-21; 13:1-7; 2 Cor. 12:6-10; 1 Tim. 2:1-6;
Heb. 10:19-25; 2 Cor. 12:6-10

C. There are these same threats today, in the _____ century.

Heb. 13:1-8; Rom. 8:18-39; John 16:33

Conclusion: How do we survive in this different world?

- **Believe**—continue to _____ in the One who remains in control.
- **Connect**—continue to build _____ with one another, and with our neighbors.
- **Serve**—continue to demonstrate our faith with _____ of love and compassion toward all.

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Prayer & Care

Sympathy: Our love and sympathy is extended to Louise Caskey in the loss of her brother, Douglas Degge. | And former member, Vickie Norman lost her mother, Opal Washington, last Tuesday.

Birth Jordan and Shelley Mullins are the new proud parents of a baby girl. Bella Ruth Mullins was born Tuesday at 7:34 P.M. She was 8 pounds, 11 ounces and 21 inches long. Donna Mullins is the happy grandmother.

Updates

Norene Ingram, mother of Donnie Ingram, is not doing well. No visitors, please.

Betty Holt will have aortic valve replacement surgery on September 12th.

Bud Cawyer is awaiting further tests. | **Kalli Huff** is home now.

Betty Willis got a good report from a recent biopsy.

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Be watching here for ways you can be useful to the “W.E. Love Douglas” project!



Be Prayerful about Eastern European Mission!

September 25th is MILLION DOLLAR SUNDAY

Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday
Don Ingram
903.253.4600

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Our Records	September 4
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Wed. p.m.	207
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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Isaiah 8:12-13	Danny Snell
Song #47 Holy, Holy, Holy	Gary Ables
Song #991 This Is My Father's World	
Song #540 O, For a Faith That Will Not Shrink	
Prayer	Bill Paschall
Song #383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross	
Communion and Contribution	Wayne Berryman
Song #749 The Battle Belongs to the Lord	Davy Carter
Scripture Reading 1 Peter 3:13-15	Scott Albritton
Song How Great is Our God	
Message: Living in an Even More Different World	Bill Allen
Song #490 It Is Well With My Soul (vs 1 & 2)	
Elder's Prayer	David Hammond
Song #490 It Is Well With My Soul (vs 3)	
5:00 P.M. Assembly	
Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song #230 Worthy Art Thou	Kalon Ainsworth
Song #464 Because He Lives	
Prayer	Dannie Skipper
Scripture Reading Matthew 28:5-7	Frank Debenport
Song #346 He Lives	
Message Dead or Alive?	Bill Allen
Song There's a Stirring	
Song #611 Heavenly Sunlight	
Dismiss	Tom Hale

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Clifton Lindsey
Stan Mallory
Phil Marts

Philip Matthews
Jim McDonald
Vance Metcalf
Eric Moseley

GREETERS

Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy

Main Doors:

Phil & Ellen Matthews

East Doors:

Harold & Shirley Denman

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PICK UP CARDS

Owen Ables, Cole Benson,
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& Jaci Philpot

BY BILL ALLEN

Where were you at 8:46 Eastern Daylight Time on 9/11 in 2001?

Chances are if you were alive then, and were not a young child, you know exactly where you were and what you were doing when American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. And you also remember what you felt less than twenty minutes later when you saw on TV the second plane, United Airlines Flight 175, crash into the South Tower.

That's when we all knew that this was no accident. The United States was under attack.

A third plane crashed into the Pentagon, and a fourth went down in a Pennsylvania field. In just over 100 minutes after the first attack, both towers of the WTC had collapsed. Close to 3,000 people were killed.

Our questions and fear turned to pride as we heard of the heroes—those who saved many lives by making sure that plane that went down in Pennsylvania would not do more harm under the control of the Islamic terrorists; those amazing first responders—the medical, fire department and law enforcement people who ran into the danger rather than away; many others, some whose stories were told, some not; the way our nation came together as one to help, encourage, and pray. For a while.

Sunday is the 15th anniversary of this horrific day.

During these years we've seen more lives lost and the terrorist threat continue to be very real. We still have questions and fear and pride, and also a great bit of uncertainty. What drives this uncertainty involves more than just the threat of terrorist attacks, but also attacks from within our own country and culture on values that throughout our history we have (mostly) shared as a nation and sought (imperfectly) to uphold.

Where does this leave the Christian? For people of faith, it leaves us where living in the world has always left us. For people of faith, we are where we have always been.

Trusting solely in God.

It's just that sometimes we have to rely on that more than at other times. Sometimes we feel that more significantly than at other times. These are some of those times.

And trusting solely in God is not a bad thing. A hard thing, yes. But definitely not a bad thing.



HOLD ON!

Last Tuesday, I was walking from the offices to the Benevolent Center with a folder and some papers I had copied. I had everything tightly in my hand, and the next thing I knew, I had copies flying all over the intersection of Elm and Bonner. Here I was trying to gather everything I dropped and wondering if I was fixing to be run over by someone blazing through that intersection. First, I was shocked that I even dropped it, I made sure I had it tucked securely away. Then I was amazed at how quick it scattered, and how far it flew from me. I truly felt vulnerable trying to gather all my stuff from the road. Sadly, I have seen people lose their faith in much the same fashion. They feel that they have everything secure in their life. They can't imagine anything going wrong in their family or that anything would happen to their job. They would never imagine that a disagreement between another member would drive them away from the church. They think they are stronger than anything Satan could throw at them. Then, when the unthinkable happens, life seems to fall apart. We feel so weak and Satan makes it seem like we are failures, because the last thing Satan wants is for us to draw closer to God. This is when we need Paul's words so much; *Let love be genuine....hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor...be fervent in the spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in affliction, be constant in prayer (Ro.12:9-12).* We do feel week in times of trouble, but that is not the time to leave those who love you the most. Hold fast to what is good; the love of the Lord, the power of His spirit, and the hope of his promises!

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- Sept. 11 Movie Night - *God's Not Dead 2*
- Oct. 16 Family Day @ Brookshires Park

NO DEVO TONIGHT - MOVIE NIGHT


There is no youth devo tonight, but everyone is invited over to the FLC after the 5pm assembly for our church-wide showing of the movie *God's Not Dead 2*. There will be free hot dogs, chips, drinks and popcorn for everyone. We should be done right around 8pm, so please make plans to join us!

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WEST ERWIN MOVIE NIGHT
"GOD'S NOT DEAD 2"
September 11th 6 p.m.
Free hot dogs and popcorn.

The Family Table This Week: **Mexican**
FLC Wed. 5:30 p.m.
Adults \$6
Children \$3

THANKS! Dear Ladies, Thanks for all the beautiful cards. They helped make my birthday very "special". Love you all! Winnie Bell

West Erwin Family, Thanks for your many prayers concerning my recent surgeries. I also appreciate the cards and calls offering encouragement and help. I love you all! Frances Broome

I am so grateful for your thoughtfulness, kindness, and your generous heart. Thank you for the many cards, calls, prayers, and food at the time of the death of my sister, Mary McCoy, and my nephew, Richard Price. I love my West Erwin family. Alice Thompson

"It Starts With Jesus"

Introduction: "Membership has its _____." Over the next several weeks our sermons will focus on what it means to be a _____ member.

A. We are called into _____ with Jesus as Lord and with each other as His body, the church.

1 Cor. 1:1-9; 1 John 1:7

B. The message of the _____ is foolishness to some, and God's power to others.

1 Cor. 1:18-21

C. Christ _____ is the gospel that we have trusted in ourselves and preach to others.

1 Cor. 1:22-25; 15:1-8; Rom. 1:14-17; Gal. 1:6-9

Matt. 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19

John 3:14-17; 10:1-18; Rom. 3:21-26; 5:6-11; 2 Cor. 5:11-21;

Phil. 3:7-11; Eph. 2:1-10; Col. 2:6-15; Titus 3:3-8

Conclusion: In the church, membership does have its privileges. We are privileged to _____.

Matt. 20:20-28; Luke 9:23; Phil. 2:1-11

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Prayer & Care

Sympathy: Our love and sympathy is extended to Donny and Nerene Ingram in the loss of Donny's mother, Norene Ingram. Norene was a long time member of West Erwin. Services were last Tuesday.

Updates

Betty Holt had aortic valve replacement surgery last Monday. She is in ETMC - Room #5816.

Burney Wilson had I.V. antibiotics last week for a small leg wound.

Konni Tharp's son, **Ryley**, had a new pacemaker and an additional lead put in last Wednesday. He is doing well.

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Order of Worship

EEM Presentation		Bill Allen
Welcome/Call to Worship - <i>Colossians 2:13-15</i>		Danny Snell
Song #167	Hosanna	Gary Ables
Song #578	We Will Glorify	
Song #361	Nailed to the Cross	
Prayer		Will Christian
Song #315	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	
Communion & Contribution		Robert Lee
Song	Above All	
Scripture Reading	<i>Romans 5:6-8</i>	Barry Ciaschini
Song	How Deep the Father's Love	Davy Carter
Message:	"It Starts With Jesus"	Bill Allen
Song #945	Kneel at the Cross	
Elder's Prayer		Gaylan Seagler
Song #509	I Will Sing the Wondrous Story	
	5:00 P.M. Assembly	
Welcome/Call to Worship		Danny Snell
Song #202	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee	Davy Carter
Song #64	I Worship You, Almighty God	
Prayer		Howard Dickson
Scripture Reading	<i>2 Corinthians 12:9-10</i>	Tom Clark
Song	Salvation Belongs to our God	
Song #659	I Love to Tell the Story	
Message	"What is 'Strong Preaching?'"	Bill Allen
Song #309	In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified	
Song #722	Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen	
Dismiss		Don Durham

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 Lee Mink
 Samuel Mink
 Cody Mitcham
 Kelly Monahan

Kennein Muncy
 Larry Murphey
 Chris Reynolds

GREETERS

Info Center:
 Fred & Sandra Wingate

Main Doors:

David & Sharon
 Hammond

East Doors:

Davy & Sonja Carter
W. Erwin Doors:
 Glynn & Fran Starnes

PICK UP CARDS

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 Mitcham, Liam Harbuck,
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BY BILL ALLEN

We've been blessed to have **G. W. Cliver** with us the past couple of weeks. He has now moved to Russia permanently and will continue to share God's love and Word there. Many of you on your own gave extra contributions so that he left West Erwin with over \$3000 toward his trip and his work! Be prayerful for G. W. and **Ruby** and all this family. This Sunday we will have a special announcement about Eastern European Mission and their upcoming Million Dollar Sunday, so be listening for that.

This week we once again welcome a new member into our West Erwin family! **Konni Tharp** is no stranger to us as she has been a part of our worship assemblies, classes, and other church activities for a while. We are glad to make it official!! She wants to be involved in ministering to and encouraging others who are single and serving our Lord, this church, and our community in so many ways. Amen!!

God continues to bless us with more brothers and sisters to be a part of the life and ministry of the church here. Our hope and prayer is that all of us as fellow **BELIEVE**rs will **CONNECT** with each other and with the Lord in deeper and greater ways, and that we will be involved and **SERVE** in every way that our Lord is calling us to do.

And this is where **YOU** come in!! Here are a few things you can do to help:

- **Wear your name tag!!** "But I've been here forever, everyone should know me." Well, most haven't been here forever, and they don't know you! And very likely, you won't know them either, unless they...wait for it...wear their name tag!! This is a very small, but very unselfish thing that everyone can do.
- **Update your picture** in the directory! I know you loved it when the kids were babies, but they're in high school or college or gone now and it would really help to see you/your family as you are today.
- **Talk to people** you're not all that familiar with at church times. I know, it's special to get to see and talk to our friends with whom we are especially close. And yes, do that. But also look around for some you don't know well and get to know them. How do I start that conversation Bill? Here's one idea: introduce yourself by pointing to your name tag, and ask if they have one yet, or thank them for wearing it!

This Sunday we begin a new series of sermons I've titled "**On Being a Church Member**," much of which will be taken from 1 Corinthians. In one of our first lessons we'll look at the beginning of the church, that Day of Pentecost almost 2000 years ago. But we start before that day, with what made that day possible, with what made the church and salvation possible. We start where everything should start, the central event of all of human history. We start with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Head of His body, the church. We start at the cross.



TOGETHER AGAIN!

Sometimes, songs that I grew up with just never go away and they resurface in my mind for no apparent reason. That old Buck Owens song *Together Again* came to mind the other day and I was humming and singing it all day long. It was a song about a couple that had reunited after a split. Now that they were back together, the joy was back in his life and nothing else mattered. He also sang about how the gray skies were gone because she was back where she belonged. I realize that this is just an old country-western song that made plenty of rounds in honky-tonks around this country, but there is a theme here that we can apply to us as well. Just as Buck sang about the woman he loved and missed, we need to feel the same way about each other in the church. Kalon made a great point Sunday night about how good it was to be together, especially on a day when our thoughts kept taking us back to 9/11. We followed our worship with a great "Movie Night" together. We have a family picnic coming up at the beautiful Brookshire's Recreation Park out on Lake Palestine. We have small groups that offer a chance to get to know one another better and see each other outside of the church walls. We should look at these times together as a gift from God. It is precious and intended for us as a time of encouragement and love. Just like Buck sang about, the gray skies are gone because we are where we belong; with each other! The question is, if you lost it, would you miss it? If you wouldn't miss it; you need to fix the reason why! Don't miss out on the blessings of being with each other. Every day, Jesus wants His children to be looking for the next time we can be **Together Again!**

Bible Class

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Thanks!

Thanks to all who helped with our Movie Night this past Sunday. We had a great turnout and quite a few visitors too! Thanks to all who helped with the food & cleanup.

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WEST ERWIN FALL FESTIVAL – OCT 30TH

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 again in need of others in our church 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. 30th, that would be a great help and mean a great deal to the children that come to the festival. Perhaps you and your spouse would like to do it together, or just with several friends! If you can help please see Eric for any questions you may have, and in the next several weeks there will be a signup sheet on the information table in the foyer!



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Congratulations!



Luke Joshua Hays was born on Sept. 12 to Josh and Meagan Hays.
~ 7 pounds, 8 ounces, 20 3/4 inches long ~

The Benevolence Center is in great need of men's shoes & clothing also small cans of tuna, 5 oz. cans, please!

The Family Table This Week: **BAR-B-Q**
FLC Wed. 5:30 p.m.
Adults \$6
Children \$3

"The First Church Members"

Introduction: When it comes to being church members, it starts with _____. Through His sacrifice, His promises, and His power, the church—His _____—was begun.

A. The _____ is given.

Acts 2:1-13
Luke 24:46-49; Acts 1:1-8; 10:1-11:18

B. The _____ is preached.

Acts 2:14-37
Joel 2; Psalms 16; 110; 1 Cor. 15:1-8; Rom. 1:14-17

C. The _____ is begun.

Acts 2:36-47
1 Cor. 12:12-14; John 3:3-5; Titus 3:3-8

Conclusion: The _____ is disclosed: one body, many members, through the gospel.

Eph. 1:1-4:16; Col. 1:1-2:15
Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:4-27; 1 Peter 4:7-11

Prayer & Care

Updates

Norma Durham will have hip replacement surgery on October 3rd at Spine and Joint Hospital.

Betty Holt is now in Olympic Plaza for rehab.

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We want to provide extra school uniforms for the students. If you would like to help with this please see Danny.



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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Colossians 1:13-20	Danny Snell
Song #577	Gary Ables
Song #144	
Song #718	
Prayer	Tom Hale
Song #314	
Communion & Contribution	Chris Conder
Song #365	Davy Carter
Scripture Reading	Bill White
Song	
Message:	Bill Allen
Song #589	
Elder's Prayer	Wade Weathers
Song #290	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song #15	Bryce Murry
Song	
Prayer	Stan Clark
Scripture Reading	Jay Bynum
Song #163	
Song #728b	
Message	Bill Allen
Song #696	
Song #286	
Dismiss	Charles Melville

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Cody Mitcham
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Kenneth Muncy
Larry Murphey
Chris Reynolds

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Main Doors:

James & Connie Sublette

East Doors:

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Mitcham, Liam Harbuck,

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Emma Stamps



If you missed Jim Armstrong at church last Sunday you'll be interested to know that he was out of town, and even more interested to know why. He was in Arlington for the 50-year reunion of his 1966 Junior High City Champion T. W. Browne Trojans! It was the first ever City Championship for the Trojans, and they celebrated the 50th anniversary very appropriately with lunch followed by a Texas Rangers game. If you ask him I bet he'll show you a couple of *Dallas Morning News* articles from back then, including one by a little known sports writer by the name of Randy Galloway. Congrats, "Coach!"

We talked a lot in our Bible classes last Sunday about the tongue, about our language, about what we say and the way we talk about others. James doesn't have many nice things to say about that, and mostly condemns us for using our words to hurt. That is something consistent with all of Scripture, whether you're looking at the Law of Moses, the warnings of Proverbs, the words of Jesus in the gospels, or the inspired writers of NT epistles. If you're looking for a good way to judge whether or not you should say what you're thinking, perhaps following this command from the apostle Paul might help.

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." (Eph. 4:29)

In other words, ask yourself, "Will this help? Will this build up?"

Why is this so important? Lots of reasons of course. The Golden Rule. People need our encouragement, not our condemnation. And they certainly don't need our slander. Perhaps the most significant reason this matters is because what comes out of our mouth is an indication of what's in our hearts.

You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned." (Matt. 12:34-37)

Just let that sink in. What your mouth speaks tells you what's in your heart. How's your heart?



THE LORD IS THERE!

In the last verse of the book of Ezekiel, the prophet is telling of his vision of a restored Israel. Ezekiel is preaching to the exiles and trying to encourage them with a promise from God. In this verse, Ezekiel talks of Jerusalem, he says, *And the name of the city from that time on shall be, The Lord Is There (Ezek.48:35b)*. Looking back on the story from our perspective in history, we know that Israel's troubles began when they turned away from God. Now, they are being told that the condition for their restoration will be accepting their punishment and turning back to God! When that happens, the Lord will be there! It is the same condition for any household, any city, any state, any nation, or the world. If we want God's blessings, we need to live on God's terms! God will not be where He is not wanted. God will not be where He is not honored. God will not be where He is not worshipped. God warned the Israelites time and time again, and finally left them to the punishment He promised through His prophets. I am afraid that this country is headed down the same path. We are looking to be restored by sweet-sounding politicians that will promise whatever people want to hear, but in the end, we will get the same results that have plagued us for years. Israel fell because the people were content with their wealth, the leaders were content with their spiritual decline, and the majority did not want to listen to God's words. Does this sound familiar? What will it take to be restored? Phil Sanders once said, *If we are to restore ourselves to a proper perspective, we must stop focusing on ourselves and look long and hard at the cross. We must see His passion, remember His sacrifice, and imitate His love. The world needs to know the love of God (from the book Adrift)*. Do you want the Lord to be where you live?



Bible Class

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Consider the following from James 5:7 "Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord."

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DEVO TONIGHT

After a few weeks of "out of the ordinary" on Sunday nights, we're back in the FLC this Sunday night for a 6th-12th grade devo from 6-8pm following the PM assembly at West Erwin. Please bring \$3 for dinner and your Bibles.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - RED LETTER RIOT

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Thanks!

Thanks to everyone who brought food, visited us, sent cards and called us during my back surgery. Also we want to thank you for your prayers and for being such a wonderful church family. We are indeed a blessed couple!

Bill & Barbara White

The Benevolence Center is in great need of men's shoes & clothing also - small cans of tuna, 5 oz. cans, please!



The Family Table This Week: **Soft Tacos** FLC Wed. 5:30 p.m. Adults \$6 Children \$3

Did you remember your nametag today?



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Prayer & Care

Updates

Norma Durham will have hip replacement surgery on October 3rd at Spine and Joint Hospital.

Ira Groom is still in the STAR Unit at Briarcliff.

Betty Holt is in Olympic Plaza for rehab. | **Jess Hopkins** is home now.

Cayla Ables' grandfather, **George Broxson**, remains at ETMC.

Scylla Tomlinson, 26-year-old niece of Suzanne Braly, has been diagnosed with thymic carcinoma, a type of cancer targeting the thymus gland near the heart and near many lymph nodes.

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WE Love Douglas!
 As the Douglas staff gets closer to getting a handle on the school year and our involvement, our opportunities to serve will increase. They are working on a schedule this week and we should be able to have more info to you very soon! If you are interested in praying for one of the teachers, let me know and I will give you a name & email. For more information about 'The Douglas Project' contact Danny Snell at the church office.



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Welcome/Call to Worship - Isaiah 35:8-10	Donnie Carnathan
Song #535 The Glory-Land Way	Gary Ables
Song #77 Glorify Thy Name	
Song #837 I Need Thee Every Hour	
Prayer	Larry Murphey
Song #332 Lead Me to Calvary	
Communion & Contribution	Ralph Henderson
Song #749 The Battle Belongs to the Lord	Davy Carter
Scripture Reading Luke 22:31-32	Gene Chandler
Song Salvation Belongs to Our God	
Message: "I Fail, He Restores"	Eric Thornton
Song #911 Bring Christ Your Broken Life	
Elder's Prayer	Fred Wingate
Song #881 Mansion Over the Hilltop	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Eric Thornton
Song Wonderful, Jesus is to Me	Lance Yarema
Song Master, the Tempest is Raging	
Prayer	Jim Boyd
Scripture Reading I Corinthians 4:1-2	Jimmie Philpot
Song Sanctuary	
Song Oh, the Depths and the Riches	
Message: "God's Grace; Our Ministry"	Donnie Carnathan
Song Who at the Door is Standing?	
Song Do All in the Name of the Lord	
Dismiss	Ron Parish

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Nursery AM:

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 Jaci Philpot

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Shelia Lewis &
 McKenzie Fennell

God blessed us with a great day together last Sunday. In addition to the encouragement we received from worshipping our Lord together with our West Erwin family, we took part in the Eastern European Mission "Million Dollar Sunday." As had been announced all contributions over our weekly budget would go to EEM and the great work they do sharing God's Word and the love of Christ in Russia and throughout Europe. Thanks to your great faith and generosity, we will be sending them \$20,000! Praise God for the many ways He uses us to bless so many here and around the world! Continue to keep this important work in your prayers.

Sunday our elders announced the great news that Marla Cannefax will be working with our children's ministry! She will begin that work Nov. 1st and we are so excited to have her in this role! If you don't know Marla and David and their wonderful family, I hope you will meet them soon. And special thanks and appreciation to Bruce and Cortney Bevers who really stepped up to help when we needed someone, and will continue to be a part of the life and ministry of our West Erwin family.

With our new eldership our Shepherd Groups have been adjusted, and you should have recently received a card from your shepherd heading up your group. Our elders are committed to connecting with each person in our church family, which is a daunting task for just seven men. Through smaller groups such as our Bible classes, Small Groups, and especially these Shepherd Groups, those connections can be possible. Joyce and I met with one of the groups this past Sunday, and are looking forward to being involved with our specific group. We need to be shepherded—and so do you! Please be involved with your Shepherd Group, and pray for all our elders and their wives and families and the great work to which God and our West Erwin church family have called them.

I loved being able to share Sunday the exciting story of the start of the church from Acts 2! I hope if you weren't able to be here Sunday that you will take a few minutes to check out our live stream site, which also has the most recent Sunday's full service and previous morning sermons in the Video Archives. You can access our live stream site and find other info and resources at our web site, <http://www.westerwin.com/>

This Sunday I will be at the Oklahoma Christian University Lectureship. I'm looking forward to being on the campus of our alma mater, and hopefully seeing a few good friends from back in the day and some that I've met through the years. You will be blessed as Eric Thornton and Donnie Carnathan will be preaching in my absence.

The theme for the lectures this year is "To God's Elect: Peter's Message for Today's Christians," and is taken from 1 Peter. As our society becomes more and more secular we find ourselves living in times similar to the first century church, and Peter's message is increasingly applicable for us today. Pray for our nation and our world.



WHAT ARE YOU LEAVING BEHIND?

In Isaiah 39, we see God's message of punishment to Hezekiah because of the Israelites long history of disobedience. God promises to delay their falling to Babylon until after Hezekiah's reign. Hezekiah's response to this was, "The word of the Lord that you have spoken is good." For he thought, "There will be peace and security in my days" (Isa. 39:8). I realize that Hezekiah was a godly king and his obedience to God was the reason for the delay of God's judgment, but God's judgments also affected Hezekiah's household (39:6-7) and Hezekiah's vanity got him in trouble with God also. His answer seems a little selfish to me. My point is that what we do **today** can have a huge impact on what happens **tomorrow**. We can't just live for our benefit today and not have any regard on what we leave to those that follow us. Today, we are paying the price for years of pollution to this earth. Today, we are paying the price for years of government over spending. Today, we are paying the price for years of fostering a violent society. Today, we are paying the price for years of allowing a moral decline for the sake of "freedom". Today, we are paying the price of not protecting the sanctity of our families. The power of change lies in the cross. We need more of God's people working to help bring the message of the cross to their little part of the world. We need more of God's churches working to be the lights of their community. It will not be easy, it will bring us many challenges, but *we can do all things through Him that strengthens me!* What will you be leaving behind?



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Consider the following from Exodus 2:23-25 "After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery, and cried out. Out of the slavery their cry for help rose up to God. God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them."

Karing Kitchen

West Erwin will be hosting the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. This is a great opportunity to serve our community. If you don't want to serve or cook... Please just come and sit down with the people and visit with them. This is the best way to build a relationship with them and open doors for opportunities to have the God conversations. We prepare @ 5:00, serve @ 6:00 and finish cleaning up at 7:00. Join us!

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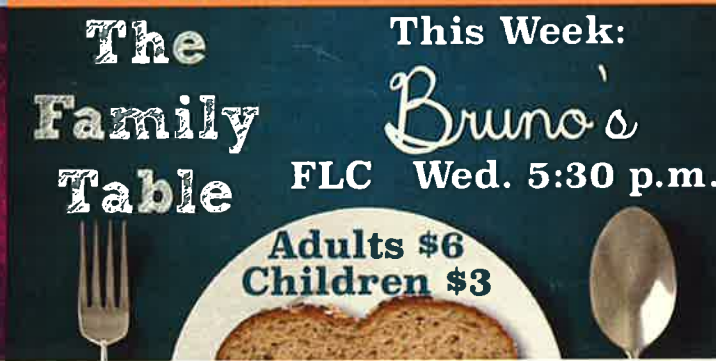
At the Information Center there are several brochures and flyers for special events and area gospel meetings.

Our contribution to Eastern European Mission for Million Dollar Sunday was \$20,000.00!

Thanks!

Dear West Erwin Family, Thank you so much for all the calls, cards, food, hugs, the beautiful flower arrangement, and all the support we received from you after the difficult time we experienced during the death of my mother, Norene Ingram. Mother loved her church and the many friends she had. Thank you again!! Donny and Nerene and the rest of the Ingram and Parrish Family

Each month teachers are recognized for excellence in the classroom from the East Texas area. They receive a plaque from East Texas Trophy and are placed in the running for the "Teacher of the Year" award in May. The "Teacher of the Year" honors include a cash prize and state-wide recognition. This month Lindale's Teacher of the Month is Rebekah Carnathan, daughter-in-law of Donnie and Suzie Carnathan.



"The Rx for God's Church: Love"

Introduction: Can you name all the _____ at the church in Corinth? Can you name the _____?

A. In spite of all their problems, they were still _____ church in Corinth. Paul told them to start acting like it.

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

B. The Rx for what ailed the church at Corinth was the kind of _____ seen at the _____.

1 Cor. 1:18-25; 2:1-5; 15:1-8

C. This love is seen in a few _____ things throughout your life and lots of _____ things every day.

1 Cor. 13:1-8a

1 John 3:16-18; 4:7-11, 19-21; Gal. 5:22-26; Col. 3:12-14; 2 Peter 1:3-11; Matt. 20:20-28; John 13:1-17

D. This love will outlast _____ good works and ministries.

1 Cor. 13:8-12

Conclusion: Love is the _____.

1 Cor. 13:13

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 will be October 1st at 6:30 p.m.
 at the GABC CrossWalk.
 For information, call 903-509-0558
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Prayer & Care

Updates

Cheli Mitcham has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. She will be treated with medication and radioactive iodine.

Norma Durham had hip replacement surgery last Monday. She was moved to Mother Frances' heart hospital for observation after chest pain. She is home now.

Stan Mallory's cancer has spread to his bones. He is undergoing radiation treatments.

Betty Holt is home now. **Jess Hopkins** is home.

Terry Frick's father, **David Frick**, will have back surgery on October 10.

Gayle Holt's father, **J.E. McMillan**, has had a reoccurrence of cancer. He had a PET scan last week to determine treatment.

Louise Caskey's daughter-in-law, **Sylvia Caskey**, has cancer. After chemo and radiation, they will be removing the rest of her arm.

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Song #121	Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing
Song #325	Boundless Love
Prayer	Davy Carter
Song #448	The Greatest Commands
Song #350	When My Love to Christ Grows Weak
Communion & Contribution	Gene Chandler
Song #429	Oh, To Be Like Thee
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 13:13
Song #122	The Love of God
Message:	"The Rx for God's Church: Love"
Song #636	To Love Someone More Dearly
Elder's Prayer	Gaylan Seagler
Song #869	We're Marching to Zion
	Lance Yarema
	Bill Allen
	David Wicks

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song	All Things Praise Thee
Song	You Are Worthy of My Praise
Song	O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee
Prayer	Phil Marts
Scripture Reading	Luke 10:25-28
Song	The Church's One Foundation
Song	Footsteps of Jesus
Message:	"Who Should Church Members Love?"
Song	Where He Leads I'll Follow
Song	There is Sunshine in My Soul
Dismiss	David Hammond

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 Evening Worship 5 p.m.

MONDAY
 Karing Kitchen 6 p.m.

TUESDAY
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WEDNESDAY
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Serving Today

COMMUNION

Sean Sillavan
 Leonard Speaker
 Shaun Stamps
 Charles Starr
 Jack Stringer

James Subietie
 Billy Terrell
 Randy Turner

GREETERS

Info Center:

Roy Fraley &
 Jean Rutherford

Main Doors:

Billy & Lynda Terrell

East Doors:

Barbara Caskey
W. Erwin Doors:

Adam Montgomery

PICK UP CARDS

Jackson Parker,
 Talon Parker, Wyatt Parker,
 Brayden Reeder,
 Nathan Turner

SOUND

Clifton Lindsey &
 Phil Matthews

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM:

Beverly Hale

Toddler AM:

Mary Scarborough &
 Rebecca Weathers

This past week I was able to spend a few days on the campus of Oklahoma Christian University, where Joyce and I went to college back in the '70s. That's the 1970s by the way... Their annual Bible Lectureship was mostly taken from the book of 1 Peter, and since I had already planned on preaching from 1 Peter starting in January I figured this would be helpful. I was right.

When we as ministers go to something like this, we do receive some valuable helps and tools for our ministry. But I have always felt it was just as important and many times even more important to experience the needed personal renewal and refreshing that can only come through getting away for intensive and focused times like this past week was for me. Thanks to Eric and Donnie for doing the teaching and preaching I would have done had I been here, and for our shepherds and this wonderful West Erwin family for making important and essential trips like this possible for all our ministers. Hold us accountable, and make sure we go to these regularly!

Two of the great opportunities I received this week were hearing Dr. Kent Brantly and Wissam Al-Aethawi. Dr. Brantly you may recall is a member of the Southside Church of Christ in Fort Worth, and contracted the Ebola virus while working as a medical missionary in Liberia. His story inspired the whole country, and brought much needed help and attention to the plight of those suffering in West Africa. Dr. Brantly looked at 1 Peter 4:12-19 and said, "Don't be surprised or think it unfair if you suffer for doing good, if your Christian faith brings suffering. It is by Christ's suffering that we were saved; others may be brought to Him through our suffering." Similarly, Doug Peters in one of his lessons reminded us that the suffering in 1 Peter is not just typical aches and pains, family or financial struggles. Rather it is intense persecution brought about specifically because we are Christ's disciples, and serve Him in all aspects of our lives. Our Christian faith not only helps us persevere faithfully through our suffering, many times it is the *source* of our persecution—we experience suffering *because* we are living out our Christian faith and values. It seems we are in for more of that. *Will you be willing to pay a price solely because you faithfully serve Christ?*

Wissam was born and raised in Baghdad as a Muslim. He grew up to reject Islam, however, and became an atheist. He developed an interest in the Bible, with his first "Bible" being a gospel of John he found at a used book sale. He ultimately became a believer in Jesus Christ, but had to wait 12 years before he could be baptized. He came to America as a religious refugee and now lives in the Detroit area. Wissam speaks to and evangelizes the high Arab/Muslim population there, and also speaks around the country. He said that he believes that "truth is searchable and findable," and that two of our biggest problems today are "ignorance of Islam and animosity against the Muslim people. My mother is a Muslim, and is not a terrorist." He said that Muslims "do not study their way to acceptance of Islam; they are born to it." And then he asked, "How true is that for many of us, and for our children and families?"



A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

In the book of Luke, Paul calls David a man after God's own heart and one that would do God's will (Acts 13:22). We look at the sins in David's life and wonder how that could be. While it is true that David sinned deeply, it is also true that he repented deeply as well (Psa. 51). There are plenty of David's traits that we ought to try and copy in our own lives today. First, **David loved God.** *I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my plea for mercy (Psa.116:1). 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 (Psa.63:1).* David knew that answered prayer demands love returned and gratitude. David knew there was sanctuary and relief in God. **David loved the people of God.** *I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts (Psa.119:63). These things I remember, as I pour out my soul; how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise...(Psa.42:4).* God's people need each other. We need our fellowship together and we need our worship together. It is how God intended! **David loved the word of God.** *Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long (Psa. 119:97).* David knew that the key to his own wisdom depended on his knowledge of God's word. **David loved to worship God.** *How lovely is your dwelling place...My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the loving God (Psa.84:1-2).* David knew the importance of worship in his life. He loved it, he desired it, and it was a source of joy to him. If we can put these four traits in our own lives, and if we can show their importance to the next generation, we could bless the church for years to come. David had a heart of God, so can we!

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Consider the following from Exodus 3:11 "But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

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SCARY, GROSS & WEIRD - WHY IS IT IN THERE?

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Thanks!

To our West Erwin Family: Do you know that we have angels at West Erwin Church? Angels are in the Benevolence room, they sent Louise a quilt. We have angels that cook, they send me a lunch every Tuesday. We have angels in other places, they are God's workers. Thank you very much! Louise & Clinton Culpepper

Thank you so much for donating to our Boles commissary! Y'all support us in so many ways. We really appreciate your effort in all you do for our campus. May God bless you all for your caring support of our ministry. Charlie & Melissa

West Erwin's
Young at Heart
Area Wide
October 20th
6:00 p.m. FLC
Sign up to come or to help!

Family Day
at Brookshire's Park
Oct 16th

The Family Table
This Week:
BURGERS
FLC Wed. 5:30 p.m.
Adults \$6
Children \$3

On Sunday mornings we are considering what it means for the church to be the body of Christ. This week we begin looking at a resource by Thom Rainer entitled, *I Am a Church Member*. In this little book he shares six statements that every church member should be committed to fulfilling in their own lives. They are:

1. I will be a functioning church member.
2. I will be a unifying church member.
3. I will not let the church be about my preferences and desires.
4. I will pray for my church leaders.
5. I will lead my family to be healthy church members.
6. I will treasure church membership as a gift.

As we look at the first of these this week, here is a quote from Thom Rainer's book that puts our understanding of what it means to be a church member in perspective. It does this by contrasting church membership with country club membership, followed by the similar contrast of Jesus' call to serve others with the feeling of entitlement that instead expects others to serve us.

[Country Club] Membership means perks. Membership means privileges. Membership means others will serve me. Just pay the going rate, and you can have others taking care of you while you enjoy a life of leisure. And, tragically, this understanding of membership is what many church members hold. "This is my church, so you have to sing the songs just the way I want it." "Look preacher, you need to remember who pays your salary." "If you don't do this program, I'll withhold my check to the church." "I've been a member of this church for over thirty years, so I have a right to get what I want." "I don't pay good money to this church to listen to sermons that long." Okay, you get the picture. Those unfortunately typical comments come from members of churches who have an unbiblical view of membership. Their view of membership is more aligned with country club membership. For them, membership is about receiving instead of giving, being served instead of serving, rights instead of responsibilities, and entitlements instead of sacrifices. (pp. 10-11)

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

(Matt. 20:25-28)



A PRAYER FOR US ALL!

In 1 Thess. 3:11-13, we see Paul praying for the church at Thessalonica. I love the way Paul prays because of his love for those he prays for. Here, he prays for some things that we could use in our lives today. For instance, he prays for **God's providential guidance**. *Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you (1 Thess.3:11)*. It is good to seek God's direction in our lives. God is continually working in the world. He offers us all we need to do His work. He offers us His spirit so we can be the children He desires. He wants to help! Let us seek out His counsel and will in our lives. Secondly Paul prays for God to **increase their love**. *And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you (1 Thess.3:12)*. They were already showing their love throughout Macedonia (3:10), but Paul was encouraging them to do more. Loving one another is a true mark of being a follower of Christ. In fact, Jesus said that would be how the world would know that we are a disciple of His (Jo.13:34-35). I agree with Bill's messages to us last week, the world needs to know about God's love for them more than ever. Thirdly, Paul prayed that God would **strengthen them to be holy**. *May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones (1 Thess.3:13)*. Paul wrote about the importance of inner strength in God's children. It is the key to our purity and endurance. We need God's guidance in our lives. We need to love each other more. We need to be a holy people in this world today. We need prayers for each other to receive these blessings from God.

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Consider the following from Exodus 12:12-13 "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt."

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NO DEVO TONIGHT - FAMILY DAY AT THE PARK!

There is no youth devo tonight in the FLC. Instead, we hope that all our teens and families will join us this afternoon at our Brookshire's Park Family Day. There will be lots of games, food, fun and worship together to close out the day. Check out Danny's section for all the details!

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Thanks!

West Erwin Church Family, We can never thank you enough for the flowers, the lunch, and the love that you showed for Mom and Dad - and our entire family during this time of loss. West Erwin has blessed us ever since we moved to Tyler over 40 years ago. God bless you and please know how much you have meant to us all. - The Higginbotham Family

Dear Church Family, I want to start off saying thank you to everyone who sent their love and support to me during my graduation; It meant a lot! Also, a big thank you for all the prayers you send out when I'm sick! They are well appreciated by me and my mom. With love, ~Kalli Huff~

West Erwin's Young at Heart Area Wide October 20th 6:00 p.m. FLC Sign up to come or to help!

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This Week: The Family Table BAR-B-Q FLC Wed. 5:30 p.m. Adults \$6 Children \$3

"Perfectly United"

Introduction: Scripture calls us to be _____ church members, using our gifts to serve others and build up the body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4; Rom. 12; etc.) Just as the one God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the church is _____ body but _____ members. (1 Cor. 12:4-6, 12-14) Each of us is to uphold that unity by being a _____ church member. (Eph. 4:1-16; Phil. 2:1-11; Col. 3:12-15)

A. Some things that do *not* build unity:

- Focusing on _____ instead of _____
1 Cor. 1:10-17; 3:1-9
- Focusing on _____ instead of _____
1 Cor. 8-10; 12-14
- Focusing on _____ instead of _____
1 Cor. 11:17-34

B. Some things that *do* build unity:

- Considering the church as _____
1 Cor. 3:16-17
- Considering the cross as _____
1 Cor. 1:13-25

Conclusion: The world will be brought to know Christ and His love by experiencing the _____ Christian and the _____ church. (John 17:20-23; Psalm 133:1)



New Members!

Danny, Cassandra and Sam Estes
Please make them feel welcome.

PHIL ROBERTSON WILL BE SPEAKING AT THE PALESTINE CIVIC CENTER ON NOVEMBER 12TH. TICKETS ARE \$38 AND AVAILABLE AT WWW.COCPALESTINE.COM
ALAN ROBERTSON WILL BE PREACHING SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 13TH FOR WORSHIP SERVICE AT THE CIVIC CENTER.
PRESENTED BY CHURCH OF CHRIST OF PALESTINE
DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE INFORMATION CENTER.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to Alan Fisher in the loss of his mother-in-law, Novaleine Roddy. Services were last Wednesday.

Updates

Charles Rachui is in Room 2233 at ETMC. He is improving and expects to be back at Park Place soon.

Bill Whitaker is doing very well after double bypass and aortic valve replacement last Monday. He is at ETMC.

Jean Parish had back surgery at Spine and Joint last Thursday. She is doing well.

Shannon Mabry, daughter of Glynn and Fran Starnes will have surgery Tuesday in Houston.

West Erwin Family: Stan Mallory | Cheli Mitcham | Bud Cawyer | Norma Durham | Ira Groom | Pat Lewis | Charles Rachui | Kalli Huff | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Elmer Miles | Forest McFadden | Brice Sustaire | Winona Shankle | Millie Tomlin | Joann Davis | Nella Ware | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Charles Harris | Bob May | Jess & Charlotte Hopkins | Ruby Cliver | Tommy Parrish

Family & Friends: Leon Welborn | Diane Denman's father, Bobby England | Bengi Poston, cousin of Suzie Carnathan | Scylla Tomlinson, niece of Suzanne Braly | George Broxson, Cayla Ables' grandfather | Sylvia Caskey, daughter-in-law of Louise Caskey | Gayle Holt's father, J.E. McMillan

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WE WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT CANDY FOR FALL FESTIVAL THROUGH NEXT SUNDAY. PLEASE PLACE YOUR CANDY IN THE BINS IN THE FOYER.

Douglas Project



Thanks to all who volunteered at Douglas Elementary this past week. We had over 16 people who helped with the Book Fair and who volunteered in the classrooms. Thanks for blessing the students and staff at Douglas! If you are interested in participating in this ministry, see Danny Snell.

If you would like a new name tag, please sign up at the Information Center.

Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday
Don Ingram
903.253.4600

Please call if you need transportation.

Our Records	October 16
Bible Class	233
Worship a.m.	449
Worship p.m.	130
Wed. p.m.	204
Contribution	\$20,740.74
Weekly Budget	\$24,867.00

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:

- Jay Bynum 903.839.3133
- Ken Culpepper 903.752.7801
- David Hammond 903.279.1055
- Gaylan Seagler 903.566.1958
- Wade Weathers* 903.839.9797
- David Wicks 903.534.9568
- Fred Wingate 903.581.6440

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Psalm 133:1; 134:1-3 Donnie Carnathan
 Song #74 Praise the Lord Gary Ables
 Song Wonderful, Merciful Savior
 Song #77 Glorify Thy Name
 Prayer Dannie Skipper
 Song #364 Come, Share the Lord
 Communion & Contribution Greg Jones
 Song #705 A Common Love
 Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 James Sublette
 Song #709 How Sweet, How Heavenly
 Message: "Perfectly United" Bill Allen
 Song #837 I Need Thee Every Hour
 Elder's Prayer David Hammond
 Song #711 Blest Be the Tie

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan
 Song #144 O Worship the King Bryce Murry
 Song #67 For the Beauty of the Earth
 Prayer Frank Debenport
 Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:1-6 Billy Terrell
 Song #140 Love Divine
 Song #704 Bind Us Together
 Message: "Taking Responsibility for Unity" Bill Allen
 Song #717 We Will Stand
 Song #719 Love One Another
 Dismiss Sean Sillavan

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I will be a unifying church member.

There are two main threats to unity that Rainer notes in this chapter.

The first of these is **gossip** or **slander**. When we read lists of sins such as the one in the first chapter of Romans we are struck by the seriousness of sin. Concerning those who had chosen sinfulness over righteousness, Paul very ominously says that God literally "gave them over" to their sin. Which sins? There are the ones we would expect: murder, deceit, immorality, etc. But right there in the midst of those is this statement: "They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful." (Rom. 1:29-30) Rainer rightly says there are two aspects to our call to be a unifying church member as it relates here.

1. Don't be a source of gossip. In other words, don't gossip yourself. But just that is not enough.
2. If someone in the church begins to share gossip with you, gently rebuke him or her. And there is a statement at the end of the passage in Romans 1 that especially applies here. "Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them." (Rom. 1:32) We must not even give tacit approval to those who talk about others in unkind ways that do not build up the body of Christ. "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." (Eph. 4:29)

The second destroyer of unity may be a bit more unexpected. Until you think about it. Rainer writes, "Unity in the church will not happen if members have **unforgiving hearts**." How important is this? Here's how Jesus put it: "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." (Matt. 6:14-15) Whether it's directed at church leaders or other members, past or present, an unforgiving heart harbors resentment that will destroy the unity of the church and ultimately cause one to lose their own soul. A forgiving Christian and a unified church honors the Lord and bears witness to His love.

"I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." (John 17:22-23)



THE BEGINNING OF SOMETHING DIFFERENT

I, like Bill, enjoyed seeing Don Weather's grandchildren and their tribute to him at Don's funeral. Ross said something that has just stuck in my mind ever since. He said that Don knew that, "the end of this life was the beginning of something different". I think that statement is the essence of what God should mean to us. When we come to God, it is the beginning of something different. It is a new life with **different actions**. We are no longer burdened with the problems that our past (before God) brings us. God does not want us to suffer because of our past, but He wants us to live for Heaven (Col.3:1-4). We no longer live with a selfish attitude, but we count others more significant than ourselves (Phi.2:3). We live with the spirit of God and we learn what it is like to love others (1 Jo.4:7-12). It is also a life of **different thinking**. We think of what is pure, commendable, lovely, and things that are praiseworthy (Phi.4:8). We think different of what God has done for us. We think different of those around us. We start seeing people as those that have God and those that don't. That makes us realize that those that don't have God will not act like us, will not think like us, and we should want for them to experience the change that **we** had to go through. We need to remind ourselves on a daily basis of what we were before we came to Christ. It is a new life with a **different destination**. We are looking to that place that is being prepared for us (Jo.14:2). We are looking for our eternal home and not worrying about this temporary home. When our destination is different, we are no longer worried about our "last days". We rejoice that the *end of this life is the beginning of something different!*

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying James and Exodus. The title of our study is "Living in this World with a God Who Provides" The lesson this week... "Nothing is Impossible" from Exodus 14:1-31. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Exodus 14:29-31 "But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant."

Family Day @ Brookshire's Park

Thanks to all who participated in our Family Day last Sunday! We had a great time together as the church family... Sharing life, sharing a meal & worshipping together. Thank you for making that happen!

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We will have a devo tonight from 6-8pm in the FLC for all 6th-12th graders. And as a special added bonus, Carolyn Philpot is providing dinner for us, so I don't even have to tell you how delicious it will be. Please bring your Bibles and join us!

WEST ERWIN FALL FESTIVAL – OCT 30TH

Next Sunday, Oct. 30th, 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 has volunteered. If you are helping decorate and run one of our booths, we will be at the Family Life Center on Saturday the 29th 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 go from 6:00pm right after our evening assembly to 8:00pm on Sunday, 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, chili, nachos along with cookies so come eat and join us for a fun night together. And for everyone, PLEASE KEEP BRINGING CANDY TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY!!!

SCARY, GROSS & WEIRD – WHY IS IT IN THERE?

We are continuing our Wednesday night series called "Scary, Gross & Weird – Why Is It There?" This series is going to cover the most bizarre stories of the Bible... why something like bloody tent pegs, disembodied fingers and suicidal pigs are in the Bible, and why should we care? This past week we looked at Elijah and the prophets he faced at Mount Carmel. This coming week we'll look at one of the "stomach-turners", when Jael drove a tent peg through an enemy soldiers head, as we ask ourselves, "why that way" and "why should we care"? So make plans to join us!

Thanks to all those who helped make our Young at Heart Area Wide Dinner a huge success. A special thanks to those who made our great entertainment possible.

The Family Table

This Week: MEXICAN

FLC Wed. 5:30 p.m.

Adults \$6
Children \$3

Fall Festival

West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center

October 30, 2016
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Food Candy Bounce House Game Booths Costume Contests

Ages birth through 5th Grade

"Worship is Not About Me"

Introduction: The theme song for many in this life could be "I did it _____ way."

In describing the attitude and actions of faithful church members, Thom Rainer in his book *I Am a Church Member* says, "I will not let the church be about my preferences and desires."

A. Worship is not about me. It's about praising _____.

1 Cor. 8-10 [Note 8:1-9; 9:19-23; 10:23-24.]
Rom. 14-15; 1 Cor. 12-14

B. Worship is not about me. It's about encouraging _____.

1 Cor. 11:17-34; 14 [Note vs. 4, 5, 12, 17, 26.]
Heb. 10:19-25; 3:12-14; Phil. 2:1-11 [Note vs. 3-4.]; Eph. 4:1-6; Matt. 20:20-28

Conclusion: The theme song for the church member is not "Let's do it my way."
Instead, it is these:

- "Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a _____ to everyone, to win as many as possible." (1 Cor. 9:19)
- "The Son of Man did not come to be served but to _____, and to give His life as a ransom for many." (Matt. 20:28)
- "Whoever wants to be my disciple must _____ themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23)
- "Not my will but _____ be done." (Luke 22:42)

New Members!

Enrique, Lauren, Elijah, Sophia and Larissa Giaccardi
Lee, Clara & 2 yr old Horace "Bubba" Shirey
Please make them feel welcome.

Dear Family, Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and the meals. I sincerely appreciate how loving and caring you have been. With love & gratitude, Cheli Mitcham

We appreciate all the ways you have shown your love to us concerning the passing of my dad. The beautiful flowers, delicious food, visits to the hospital, prayers, hugs, kind words, the many who came to the funeral - all are deeply appreciated. We love each of you! Sonja & Davy Carter

Thank you for the basket full of goodies, great meals, visits, beautiful cards, phone calls and many prayers before and after my hip surgery. Thank you, church, for being such a loving family.
Norma Durham

Dear Friends, The birthday cards sent to me from West Erwin were all so pretty. They made my day most happy, they were a blessing to me. Thank you, Mozelle Brown

Prayer & Care

Sympathy: Our love and sympathy is extended to Carolyn McCune in the loss of her daughter-in-law, Wanda McCune, who was killed in a car accident Wednesday. Services pending.

Update: Tommy Parrish is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Gage Moore, 3 year old son of Emily Taylor, broke his arm and has to be in a sling for 6 weeks.

Charles Rachui is back at Park Place. **Bill Whitaker** is home now. **Jean Parish** is home now.

Shannon Mabry, daughter of Glynn and Fran Starnes had surgery last Tuesday in Houston. Surgery went well and she is home.

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Family & Friends: Leon Welborn | Diane Denman's father, **Bobby England** | Scylla Tomlinson, niece of Suzanne Braly | **George Broxson**, Cayla Ables' grandfather | Sylvia Caskey, daughter-in-law of Louise Caskey | Gayle Holt's father, **J.E. McMillan** | **Lynette McCoy**, Crystal Ables' stepmother | Sylvia Tharp's daughter, **Susan White**

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IN THE FOYER.

Douglas Project

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If you would like a new name tag, please sign up at the Information Center.

Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday
Don Ingram
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Our Records	October 23
Bible Class	247
Worship a.m.	375
Worship p.m.	176
Wed. p.m.	199
Contribution	\$20,013.05
Weekly Budget	\$24,867.00

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Philippians 2:5-11	Donnie Carnathan
Song #250	The Great Redeemer Davy Carter
Song #844	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Song	Here I Am to Worship
Prayer	Pete Leung
Song #313	The Old Rugged Cross
Communion & Contribution	Stan Clark
Song #395	Follow Me
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 10:23-24 Jonathan Stone
Song #309	In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified
Message:	"Worship is Not About Me" Bill Allen
Song #694	Servant Song Ken Culpepper
Elder's Prayer	
Song #616	The Way of the Cross

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song	We Gather Together Davy Carter
Song #56	Lord, We Praise You
Song #76	How Great Thou Art
Prayer	Shaun Stamps
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 14:26 Odie Kennedy
Song	How Great is Our God
Song #716	Sing to Me of Heaven
Message	"Worship: Purpose v. Focus" Bill Allen
Song #909	There's a Fountain Free
Song #853	When We All Get to Heaven
Dismiss	Tom Clark

Our Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY	
Bible Class	9 a.m.
Morning Worship	10 a.m.
Evening Worship	5 p.m.
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Karing Kitchen	6 p.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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Michael & Tami Hurley

East Doors:

Lee & Janice Kellenberger

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Louise Seabery

PICK UP CARDS

Cole Benson, Jackson

DeLivaudais, Jude

Everson, Jett Monahan &

Koen Monahan

SOUND

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery AM:

Ellen Matthews &

Evelyn Muncy

Toddler AM:

Laurie Stone &

Jean Thornton

FallBack

Turn your clocks back one hour this Saturday Night, 11/5/16.

In the last two Sunday morning sermons we've called on each other to be **functioning** and **unifying** church members. These two aspects of the Christian life recognize that the church is one body but many members.

We are **functioning** church members when we use our gifts, interests and abilities to bless and serve others. We recognize that as the body of Christ we are many different members with different **functions** within the church, His body. Which reminds me...

Have you filled out and returned your Involvement Form yet? Just askin'...

We are **unifying** church members when we seek to cultivate and maintain the unity of Christ's church. We recognize that though we are many different members with diverse gifts and interests, yet we remain **one body**. Though our many differences at times can create tension, instead of trying to destroy those differences and demand uniformity, we celebrate our differences, thanking God that it is He who has made each of us this way. He has given us these gifts according to His will so that the body of Christ can be equipped and able to serve in all the many ways needed in our church, our communities, and our world.

Both of these first two calls are taken from passages such as Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:15-27; Eph. 4:1-16; and 1 Peter 4:7-11. These passages tell us that though Christians have many different gifts and are involved in many different ministries, the church, like a physical body, is one. Christ is the source of these gifts, and He has given them so that His people may be equipped for works of service to others and so that the body, the church, may itself be built up.

Our third call is for each of us as faithful church members to make sure that this church doesn't exist simply to fulfill my wishes, preferences and desires. How do we do that? We do that by taking the attention off ourselves and putting it upon others. We do that by letting others have their way rather than by demanding ours. We do that by taking the way of the cross. And like giving financially, when we give in these ways, we give cheerfully, gladly, and without grumbling and resentment. Like our Lord, for the joy set before us, in response to His love for us and them, we deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus.

When we see our brother and our sister, we do not see someone who disagrees with us, or likes something different than what we like. We see a person for whom Christ died. He gave up everything for them. When we see Christ's church, we do not see the peripheral issues that Satan uses to divide us. Rather we know that the kingdom of God is a matter of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 14:1-18)



THE JOY OF A GOOD FIRE!

Last Saturday, I had my first burn day of the fall. Owen and I burned the better part of the day. Owen, like all of my grandchildren, loves it when we can have a good fire and recent storms have left me with a good supply of wood and brush that needs burning. Enjoying a good fire has always played a big part of my life. My mother and I used to have some great times together when it was time to burn around the house. There is just something peaceful about a nice fire on a cold evening. Fire is mentioned many times in scripture too and there is a lot of symbolism in its use of fire. Fire has been a symbol of God's anger and judgment (Psa.89:46). God has been mentioned as "coming with fire" (Isa. 66:15). Who can forget God's punishment of Nadab and Abihu by a consuming fire (Lev.10)? While fire, by nature is hot and destructive it did not always symbolize God's anger and judgment. It also symbolized the very presence of God. In Exodus 19, we see God's presence on Mount Sinai as it was "wrapped in smoke because the Lord had descended on it in fire". Paul said that Jesus would come again "in flaming fire" (2 Thess.1:8). While Jesus' next coming may be a time of fear for the lost, it will be a time of comfort to His children. Moses was in the presence of God when he came across the burning bush (Ex. 3). Even though Moses was afraid and hid his face that was not God's intention for the visit. We are faced with the same challenge. Does God's presence in your life bring you fear and apprehension? Or does God's presence in your life bring you comfort and hope for the future. We do not need to fear God working within our lives, we only need to soften our hearts and **allow** him to work. God wants to bring us peace, not conflict. God wants to bring us joy, not sorrow. God wants to ease our burdens, not increase them. God wants us to live with confidence, not anxiety. Are you ready for a "good fire" in your life?

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying James and Exodus. The title of our study is "Living in this World with a God who Provides" The lesson this week... "God Provides" from Exodus 16:1-17:7. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Exodus 16:11-12 The Lord said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'"

Family Service Project

You are invited to be a part of our Family Service Day @ Boles Home on Sunday, Nov. 27. We will be decorating their campus for Christmas. Everyone is invited, both young and old. We will eat lunch in Lindale and drive to Boles Home for the afternoon. We will close the day with a time of worship with Boles Home families. Sign up list will be out soon.

The Monthly Streaming Report

Our Sunday morning worship service has been viewed through our streaming on the internet by people in 3 different countries across 17 state regions in 36 cities with an approximate total of 84 viewers.

You can help Foster's Home for Children by picking up a can at the Information Center for your spare change. This is a significant fundraiser for the children of Foster's and your spare change can make a difference.

The Family Table This Week: Chicken Fried Steak FLC Wed. 5:30 p.m. Adults \$6 Children \$3

The Young Adult Class is hosting a luncheon for Young at Heart at the Family Life Center Sunday, November 6th. Immediately following the morning worship service. Sign up at the Information Center if you are planning to come.

Fall Festival

West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center

October 30, 2016 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

"Pray Also For Me..."

Introduction: We want the work of our church leaders to be a _____.

Hebrews 13:17-19

One way we help make that happen is by _____ for our leaders.

A. Pray for your leaders as we serve and work _____.

1 Cor. 3:5-9; 2 Cor. 11:28-29

B. Pray for your leaders as we build on the foundation of _____.

1 Cor. 3:10-17; Eph. 6:18-20; Acts 4-5

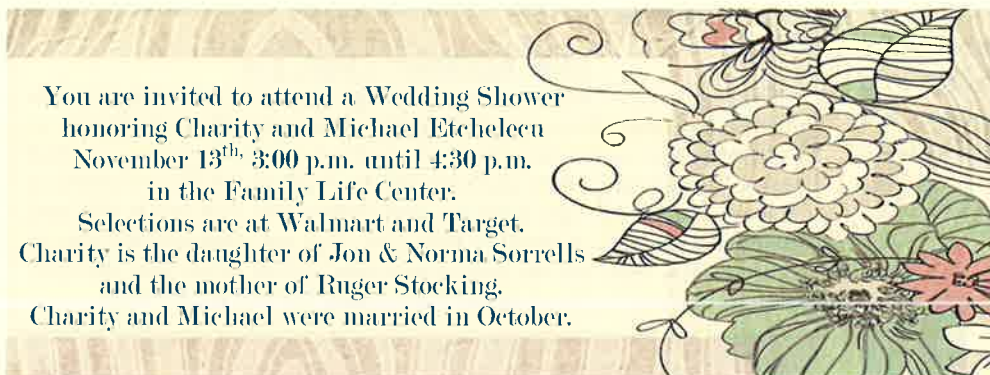
C. Pray for your leaders as we seek to be faithful _____.

1 Cor. 9:24-27; 2 Cor. 1:8-11; Rom. 15:30-33; Phil. 1:19-26

Conclusion: What happens when we pray for our leaders?

- Our leaders are _____ in their lives and ministry.
- We are _____ more closely to our leaders in the work of the church.

The body of Christ _____ gratitude, unity and joy.



You are invited to attend a Wedding Shower honoring Charity and Michael Etchelecu November 13th 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Selections are at Walmart and Target. Charity is the daughter of Jon & Norma Sorrells and the mother of Ruger Stocking. Charity and Michael were married in October.

Prayer & Care

Please pray for Kayla Gomez-Orozco of Bullard. She is missing from a church lobby last Tuesday in Bullard. She is 10 years old and a student at Jack Elementary School.

Sympathy: Our love and sympathy is extended to Cassandra Estes in the death of her sister, Sally, in Kansas.

Our sympathy is also extended to Carolyn McCune in the loss of her daughter-in-law, Wanda McCune, who was killed in a car accident. Services were last Monday.

Update: Steve Denman began radiation therapy last Wednesday.

Tommy Parrish is back at Waterton, Room 104-B.

Cathy Culpepper's surgery on Tuesday went well. She is home now.

William Chandler, Gene Chandler's 94-year old brother is in ICU at ETMC.

Gary Broome's brother-in-law, Chuck Murphy, is doing well after surgery.

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You are invited to attend the **East Texas Worship Weekend** entitled **Forest Song 2016** at Shiloh Road Friday & Saturday, November 18 & 19 Details are at the Info. Center.

Douglas Project



Thanks to all who ~~continue to volunteer at Douglas. If you have not picked up your shirt yet, they are available at the table in the foyer. For more information about this ministry see Danny Snell.~~

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Psalm 61:1-5	Eric Thornton
Song #538	My Hope is Built on Nothing Less Kalon Ainsworth
Song #64	I Worship You, Almighty God
Song #797	Lord, We Come Before Thee Now
Prayer	Eric Moseley
Song #383	Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
Communion & Contribution	Bill Paschall
Song #770	Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 3:10-11 Clifton Lindsey
Song	Had it Not Been the Lord
Message:	"Pray Also For Me" Bill Allen
Song #410	He Leadeth Me
Elder's Prayer	Gaylan Seagler
Song #852	When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Eric Thornton
Song #827	Sweet Hour of Prayer Kalon Ainsworth
Prayer for Our Church Leaders	
Scripture Thoughts:	2 Corinthians 1:8-11 Bill Allen
Prayer	James Sublette
Prayer for Our Nation	
Scripture Thoughts:	1 Timothy 2:1-6
Song #1007	America the Beautiful Donnie Camathan
Prayer	
Prayer for Our Church	
Scripture Thoughts:	Acts 4:1-31
Song #767	In the Hour of Trial Eric Thornton
Prayer	
Scripture Thoughts:	Psalm 125
Song	Surround Us, O Lord
Song #991	This Is My Father's World Jonathan Stone
Prayer	

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Jaydee Diller

I appreciate the encouragement following the sermons Sunday, especially the one Sunday morning. The church is **not** to be about my personal preferences and desires, but about what is **true to Scripture** and **best for building up the body of Christ**. This is an absolute imperative for a church to do the other things we've mentioned already—**functioning** effectively as each member does its part; and having a sense of **unity** in spite of our differences in giftedness and interests. If you were unable to be here to see/hear it, you can access it on our web site or in the Archives on our Live Streaming site. And speaking of functioning well in the life and ministry of the body of Christ...

Have you filled out and returned your Involvement Form yet?

This Sunday we focus on something that we all would readily agree is important and even essential: **praying for our church leaders**. It occurs to me that absolutely no one would say concerning this, "You know, I'm not sure that's such a big deal." We would all readily agree that every church member should do this regularly. Of course the question is, do you actually do it? Do you pray for our West Erwin leaders daily? Often? *Ever*? Let me urge you to do that. We earnestly covet and need your prayers, and as we'll say Sunday, it is one of the things that binds us closer together as a body of disciples in the work of the Lord.

We recognize also that it is not just our church leaders for whom we are called to pray. As we look ahead to Election Day this Tuesday and its impact on the years to come, we must heed this call to prayer for our civil leaders as well.

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—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, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. (1 Tim. 2:1-6)

This Sunday evening, we will have a special Scripture/Song/Prayer time for our church leaders, our nation, and each of us as a part of God's people, the church. I don't know if you usually return on Sunday evenings, but I hope that you will do these two things for me.

- Look at the worship plan for this Sunday night, and note the **encouragement** and **assurance** it will bring.
- **Be here and participate** in this important time of calling out to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

This is my Father's world—why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King! Let the heavens ring! God reigns, let the earth be glad!



WHAT IN TARNATION?

Last week, Suzie and Beau came in to Tyler and we all went to lunch together. At one point, Beau was sitting on my lap and was trying to get something out of his pocket to show me. I reached in his pocket to help him and pulled out an old, dirty, tube of Chap Stick (hoping he had not been using it). Beau looked at it and said, "What in tarnation is that?" It cracked me up. I could not believe such an "old" expression came out of my 3 year old grandson. I grew up hearing "tarnation", but I have to admit that it has been awhile since I've heard someone use it. I like hearing those old expressions, and there are some "old words" that the world needs more of today. Of course I am talking about those "old" words of God. They are still as valuable today as they were when they were recorded. Consider these passages about what the word of God can mean to us today. *Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth (James 1:18). For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures (1 Cor. 15:3). For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope (Ro.15:4). But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you might have life in his name (Jo.20:31). Already you are clean by the word I have spoken to you (Jo.15:3). Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart (Psa. 119:111). Then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me, for I trust in your word (Psa. 119:42).* God's word is the truth in our lives, the basis of our faith, and the joy of our hope. God's word is our way to purity, the anchor to our trust, and the means to our salvation. In this case, old is better.



Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying James and Exodus. The title of our study is "Living in this World with a God Who Provides" The lesson this week... "Angels: God's Assistants" from Col. 1:6-7, Rev. 22:8-9, Matt. 26:53, Hebrews 13:2. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Hebrews 13:2 "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."

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Kid's Corner



Maria Cannefax
Children's Coordinator

Thank you to everyone for your warm welcome as I start working in the children's ministry here at West Erwin. Your children are priceless and I look forward to working with them and getting to know them and you better.

Please make sure to take time to thank Bruce and Cortney Bevers for their time, hard work, and sacrifices for this ministry. Bruce has poured into this ministry for the past several months and he is a great asset for our church family.

Save the date: Kid's Night Out will be December 3rd... more details to come but it's likely to include pajamas, hot chocolate, and warm cookies!

VBS preparation is under way and details will be coming --- hint, there are lots of emotions involved with this one...

Hug your kids and have a great week!

Marla

JUNIOR HIGH AREA "GATHERING" WIDE - TONIGHT

Tonight, Nov. 6th, is the annual Junior High Only Dodgeball "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!

YESTERLAND FARM TRIP - NOV. 13th

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The Young Adult Class is hosting a luncheon today for Young at Heart at the Family Life Center immediately following the morning worship service.

The Family Table **This Week: Bruno's**
FLC Wed. 5:30 p.m.



Thanks! To my church family at West Erwin Church of Christ, Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent in remembrance of my mother-in-law, Navoleine Roddy. She lived a long and happy life in service to God. She would be honored by your remembrance. Alan Fisher

"Faithful Families"

Introduction: Faithful families are _____ families.

Deut. 4-6; Joshua 24:14-28

A. The _____ of the world _____ faithful families.

1 Cor. 6:12-16

1 Cor. 5; John 4:1-42; 8:2-11; Rom. 1:18-32; Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 21:5-8

B. The _____ of the church _____ faithful families.

1 Cor. 6:17-20

2 Cor. 2:5-11; 1 Cor. 7; Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 5:22-26; Eph. 5:21-6:4;

Col. 3:1-17

C. Faithful families:

1) Depend on the _____ and other family members.

2) Depend on the _____.

3) Depend on the _____.

Conclusion: Where am I in the _____ of a faithful family?

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." (3 John 4)



Prayer & Care

Our love and sympathy is extended to Mary June Goodson in the loss of her aunt, Luby Grier, last Saturday in Navasota.

Horace Shirey, father of Lee Shirey, will have knee surgery on Monday.

Jim Gipson is having severe back pain making it difficult even to walk.

Cameron and Krystal Ables' son, **Peyten** has 1st and 2nd degree burns on his hands after falling near a fire last weekend.

Leon Welborn is under hospice care at home.

Lasi McArthur's mother, **Beverly Fuller**, had partial hip replacement surgery in Ft. Worth.

Glynn Potter, son of Wendell Potter, will have surgery on Wednesday at Mother Frances for an aneurysm.

William Chandler, Gene Chandler's 94-year old brother is in ETMC.

Wilda Brock, mother of Kris Keele, will undergo hip replacement surgery this Tuesday.

Taylor Brown, relative of Lauren DeLivaudais, Nina Crow and Michele Kuechle has been in Mother Frances recovering from an emergency appendectomy last Wednesday night.

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REMINDER!

The Seagler and Wingate Shepherding groups will have lunch in the Family Life Center after services today.

December 4th All Church Holiday Dinner

Douglas Project



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Our Records	November 6
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Worship a.m.	439
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Wed. p.m.	178
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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Deut. 4:39-40	Eric Thornton
Song How Great is Our God	Gary Ables
Song #464 Because He Lives	
Song #595 I Come to the Garden Alone	
Prayer	Gaylan Seagler
Song #315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	
Communion & Contribution	Donnie Carnathan
Song Ancient Words	
Scripture	
Reading 3 John 3-4	Fred Wingate
Song #843 God Give Us Christian Homes	Davy Carter
Message: "Faithful Families"	Bill Allen
Song #915 Trust and Obey	
Elder's Prayer	Wade Weathers
Song #744 God's Family	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Eric Thornton
Song #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah	Davy Carter
Song #469 Faith is the Victory	
Song #325 Boundless Love	
Prayer	David Hammond
Scripture	
Reading Hebrews 6:19-20	Danny Snell
Song #467 We Have an Anchor	
Song #587 Sing and Be Happy	
Message "Family Friends"	Bill Allen
Song #903 There is Power in the Blood	
Song #559 The Joy of the Lord	
Dismiss	Stan Clark

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Norma Sorrells & Amy Christian

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Kim Frick & Evan Kingsbury

As I write this article it is Wednesday morning and we have one of the most difficult and divisive election campaigns behind us. Our thoughts and prayers are with President-elect Donald Trump, and with all of our leaders, current and future. As is being said by many, it is important for our country to seek the best for our leaders and our citizens and for our world, and to keep our leaders and our world before the Lord.

If you follow me on Twitter or Facebook you know that in the days leading up to the election I posted some short (Twitter cuts you at 140 characters!) statements with the hashtag, #nomatterwhowinstheelection. Here are a few of those.

- [#nomatterwhowinstheelection](#), let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.
- [#nomatterwhowinstheelection](#) I will still "seek first His kingdom and His righteousness," & will "not worry about tomorrow." Matt. 6:33-34
- [#nomatterwhowinstheelection](#) I will do this: "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind." (Eccl. 12:13)
- When peace like a river attends my way, or when sorrows like sea billows roll--it is well with my soul. [#nomatterwhowinstheelection](#)

Whether your candidates won or lost, our task is to share the love and Word of Christ Jesus, to serve our Lord by helping those around us and living lives of genuine hope and deep joy. And God's plan to do that is not any single country, but it's all countries. And specifically, it is His people in all countries. And His people is the church.

One of the most important aspects of our work is caring for families, and passing along the faith to the generations that come after us. This Sunday we will focus on leading the children of our families and our church to trust in Christ and be active with His people. Even in the Old Testament, God's people placed priority here. We live faithfully and actively in the present, and seek to pass along the faith to our children and grandchildren for the sake of their future.

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. (Deut. 6:4-7)

We face the future with faith. #nomatterwhowontheelection.



MOTIVATED BY THE LOVE OF CHRIST!

I'm going to use a passage from The Message for this article. I think it timely because of Bill's sermons to us about our duties as church members. Sometimes The Message really speaks to me; this is one of those passages. Please consider 2 Corinthians 5:14-17. *Christ's love has moved me to such extremes. His love has the first and last word in everything we do. Our firm decision is to work from this focused center; One man died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat. He included everyone in his death so that everyone could be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own. Because of this decision, we don't evaluate people by what they have or how they look. We looked at the Messiah that way once and got it all wrong, as you know. We certainly don't look at him that way anymore. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone, a new life burgeons! Look at it! All this comes from God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other. Christ's death for us showed His love for mankind. When we live for Christ, we cannot help but show our love for mankind. Through Christ, we have a different view of man. Each person "in Christ" becomes a new creature. Then, we have a new sense of conviction and a new motivation; the love of Christ. Love will "master" us. The world's need of a savior will overwhelm us. We will serve Christ through our love and service to our fellow man. When we lose that motivation of Christ's love; we let our own selfishness take over. Where does your motivation come from?*



Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying James and Exodus. The title of our study is "Living in this World with a God who Provides" The lesson this week... "The Devil & Demons" from Isaiah 14:12-14, Genesis 3:1-5. Romans 16:20. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from 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 eat from any tree in the garden'?"

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FALL FESTIVAL & JUNIOR HIGH AREA-WIDE - THANK YOU

I just wanted to offer a heart-felt thank you to all of our adults who stepped up in a HUGE way and helped with the Fall Festival. It was a great night, even with a large group of completely unexpected guests joining us. And thank you to the families who helped with our junior high area-wide we hosted this past Sunday. Your time taken out is what makes events like this possible!

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Kid's Korner

Marla Cannefax
Children's Coordinator

I LOVE working with your children! What an amazing group of children we have at West Erwin!

During BLAST on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, we are learning more about the Fruit of the Spirit. The memory verse during this time is:

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23

On Sunday nights we are starting a class for our 4 year olds through 2nd grade called Sunday Night Service (SNS). This last week we made treat bags and cards for our "shut ins" and learned what it means to be a "shut in". Our children were so excited to do something nice for our members who cannot make it to church due to illnesses.

Save the new date: Kids' Night Out on Saturday December 10th. We have big plans to have fun with the children that night. (Parents: this would be a great time to finish up any Christmas shopping)

Try spending some quality time in the Word with your children this week - you will be amazed how you will all be transformed. Marla

Be sure and sign up at the Information Booth if you plan to attend Forest Song 2016 at Shiloh Road Church of Christ next weekend, Nov. 18-19. Everyone is invited to come for the last hour on Saturday, from 1:00 to 2:00, to hear the songs that have been worked on throughout the weekend. No need to sign up for this time of blessing at the end of the worship weekend, just come and be encouraged!

The Family Table **This Week: Fried Fish**
 FLC Wed. 5:30 p.m.
 Adults \$6
 Children \$3

"The Gift of the Church"

Introduction: Scripture says "every good and perfect gift is from _____." (James 1:17-18)

- Salvation—Rom. 5:6-21; 6:23; Eph. 1:18-23; 2:1-10; Rev. 22:17
- The Holy Spirit—Acts 2:36-38; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; Eph. 1:13-14
- Spiritual gifts—Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:15-27; Eph. 4:1-16; 1 Peter 4:7-11

Of course the _____ is one of God's greatest gifts.

A. Church membership is a _____ from God.

1 Cor. 1:1-3
Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25-27; John 3:16; 2 Cor. 9:15; Rev. 1:9-20; 2-3

B. Church membership is to be _____.

1 Cor. 1:4-9
Col. 1:13-20; Eph. 1:18-23; 1 Peter 2:9-10; 1 John 1:7

C. Church membership is experienced in the context of _____.

1 Cor. 13
John 13:1-17, 34-35

Conclusion: While we are to always treasure church membership as a gift, there is a point in our lives when we decide to _____ that gift through the response of faith.

1 Cor. 12:12-14
Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:36-41; 16:13-15, 25-34; 22:16; Rom. 6:1-4; Gal. 3:26-29; 1 Peter 3:18-22

BENEVOLENCE CENTER NEEDS

Blankets
5 Oz Cans Of Tuna
18 Oz Jars Of Creamy Peanut Butter
1 Pound Canned Hams
15 Oz Cans of Peaches
Winter Clothing
Men's Socks And Shoes

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Hebrews 12:22-24	Eric Thornton
Song #227 On Zion's Glorious Summit	Gary Ables
Song #869 We're Marching To Zion	
Song I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord	
Prayer	Michael Hurley
Song #354 I Gave My Life for Thee	
Communion & Contribution	Jon Sorrells
Song How Deep the Father's Love	
Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:22-23	Jay Bynum
Song We Are the Body of Christ	
Message: "The Gift of the Church"	Bill Allen
Song #365 How Beautiful	
Elder's Prayer	David Wicks
Song #608 He Gave Me a Song	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Eric Thornton
Song #718 We Shall Assemble	Kalon Ainsworth
Song #414 Anywhere With Jesus	
Song #766 Open Our Eyes, Lord	
Prayer	Bruce Bevers
Scripture Reading 1 John 3:1-3	Howard Dickson
Song #635 Freely, Freely	
Song #643 Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom	
Message: "Recipients Are the Best Givers"	Bill Allen
Song #628 Will You Not Tell It Today?	
Song #632 O Spread the Tidings 'Round	
Dismiss	Chris Conder

The church offices will be closed
Wednesday, November 23 at noon through Friday, the 25th.

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Nursery: Freida Starr &
Bailey Hammond
Toddler: Sheila Lewis &
Jaci Philpot

Over the last few months we have considered some thoughts "On Being a Church Member." While focusing on passages from 1 Corinthians and elsewhere, we have also been challenged by these statements from the book "I am a Church Member" by Thom Rainer:

1. I will be a functioning church member.
2. I will be a unifying church member.
3. I will not let the church be about my preferences and desires.
4. I will pray for my church leaders.
5. I will lead my family to be healthy church members.

The sixth on this list is the one we cover in our last message of the series.

6. I will treasure church membership as a gift.

How do you feel about being a member of the church? What value do you place on your church membership, on being a part of the body of Christ? Typically, we place value on something based on what it cost to secure or purchase it. As the apostle Paul shares personal and church concerns with the elders of the church at Ephesus, he states specifically what that price was that was paid to purchase the church.

"Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood." (Acts 20:28)

The apostle was not just speaking of the church universal, or that Jesus bought the souls of all the saved with His own blood, though that is true. He was speaking specifically of the church where they were elders. What Paul actually says here is that Christ bought the church at Ephesus with His own blood. Apply that to us today, and let that sink in for a moment.

Jesus Christ bought the West Erwin church, and the purchase price He paid was His own blood.

How can we not consider being a part of this church family as truly a gift to be treasured?



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

I am always amazed at how God moves to ensure that the work of His kingdom will go on. One of the most amazing things that He has done is to give us His very spirit to help us. Consider these verses from Romans and see what His spirit has done for us. *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ...who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit ...but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on things of the Spirit. ...but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness (Ro. 8:1, 2, 4b, 5b, 6b, 10, 11).* When we are "in Christ", we are **free from the condemnation of sin**. Sin does not rule over us, we are **not bound to our past**. If that is not encouragement enough, living by the Spirit will bring us life and peace. Our life is better and abundant life with Christ is possible. Because of this, we now can live a **holy life**, free to focus on a future with the strength to overcome sin. We are free from our old sinful nature, free to face this troubled world knowing our salvation is secured. We are confident in our spiritual strength because we now **walk under the influence of the Spirit** and others will see our "new nature" as our life bears the fruits of the Spirit (Gal.5:22-23). Lastly, when we live by the Spirit, we have the greatest assurance of all, **we belong to Christ**. We are His children, His ambassadors, and we are His workmen here on earth. We are imitators of Him, showing Christ's love to all we come in contact with. If you are not happy with your life, there is a better way. Live by the Spirit, overcome your past, and learn how to "live free" with Christ!



Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. The title of our study is "Living in this World with a God who Provides" The lesson this week... "Talking with our Father" from Matt. 7:7-11 & John 14:13-14. More in class!

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

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Karing Kitchen

West Erwin is hosting the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night, Nov. 21. Come & help us serve the community. We prepare at 5:00, serve @ 6:00 and clean up by 7:00.

I want to give a BIG shout out to our teenagers that work with our BLAST group on Sunday mornings. They are AMAZING in what they do with your children. Just to name a few of them: Katie Turner, Miguel Santibanez, Anne Kimball, and Cate Kimball. We also get a lot of support from the girls from Brook Hill. Thank you all for your time and energy!

Kid's Night Out: December 10th in our Family Life Center from 4-8. Our theme will be Polar Express. We will have pizza, hot chocolate, and cookies. We will watch Polar Express and we encourage the kids to wear pajamas, bring pillows and blankets, and be ready for fun!

Upcoming Events: This Wednesday, November 23rd, all ages will meet in the Family Life Center for pie and a family devotional. Sunday, November 27th, in place of Sunday evening classes, we encourage all of our families to attend the event at Boles Home. We will be making decorations to take with us and would love to see you there.

Save the Dates: VBS 2017 will be June 11-14.

Spend time in prayer with your children this week. Encourage them to find ways to see God working in their lives and thank Him for what He is doing.

NO DEVO TONIGHT - SMALL GROUPS

It's the third Sunday of the month, and at West Erwin that means Small Groups night. So, there will be no youth devo today. Please join with other families and get together with your small groups tonight for fellowship!

ZEW RETREAT - DEC. 2 - 4

This year's ZEW Retreat, our junior high area-wide fall retreat, is only two weeks away! This year's retreat date is Dec. 2nd-4th, and the theme is "REVEAL", letting our light shine in a very dark world. The cost is \$50, and the deadline to GET A SHIRT is NEXT SUNDAY, Nov. 27th. You can absolutely still sign up to come after that, but we cannot guarantee a shirt order after the 27th, because that's when the company they're using is running their print. Signups are going on RIGHT NOW in the youth class, so get your name on that sheet today if you haven't already!

SCARY, GROSS & WEIRD - WHY IS IT IN THERE?

We only have 1 more week in our Wednesday night series called "Scary, Gross & Weird - Why Is It There?" For our final lesson on this topic, we're headed to the books of Mark and Luke to look at a time when pigs flew! (or at least they apparently tried to), and again ask ourselves "why should we care"? So make plans to join us for this last week of the series!

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IT'S SMALL GROUP SUNDAY!

Dear Church Family, You have all been so kind and caring in my dear daughter-in-law's sudden death. The cards have been very comforting, as well as the hugs and personal wishes! Thank you all and God bless! In Christian love, Carolyn McCune

Our golden years just got more golden when the Young Adult class blessed us with a Sunday dinner that was fit for a king and queen. We wish to express our gratitude for the time and trouble you took to put on such a delicious meal. And we'll think of your hospitality with appreciation and pleasure for a long time to come. Thanks from all the West Erwin Young at Heart.


To Our West Erwin Family- Thank you for all the prayers and encouraging words about Shannon in her treatments and surgery in the past few months. Love, Glyn and Fran Starnes

We cannot express how much we appreciated all the visits, phone calls, cards and the delicious food during my recent surgery. Ron and I are thankful for our loving church family. In Christian Love, Ron and Jean Parish

Thank you, West Erwin Family, for the many prayers, for rides to and from appointments, for food and gifts. The visitors helped the days to not seem so long. I ask God's blessings on you all and the many others with trouble sometimes. In Christian Love, Betty Holt

Thank you for all prayers, cards, calls and messages with condolences for the loss of my sister, Sally Barrett. Love, Cassandra Estes

THANKS!



Join us at 7:00 p.m. this Wednesday for our Thanksgiving Devotional in the FLC. Pie, coffee and hot chocolate will be served. There will be no classes in the main building.

Family Service Day at Boles Home

Sunday, November 27th

- Lunch together in Lindale
- Decorate Boles Home for Christmas
- Evening Worship with them

No children's classes or events will be held at our building that evening.

Please Sign Up at the Information Center.

"The Gospel of Grace"

Introduction: "We sure could use a little _____ today." The good news that has saved our souls and changed our lives is the _____ of _____.

A. The Gospel of Grace is for everyone because "all have _____."

Romans 1:14-17
Isaiah 59; Rom. 1-3; 2 Cor. 5:21; Eph. 2:1-10; Titus 3:3-8

B. The Gospel of Grace affirms God's _____ and _____.

Romans 3:19-26
Rom. 3-5; Gal. 2:19-3:29

C. The Gospel of Grace demonstrates God's _____.

Romans 5:6-8
John 3:16; 10:1-18; 1 John 3:16; 4:9-10

Conclusion: The good news of the Gospel of Grace calls us to trusting obedience in the _____ of _____.

Romans 6:1-4
Titus 3:3-8; Acts 2:38; 16:29-34; 20:28; 22:16
Without the gospel of grace there would be no response of faith.

BENEVOLENCE CENTER NEEDS

Blankets
5 Oz Cans Of Tuna
18 Oz Jars Of Creamy Peanut Butter
1 Pound Canned Hams
15 Oz Cans of Peaches
Winter Clothing
Men's Socks And Shoes

Prayer & Care

Sympathy: Our hearts are saddened with the loss of two of our family: Charles Rachui passed away last Saturday. His services were Wednesday. Former member and elder, Leon Welborn, passed away Sunday and his memorial services were here Friday.

Update: Kalli Huff is in UT Southwestern Hospital in Dallas.

Bob May is in Colonial Tyler Care Center after receiving a pacemaker. **May Helen May** is recovering from a fall.

Jon Sorrells was hospitalized last week with internal bleeding. He is home now.

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Family & Friends: | Lynette McCoy, Krystal Ables' stepmother | William Chandler, Gene Chandler's brother

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The Douglas Project



Volunteers:
We are looking for some volunteers willing to commit to being mentors. See Danny for more details.

Our Sunday worship service stream was watched in 3 different countries across 16 state regions in 38 cities with an approximate total of 98 viewers!

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

Our Records	Nov. 27
Bible Class	231
Worship a.m.	425
Worship p.m.	105
Wed. p.m.	NC
Contribution	\$19,513.30
Weekly Budget	\$24,867.00

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Romans 3:19-24	Danny Snell
Song #652 We Have Heard the Joyful Sound	Gary Ables
Song #113 His Grace Reaches Me	
Prayer	Shaun Stamps
Song #324 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?	
Communion & Contribution	Jim Boyd
Song Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone	Davy Carter
Scripture Reading Romans 5:6-8	Tom Hale
Song #112 Wonderful Grace of Jesus	Bill Allen
Message: "The Gospel of Grace"	
Song #935 Sinners Jesus Will Receive	Jay Bynum
Elder's Prayer	
Song #679 Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song #508 A Wonderful Savior	Kalon Ainsworth
Song Had it Not Been the Lord	
Prayer	David Hammond
Scripture Reading Romans 5:9-11	Ralph Henderson
Song #490 It is Well With my Soul	
Song #480 Blessed Assurance	Bill Allen
Message: "Blessed Assurance"	
Song #213 He is Able	
Song #538 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	Ron Parish
Dismiss	

Our Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY
Bible Class 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
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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.

Serving Today COMMUNION

Harold Denman
David Dill
Don Durham
Rick Fedell
Myron Granberry
Wyatt Gruver
James Gullion
David Hammond

GREETERS

Info Center:

Harold & Shirley Denman

Main Doors:

Keith & Shirley Chandler

East Doors:

Phil & Linda Marts

W. Erwin Doors:

Jack Stringer

PICK UP CARDS

Liam Harbuck
Logan Metcalf
Luke Metcalf
Clay Mitcham
Brayden Reeder

SOUND

Clifton Lindsey & Shaun Stamps

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery:

Diane Weathers & Rebecca Weathers

Toddler:

Mary Scarborough & Emma Stamps

We all know that life is filled with ups and downs. Usually they are within the realm of normal day-to-day life. Sometimes, however, they are the greatest joys this life has to offer, and sometimes they are the most difficult troubles this life can place on us. Several in our church family and in our circle have been experiencing these most difficult burdens. You have seen on our prayer list the names of those who have lost loved ones. Others have loved ones with serious health concerns, or are experiencing severe illness themselves. Still others have experienced sorrows of other types, including some who have not publicly shared their concerns and burdens.

In the midst of all of this, we sing of our "blessed assurance." How can that be?

- Our assurance doesn't come because we are spared from the difficulties of life. Obviously that is not the case.
- Our assurance doesn't come from our political leaders, laws, or government. If this most recent election campaign has taught us anything, it has certainly affirmed that.
- Our assurance doesn't come from our good works, because all have sinned and fallen short." (Rom. 3:23)
- Our assurance doesn't even come from the church, or church leaders, though we receive great encouragement from our church family.

This Sunday we focus on the "blessed assurance" we have as Christians, and remind each other that the foundation of that assurance is "the gospel of grace." Our security and confidence come from one source and one source only: the sacrifice of our living Lord Jesus Christ. And our praise is given to Him and only Him.

"Amazing grace—how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!"

"My chains are gone, I've been set free! My God, my Savior, has ransomed me! And like a flood His mercy rains—unending joy; amazing grace!"

"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name."

"On Christ, the solid rock, I stand! All other ground is sinking sand."

"Blessed assurance—Jesus is mine!"



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

LIVING IN THIS WORLD

Living as a Christian in this world can be difficult at times. It is challenging for parents. It challenges our families. It puts additional pressures on our work lives. That is looking at things from an adult perspective. Imagine how difficult and confusing it is for our children and grandchildren. God is adamant that we can't adjust the standards that He has given us. How do we live in this world? How do we make sense of it and give our children a sense of stability in this world? Paul wrote a beautiful letter of encouragement and instruction to Titus for his work at Crete. Titus was to establish elders in the various congregations. Paul instructed him on what kind of character these leaders should have. Paul also wrote of how believers should treat each other and also treat non-believers. Paul's focus was **bringing the lost to Christ**. *But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good... Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us... For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to... live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age (Titus 2:1-12).* A righteous life makes it possible to bring others to Christ, while an unrighteous life will do nothing more than turn them away. What does that righteous life look like? What traits do we need to be able to reach others in today's world? Paul's advice to Titus will serve us as well today. We will look at that next week.



By Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying Matthew & Exodus. The title of our study is "The Gift of the King" The lesson this week... "The Kingdom Comes" from Matthew 3:1-7. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Matthew 3:16-17 "As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Thank You!!!

Thanks to all who participated in the Family Service Project @ Boles Home last Sunday... The campus looks beautiful for Christmas! We also learned that prior to us beginning this service project about 4 years ago, the campus had not been decorated in many years. Way to go West Erwin!

All Church Banquet

Join us this coming Sunday night in the FLC for dinner and some great entertainment after our evening service. Everyone is invited.

Kid's Korner

Marla Cannefax
Children's Coordinator

Kid's Night Out: December 10th in our Family Life Center from 4-8 for ages 3 years old – 5th grade. Our theme will be Polar Express. We will have pizza, hot chocolate, and cookies. We will watch Polar Express and we encourage the kids to wear pajamas, bring pillows and blankets, and be ready for fun!

We received a lot of "thank you" cards and words for our project for our "shut-ins". Your children are making an impact here at West Erwin.

We are starting our winter quarter and I want to thank all of the teachers that helped with our fall quarter – we could not have such a great children's program without your help! Parents: make sure to take time to thank the teachers for their hard work and for loving your children.

If your children are in elementary school, ask them to name the fruits of the spirit and see how they do. We are finishing up this study and I am so impressed with how well they have learned them. We are working on learning our Books of the Bible as well as basic Bible facts too.

Save the Dates: VBS 2017 will be June 11-14.



Eric Thornton
Youth Minister

NO DEVO TONIGHT – ALL-CHURCH HOLIDAY BANQUET

Tonight is West Erwin's annual Holiday Banquet in the FLC, so all families are encouraged to attend that following the 5pm assembly. The staff will be serving dinner, and it will be delicious, so come join us!

LTC INFO MEETING – DEC. 11TH

Next Sunday night, 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. We hope all of you can make it so that we can start planning together.

WEYM SANTA LAND / BONFIRE – DEC. 18TH

We're trying something a little different this year for our annual youth group Christmas party. This year, we're headed to Santa Land Christmas light spectacular in Lindale. We'll leave West Erwin immediately following the 5pm worship time, and pile into some vehicles, head to the park, and then get in the back of a trailer and hay bales to go through the park! Then we'll have a bonfire to finish the night off. We'll return to West Erwin by 9pm. **The cost is free!**

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THANKS!

Thanks so much to our church family for the prayers, love, concern, hugs, cards and calls during the loss of our son-in-law and brother-in-law. Also, thank you to the many that came to help celebrate his life. So blessed to be a part of West Erwin. James, Helen, Allen & Jan

We want to thank all of you for the cards and phone calls. Art is back in the nursing home and hopefully his feet will be better soon. I broke my arm and will be so glad to get it healed. Our love and God's blessing to each and everyone of you. We love all of you dearly and miss seeing you on Sundays. We have sure enjoyed hearing from you. Jo & Art Rowland

Our Year-End Contribution is
December 18th.

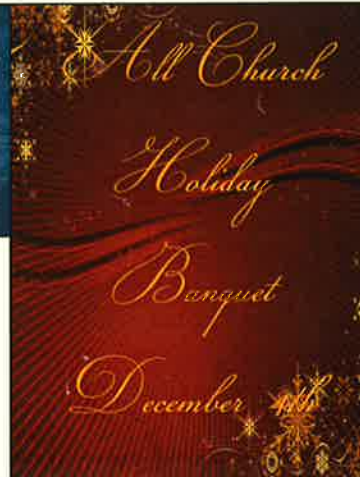
Be prayerful about your participation.



LTC Signup
December 11th
after evening services

Young At Heart
Christmas Dinner
December 8th
Family Life Center

KID'S NIGHT OUT!!
December 10th
4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Family Life Center



"The Response of Faith"

Introduction: The response of faith is possible only because of the gospel of _____.

Romans 1:14-17; 3:19-26; 5:6-8; John 3:14-17; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Cor. 15:1-5

A. People in the first century were _____ about the response of faith.

Acts 2:1-41—the people on _____

Acts 8:5-13—the _____

Acts 8:26-39—the Ethiopian _____

Acts 9:1-19; 22:1-16; 26:1-20—_____ of Tarsus

Acts 10:1-48—_____ and his family

Acts 16:13-15—_____ and her family

Acts 16:16-34—the _____ and his family

B. Christians in the first century were _____ of their response of faith.

Titus 3:3-7; John 3:3-5; Acts 22:16

Rom. 6:1-4; Eph. 2:1-10; Col. 2:6-15

1 Cor. 12:12-14; Gal. 3:26-28; 1 Peter 3:18-22

Conclusion: The response of faith leads to the life of joyful _____.

Titus 3:8; Eph. 2:10; Rom. 6:4ff; etc.



Prayer & Care

Update:

It has been discovered that **Larry Moore** has cancer of the esophagus. Further testing is being done to determine treatment.

Jess Hopkins is in Mother Frances following surgery.

Joyce Allen was hospitalized with chest pain last week.

Jim McDonald had surgery last Wednesday. He is doing well.

Kalli Huff is home now.

Connie Sublette is being treated for reflux problems.

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The Douglas Project



Volunteers: Couple of things coming up in next few weeks...

Dec. 16 Volunteers needed to read to a couple of classes. It can be a Christmas read aloud or just a fun book. The 16th is also Pajama Day.

Dec. 16 The Douglas Office Staff will be cooking Soups for all the Teachers. They would love for us to bring desserts & help with serving.

We are also still looking for 5 people who would be willing to be mentors. See Danny for more details.

The college-age class will have a Christmas Party Thursday, Dec. 15th 6 pm until 10 pm.

There will be a white elephant gift exchange, movie, snacks and dinner. We'll meet in the annex beside the FLC.

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

Our Records	Dec. 4
Bible Class	249
Worship a.m.	412
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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Titus 3:3-7	Danny Snell
Song #453	Love Lifted Me Gary Ables
Song #454	Rock of Ages
Prayer	Ira Wilson
Song #381	Years I Spent in Vanity
Communion & Contribution	Lance Yarema
Song	Mighty to Save Davy Carter
Scripture Reading	Acts 2:36-38 Kelly Monahan
Song #494	O Happy Day
Message:	"The Response of Faith" Bill Allen
Song #904	Have You Been to Jesus? Jay Bynum
Elder's Prayer	
Song #381	Years I Spent in Vanity

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song #147	I Stand Amazed Davy Carter
Song #202	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Prayer	Larry Murphey
Scripture Reading	Acts 8:38-39 Wayne Berryman
Song	Salvation Belongs to Our God
Song #639	Rescue the Perishing
Message	"The Response of Joy" Bill Allen
Song #417	Where He Leads I'll Follow
Song #290	Shine, Jesus, Shine
Dismiss	Gene Chandler

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Serving Today COMMUNION

Pete Leung
Phil Marts
Jim McDonald
Chase Mink
Lee Mink
Samuel Mink

Cody Mitcham
Adam Montgomery

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Jan Cook &

Jaydee Diller

Toddler:

Sara Scarborough &

Jazmin Palacios

We were all saddened to hear the announcement this past Sunday from Eric and Jean Thornton that they will be leaving us soon. Eric will be the preaching minister at the Eastern Hills church in Athens beginning next month. While we will miss them dearly we recognize that they are answering the call of God to continue to serve Him and His church with this new adventure.

From the first face-to-face meeting we had with the church here Joyce and I were impressed with Eric and Jean. They truly are very, very gifted people, and have done a remarkable service in being leaders and examples here at West Erwin. I'm certain that the church in Athens has no idea the quality of servant-ministers they are getting. But they will.

Continue to remember Eric and Jean and the boys with praise to God for the great things He has done for us through them, and for them through us. Pray for them and the church in Athens and all the wonderful blessings God has in store for them. And of course pray for our West Erwin family as we go through this transition time and look ahead to the great family God has been preparing to be a part of us and lead our youth program in the years ahead.

There are few things we do here at West Erwin that impact our children more than Leadership Training for Christ. LTC is an incredible opportunity for young people 3rd grade through 12th grade to use and develop their gifts to praise God and encourage others. LTC helps our children deepen their relationships with each other and creates and deepens bonds between our children and the adults who coach and mentor them.

This Sunday evening there will be an informational and sign-up meeting for our kids, parents, and other adults who are interested in participating in or helping with LTC. We talk a lot about passing on our faith, and pray that God would bless our young people and keep them faithful to Him long after they grow up. Here's your chance to be a part of that process!! God will use you in wonderful, mighty ways to make a difference for Him in the lives of our youth.

And guess what: through it all, He may just do a little work on you and your heart as well...



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

LIVING IN THIS WORLD

Last week we looked at Paul's instructions to Titus with the hope of helping us cope with this world today. Paul's feeling was that focusing on bringing the lost to Christ would be the key to a productive life. Let's look at some passages from Titus 3 and see Paul's view of that productive and righteous life. *To speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray... passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit...I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. But avoid foolish controversies, ...dissentions, and quarrels about the law for they are unprofitable and worthless (Titus 3:1-8).* I am convinced that the best way to open the doors to the lost is to show them the same loving kindness that God showed us when we were lost. Throughout Paul's writings, he reminds of what we were without Christ. It is important that we never forget that state. Remembering our lost condition helps with our understanding and compassion for those that are making such terrible decisions in life. Ill-will and malicious behavior toward those we disagree with will never bring about peace. Salvation comes through making peace with God on his terms. Peace with God leads to peace with our fellow man and righteous living makes a difference in that process. Righteous living creates good works. Good works create opportunities. Taking advantage of those opportunities leads to changed lives. Changing lives is the business of the church!



By Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying Matthew & Exodus. The title of our study is "The Gift of the King" The lesson this week... "Beating Temptation" from Matthew 4:1-11. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Matthew 4:1-3 "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him..."

Leadership Training For Christ

Tis the Season... LTC... If you have children in grades 3-12... Your family ought to be involved in Leadership Training for Christ. LTC is one of the many things West Erwin does to build relationships among the families of West Erwin. It is not just a "kids" ministry and it's not just about "something to do." It has been & is one of the best ministries that we are involved in that can impact our young people's lives for generations to come. Do you want to make a difference in the future of the church with your family? LTC is one place where that can happen. If you have questions... come to our informational & sign up meeting Sunday night in the FLC after the evening worship.

We are very excited that the Special Contribution is going to help us start planning our new children's facilities! We are blessed to have leadership that sees the importance of providing for our young children and young families. As we move forward in this process, I ask that you be prayerful for our leaders as they make important decisions that will impact children for generations here at WE.

Thank you to Melanie Benson and Cayla Ables for teaching our BLAST class for preschoolers. We know they love our children and work hard to help them learn more about God.

Our Sunday Night Service class will be making gifts for their teachers this week. Hope to see your children there!

I am so blessed to get to see all the individuals that pour their time, energy, love, and talents into our children. There are many people that work "behind the scenes" weekly - Sharon Beaver and Kim Frick are the first that come to mind. Thank you for your effort!

We have started a closed group on Facebook called West Erwin Children's Ministry. If you are not already in this group but would like to keep up with us in this way, email me at marlacannefax@gmail.com.

LTC INFO MEETING - TONIGHT - DEC. 11TH

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THANKS!

We want to thank our church family for the expressions of love to our family during the loss of my husband and my children's father and grandfather. The beautiful flowers, all the wonderful delicious food, cards, visits, calls, hugs and sweet smiles have made our journey a little easier. The West Erwin church has been my family's refuge and rock through joyous occasions as well as sad ones such as this. We hold all of you dear to our hearts as we make our way forward. With love, the Weathers Family

A big thank you to Connie Sublette and her helpers in making the widow's luncheon a huge success year after year. We certainly appreciate the women of West Erwin and all that they do for the Lord's church. Also, thank you to those who helped in delivering the poinsettias in the inclement weather. - The Elders

Karing Kitchen
This Monday
5 - 7 p.m. in the Benevolent Center

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The Family Table
This Week: Breakfast!
eggs, bacon, biscuits & gravy
FLC Wed. 5:30 p.m.
Adults \$6
Children \$3

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"The Life of Obedience"

Introduction: This sermon answers the question, "Is there life after _____?"

1. The life of obedience is a _____ life.

Rom. 6:1-4
2 Cor. 5:14-21; Eph. 2:10; Titus 3:8; Matt. 5-7; 1 Peter
Psalm 50; Isaiah 1:10-20; Micah 6:6-8; Amos 5:4-24

2. The life of obedience is _____.

Rom. 6:5-22
Rom. 12-15; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 4-6; Col. 3; James 2; 2 Peter 3; NT

3. The life of obedience is the only life that will last

_____.
Rom. 6:23
2 Cor. 5:1-11; Phil. 3:7-14; Heb. 11:13-16; 1 Peter 1:3-9;
Rev. 21-22

4. The life of obedience has its mind set on things _____.

Col. 3:1-4

Conclusion: The life of obedience is the life of _____.

"Trust _____ Obey"

The Douglas Project



We need ten volunteers for Tuesday, Jan. 31 to help with the kids as they attend the East Texas Symphony @ Caldwell Auditorium. We are needed from 10:45-12:15.

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Micah 6:6-8	Danny Snell
Song #103 He Has Made Me Glad (sing twice)	Gary Ables
Song #763 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (all verses)	
Prayer	David Cannefax
Song #382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?	
Communion & Contribution	Tom Clark
Song #664 Take My Life, and Let It Be (1, 2 & 5)	
Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-17	Jason Browning
Song #619 A New Creature (all verses)	
Message: "The Life of Obedience"	Bill Allen
Song #915 Trust and Obey (1, 4 & 5)	
Elder's Prayer	Ken Culpepper
Song #535 The Glory-Land Way (1 & 3)	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song #508 A Wonderful Savior (vs. 1, 2 & 4)	Michael Hurley
Song How Great is Our God	Logan Stone
Song Surround Us, O Lord	Logan Stone
Prayer	Randy Turner
Scripture Reading Galatians 2:20	Miguel Santibanez
Song #676 Living for Jesus (all verses)	Michael Hurley
Message "Living for Jesus"	Bill Allen
Song #213 He Is Able (sing twice)	Michael Hurley
Song Light the Fire	Michael Hurley
Dismiss	Jonathan Stone

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Pete Leung
Phil Marts
Jim McDonald
Chase Mink
Lee Mink
Samuel Mink

Cody Mitcham
Adam Montgomery

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Jean Rutherford

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Amy Christian

Toddler:

Joanna Stamps &
Evan Kingsbury

Prayer & Care

Update:

Jess Hopkins is in Mother Frances.

Alice Thompson is in Mother Frances.

Suzanne Braly has pneumonia in her left lung.

Prayers are requested for **Samuel and Kara Mink and for the baby boy they are expecting.**

Dan Morrison, friend of Davy Carter, is in Mother Frances suffering complications after

pancreatic cancer surgery.

West Erwin Family: Larry Moore | Jim McDonald | Steve Denman | Stan Mallory | Bud Cawyer | Ira Groom | Pat Lewis | Kalli Huff | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Elmer Miles | Forest McFadden | Brice Sustaire | Winona Shankle | Millie Tomlin | Joann Davis | Nella Ware | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Charles Harris | Bob & May Helen May | Jess & Charlotte Hopkins | Ruby Cliver | Tommy Parrish | Mary Adams | Linda Boudreau

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The Lord continues to shower blessings upon our West Erwin church family! This past Sunday was one of those special Sundays that give us reminders of God's presence.

We are happy to have shared in the baptisms of Chloe Harbuck and Michelle Cagle. Chloe's parents are Chad and Lindsey, and Chloe's Popo Billy Pool baptized her. What a special moment that was!

Michelle is the daughter of Nita Kennedy. For many of us it was our first time meeting Michelle and Larry and their family, and we look forward to getting to know them. What a great blessing and encouragement it was for all of us to see Michelle's obedient and joyful faith!

And our Gene Chandler was touched by the message on the response of faith and the call to remember that day when we were each baptized into Jesus Christ. "O happy day" indeed! We appreciate our brother and will honor his request to pray for him.

As we consider the impact our church family has on each of us we are reminded of the special call to pass along our faith to the generations that will be God's hands and feet long after we are gone. This Sunday we can show that concern in a very concrete way as our special contribution will kick off a building fund that will help us make our facilities more accessible, secure, and useful. Our shepherds announced a couple weeks ago that this would be our focus of our special contribution this year, and that we will especially target our children's ministry facilities. Be prayerful and participate!

This Sunday evening we have the opportunity to tell a special family how much they are loved and appreciated by all of us here at West Erwin. We will have a reception in our Family Life Center at 4 PM honoring Eric and Jean Thornton for all the good they have done for our church and community and beyond in their years of service and ministry with us. Our thoughts and prayers go with them as they begin their new ministry in Athens next month. Our 5 PM worship time will then follow in the FLC.

And who have you invited for our 10 AM worship on Christmas morning? They may go to church somewhere that day, even if they normally are not interested. I'm thinking they should come here!



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

ENJOY YOUR GIFTS!

I have created a monster! I have done something for the first time in the four years we have been in Tyler. I bought **new** Christmas lights for the house and not only that, with the help of Michael, we put them up! I can't tell you of how many lights I have that have not seen an eave in years! To top it off, I told Suzie, "I think these lights have given me some Christmas spirit." Her reply, "Wait until next year, Clark Griswold!" Don't get me wrong, I am not a Scrooge at all. It just takes me a little time to get into the swing of things (like around the 23rd or so). One of the things that bothers me the most about Christmas is the materialism it has fostered in our culture. It has gotten so bad that many have forgotten the many gifts that God has given us all year long. It saddens me to see the number of people that no longer enjoy the **gift of family**. Our families are the ones that we have lived with the longest on this earth and yet they are the ones we have hurt the most. Our families are the ones that God has chosen to put us with at birth; they were our gift from Him. It saddens me to see the number of people that no longer enjoy the **gift of the church**. Just as with our family, sometimes we hurt our brothers and sisters in Christ too. God knows the difficulties of what a local congregation faces; He has seen it for years! Just like a family, it takes hard work and sacrifice to make a church special. It takes patience, kindness, and toughness to do it the way the Bible describes it. Please pray for our strength. It saddens me to see the number of people that no longer enjoy the **gift of Christ** in their lives. Don't dread letting the Spirit lead you. Don't worry about where God is trying to take you. This life that God has given us is the only shot we have. Take advantage of it; find your joy and enjoy those special gifts from God!



By Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter our Bible Classes are studying Matthew & Exodus. The title of our study is "The Gift of the King" The lesson this week... "Glory Revealed" from Matthew 17:1-13. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Matthew 7:5 "While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!'"

Leadership Training For Christ

Tis the Season... LTC... If you have children in grades 3-12... Your family ought to be involved in Leadership Training for Christ. LTC is one of the many things West Erwin does to build relationships among the families of West Erwin. It is not just a "kids" ministry and it's not just about "something to do." It has been & is one of the best ministries that we are involved in that can impact our young peoples lives for generations to come. You want to make a difference in the future of the church with your family. LTC is one place where that can happen. If you have questions...ask. Deadline for turning in registration forms is Dec. 25.

Polar Express was so much fun with your children! We had around 30 kids attend - thank you! We wrote letters to Santa, made reindeer food (they get hungry too!), ate pizza, popcorn, and cookies, and drank hot chocolate. We had help from several teenagers and adults - we could not have done it without all of you! Watch for our next Kid's Night Out in February (so parents can have a date night for Valentine's!)

David and Virginia Demic have served in our church libraries for over 40 years! We are making plans to update and expand our children's library and want to start by introducing our children to our current system. We will take turns with the different classes coming to visit our children's library over the first few weeks in January. Thank you to David and Virginia for your hard work!

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Remember: VBS is June 11-14 --- I can't wait!
Marla

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Save the Date!

JIMMIE PHILPOT is turning 80!
Come celebrate with us!
Saturday, January 7th
2:00 - 5:00 in the afternoon
Hideaway Lake Lodge
101 Hideaway Lane Central
Hideaway, TX 75771



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Our Holiday Schedule:
The church offices will be closed Friday, December 23rd through Monday, December 26th.

The Family Table

No Wednesday night meals will be served again until January 11th.



Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Luke 2:8-14		Danny Snell
Song #1002	Angels We Have Heard on High	Gary Ables
Song #997	O Come, All Ye Faithful	
Song #1017	Away in a Manger	
Prayer		Wayne Berryman
Song #221	Jesus, Name Above All Names	
Communion - Bread		Shaun Stamps
Song #222	There's Something About That Name	
Communion - Cup		
Song #577	We Bow Down	
Contribution		
Kid's Time		Bill Allen
Song #996	O Little Town of Bethlehem	
Scripture Reading	John 3:16-17	Dannie Skipper
Song #1018	Joy to the World	
Message:	"The Gift of Love"	Bill Allen
Song	In Christ Alone	
Elder's Prayer		Gaylan Seagler
Song #1018	Joy to the World	

"The Gift of Love"

Introduction: Jesus is _____ gift of love.

A. Jesus, the gift of love, gave up _____.

John 1:1-18

Matt. 1-2; Luke 1-2; Phil. 2:5-8; Heb. 2:5-18

B. Jesus, the gift of love, gave up _____.

John 3:13-21

John 10:1-18; 19; Gal. 1:3-4; Eph. 5:1-2; 1 John 3:16

C. Jesus, the gift of love, gave us the opportunity to be _____.

John 3:1-8, 16-17; 8:24, 31-32; 14:6

Titus 2:11-14; 3:3-8; Acts 2; 8; 9; 10; 16; Rom. 6; 2 Cor. 5; Col. 3

Conclusion: In Christ alone—the gift of love—I _____.

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Philip Matthews
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Eric Moseley
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Larry Murphey

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THE OFFICE STAFF WISHES YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

CELEBRATE WITH FAMILY

BILL

DANNY

DONNIE

ERIC

DAVY


MARIA

KEITH

FRANCES

SHARON

ODIE



Mark and Lorri Allen have placed membership with West Erwin. Please make them feel welcome!

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Schedule Changes

The church offices will be closed December 23rd & 26th and January 2nd. We will only have a 10 a.m. worship service on December 25th & January 1st. The Benevolence Center will be closed until January 10th for food and clothing distribution. The Karing Kitchen will still serve on Mondays. The Family Table will serve again on January 11th.

Prayer & Care

Alice Thompson is in Hospice of East Texas. | **Sheila Lewis** had day surgery last Monday. | **Fred Powell** had back surgery last Monday. | **Jess Hopkins** has been dismissed from Mother Frances. | **Greg Guinn**, father of Jennie Ables had hip replacement surgery last Wednesday.

West Erwin Family: Samuel and Kara Mink and the baby boy they are expecting | Larry Moore | Jim McDonald | Steve Denman | Stan Mallory | Bud Cawyer | Ira Groom | Pat Lewis | Kalli Huff | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Elmer Miles | Forest McFadden | Brice Sustaire | Winona Shankle | Millie Tomlin | Joann Davis | Nella Ware | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Charles Harris | Bob & May Helen May | Jess & Charlotte Hopkins | Ruby Cliver | Tommy Parrish | Mary Adams

Friends and Family: | Dan Morrison, friend of Davy Carter

Our Records

Dec. 18

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Announcements/Greeting		Eric Thornton
Song #23	Our God, He is Alive	Gary Ables
Song #3	Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah	Gary Ables
Prayer	Thanking God for His Work in Our Lives	Larry Murphey
Fallen Man		Danny Snell
Song	Ancient Words (dismissal of children)	Kalon Ainsworth
Redeemed Man		Danny Snell
Song	Wonderful Merciful Savior	Kalon Ainsworth
Communion		Danny Snell
Song	How Great is Our God	Davy Carter
Empowered Man		Donnie Carnathan
Invitation Song	In Christ Alone	Davy Carter
Elder's Prayer		Fred Wingate
Song	Surround Us, Lord	Davy Carter

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship		Stan Clark
Song #103	He Has Made Me Glad	Kalon Ainsworth
Song #4	To God Be the Glory	
Song #837	I Need Thee Every Hour	
Prayer		Wayne Berryman
Scripture Reading		Tom Clark
Song #474	Thank You, Lord	
Message		Chris White
Song #947	Jesus is Tenderly Calling	
Song #2	Revive Us Again	
Dismiss		Lee Mink

There will be no children's classes this evening.

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THANKSGIVING

This is the week of our annual Thanksgiving celebration. I like Thanksgiving. I like it because for a brief time in this country, people will acknowledge God by giving thanks for their blessings. I like it because it is a family celebration. I like it because of its history. I like it because it usually means cooler weather. I like it because of its name; Thanksgiving! Scripture tells us that thanksgiving should have a major part in our lives. Here are some ways that having an "Attitude of Gratitude" will help us.

- Giving thanks to God will **help our generosity**. *For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God (2 Cor. 9:11)*
- Giving thanks to God will **help us tell others of God**. *I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds (Psa. 9:1).*
- Giving thanks to God also **lessens our anxiety and gives us hope**. *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:6-7).*
- Giving thanks to God also **helps keep our actions pure**. *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Col. 3:16-17).*

Remembering God's promises and being grateful for the goodness of God plays a huge part in our spirituality. In those "hard times", Satan will try to make us forget how blessed we truly are. Never lose sight of your spiritual blessings in Christ. Our "Thanksgiving" should come every day instead of just one weekend in November!

Family Service Day at Boles Home Sunday, November 27th
Lunch together in Lindale * Decorate Boles Home for Christmas
Evening worship and meal with them

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VOLUNTEERS
are a gift to the community!

DECEMBER 12 & 13, 2016
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Prayer & Care

Our love and sympathy is extended to these who have lost loved ones:

- Ira Groom** in the loss of his wife, Sherrie last Tuesday.
Diane Denman in the loss of her father, Bobby England. Services were Tuesday.
Cindy Moseley in the loss of her brother, Paul Pearson. Services were last Sunday.
Sean Sillavan in the loss of his grandmother in Little Rock.
Howard Dickson in the loss of his aunt, Tency Hess, Sunday in Houston.

Charles Rachui is in Mother Frances in the S-ICU unit. | **Pat Lewis** is home now.
Jess Hopkins is in Mother Frances. **Leon Welborn** is under hospice care at home.
West Erwin Family: Wendy McAuley | Cathy Culpepper | Steve Denman | Stan Mallory | Bud Cawyer | Norma Durham | Ira Groom | Pat Lewis | Charles Rachui | Kalli Huff | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Elmer Miles | Forest McFadden | Brice Sustaire | Winona Shankle | Millie Tomlin | Joann Davis | Nella Ware | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Charles Harris | Bob May | Jess & Charlotte Hopkins | Ruby Cliver | Tommy Parrish

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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