



West Erwin Church of Christ

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December 31, 2017

Order of Worship

Volume 48 – No. 53

Welcome/Announcements

Danny Snell

Shepherd's Prayer

Ken Culpepper

Song #797 Lord, We Come Before Thee Now

Davy Carter

Song Ancient Words

Song In Christ Alone

Prayer

Wayne Berryman

Song #725 Let Us Break Bread Together

Communion & Contribution

Chris Conder

Kid's Time

Song We Are the Body of Christ

Scripture

Reading: John 1:14, 17

David Wicks

Sermon: "Grace and Truth for Our Polarized World"

Bill Allen

Song #947 Jesus Is Tenderly Calling

Song #448 The Greatest Commands

Our Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

Bible Class 9 – 9:40 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10 – 11:15 a.m.
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Serving Today

COMMUNION

Jimmie Philpot
 Marc Philpot
 Chris Reynolds
 Gaylan Seagler
 Dannie Skipper
 Shaun Stamps
 Randy Turner
 Marcus Turner

GREETERS

Info Center:
 Louise Seaberry
 Main Doors:

James & Connie Sublette

East Doors:

Scotty & Darlene Rouse

W. Erwin Doors:

Bill & Barbara White

PICK UP CARDS

Aaron Browning
 Chase Browning
 Brayden Reeder
 Ethan Stone
 Logan Stone

SOUND

Clifton Lindsey &
 Cody Mitcham

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery:

Kim Frick

Toddler:

Stacy Turner &
 Emma Stamps

"Grace and Truth for Our Polarized World"

Introduction: Does _____ give you a good feeling about what's ahead in _____?

John 1:1-18

A. _____ the truth was important to Jesus.

John 8:2-11, 31-32; 12:44-50; 14:1-6; 17:13-19
 Matt. 7:12-27; 19:16-26; 2 John 1-11

B. _____ grace toward others was important to Jesus.

John 4:4-26; 8:2-11; 3:14-17; 10:1-18; 18-19
 Matt. 9:9-12; 18:21-35; 26-27; James 2:12-13

C. Grace and truth make it possible to be _____ rather than polarized.

Eph. 4:1-6

Conclusion: In 2018 our polarized world needs _____ grace _____ truth, and they need it from _____.

Eph. 4:11-16; 2 Peter 3:17-18; Rom. 12:1-10; 1 Cor. 8-13

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"RELATIONSHIPS MATTER".**

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Thank You

The outpouring of love has been overwhelming. Thank you, dear ones, for all of the calls, texts, food and mostly for the prayers and words of encouragement since the loss of Matthew. I will miss him forever. Love, Judy (Hamm)

Thank you so much for all the many cards, calls, visits, food, flowers and especially for your prayers. We are so grateful for our West Erwin family. Blessings and good health in the coming year for each of you. Sandra & Fred Wingate

Charlotte and I would like to offer our thanks and appreciation to the West Erwin family for your prayers, cards and phone calls during this past year of health challenges!! You don't know how much it helps and we do miss being with you so much!! We pray that each of you will have the best remembrance of the birth of our Savior, the real reason for the season. God bless you all!! Bud Cawyer

Thank you so much for your cards and well wishes throughout this year. Also, thank you for the great food. Merry Christmas. Joann Davis & Millie Tomlin

Dear West Erwin, Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia. As I pass by it on my table, I am reminded daily of how blessed I am to be a member of such a loving congregation. Thank you again. Love, Nettie Potts

Prayer and Care

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**LTC registration forms
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**Give them to
Danny Snell.**

The Bulletin Board

Our Records	December 24
Bible Class	218
Worship a.m.	429
Worship p.m.	No Service
Wed. p.m.	No Service
Contribution	\$32,332.41
Weekly Budget	\$24,867.00
Building Fund	\$531,053.53

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December 24, 2017

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Danny Snell

Shepherd's Prayer

Jay Bynum

Song #1018

Joy to The World

Gary Ables

Song #997

O Come All Ye Faithful

Song #995

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

Prayer

Don Durham

Song #1001

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Song #1002

Angels We Have Heard On High

Song #354

I Gave My Life For Thee

Communion & Contribution

Michael Hurley

Song #1005

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 2:14-18

Myron Granberry

Sermon:

“And the Word Became Flesh”

Bill Allen

Song #912

Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary

Song #1003

Silent Night

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 Cody Mitcham
 Kelly Monahan
 Adam Montgomery
 Eric Moseley
 Kenneth Muncy
 Larry Murphey
 Bill Paschall

GREETERS

Info Center:

Robert & Mary Lee

Main Doors:

Nancy Lunceford & Konni Tharp

East Doors:

Gaylan & Margie Seagler

W. Erwin Doors:

Glynn & Fran Starnes

PICK UP CARDS

Cole Benson
 Liam Harbuck
 Clay Mitcham
 Tyson Tapley
 Tanner Transier

SOUND

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 Cody Mitcham

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery:

McKenzie Fennell

Toddler:

Shannon Snell &
 Cate Kimball

“And the Word Became Flesh” 12/24/17 AM

Introduction: John's nativity story is of course a little _____ than the other gospel writers. **(John 1:14)**

A. The _____ (John 1:1-3)

B. The Word Became _____. (Luke 2:1-14; Phil. 2:5-8; Psalm 8; Heb. 2:5-18)

C. We have seen His _____. (1 John 1:1-3; Matt. 17:1-9; Rom. 1:1-4; Acts 1:8-9)

Conclusion: That Word who became flesh will _____ to the world He created and died to save. (Phil. 2:9-11; Acts 1:8-11; 1 Cor. 15:50-58; 2 Cor. 5:1-10; 1 Thess. 4:13-18)

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Prayer and Care

Congratulations to Jay and Debbie Bynum who are the new grandparents of **Madeline Elise Bynum**. She was born December 16th and is the daughter of Caleb and Mandy Bynum of Houston.

Ralph Henderson is facing another surgery after a recent fall. He is home.

Chloe Harbuck had foot surgery in Dallas on Wednesday. Surgery went well. She is home.

Tom Ramsour had back surgery at ETMC last Monday. Surgery went well. He is, however, having post-surgical complications.

Jon Sorrells is in ETMC. He may have gone home in the last day or so.

Pat Lewis is awaiting test results. She is home.

Wanda Cook is in ETMC.

Marsha Richardson's father is hospitalized in Texarkana. He has the flu with pneumonia.

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Our Records	December 17
Bible Class	230
Worship a.m.	430
Worship p.m.	107
Wed. p.m.	NC
Contribution	\$268,997.53
Weekly Budget	\$24,867.00
Building Fund	\$526,093.53

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Holiday Greetings

FROM:
BILL
DANNY
DONNIE
DAVID
DAVY
FRANCES
SHARON
ODIE
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May 28, 2017

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Announcements		Danny Snell
Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship: Hebrews 3:1-6		Jay Bynum
Song	Wonderful, Merciful Savior	Gary Ables
Song #671	Purer in Heart, O God	
Song #552	Have Thine Own Way	
Prayer		Fred Wingate
Song #315	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	
Communion & Contribution		Stan Clark
Song #610	I Love My Savior, Too	
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 11:27-29	Sean Sillavan
Song	Above All	
Message:	"Examine Yourself"	Davy Carter
Song #662	All to Jesus I Surrender	
Song #474	Thank You, Lord	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements		Donnie Carnathan
Song #452	Love Lifted Me	Lance Yarema
Song #464	Because He Lives	
Prayer		Lee Mink
Scripture Reading	Matthew 28:18-20	Jimmie Philpot
Song #180	Jesus is Lord	
Song #543	Wonderful Words of Life	
Message	BICA	Roberto Alvarez
Song	God is Calling the Prodigal	
Song #613	Hold to God's Unchanging Hand	
Dismiss		Gaylan Seagler

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Chris Conder
Tom Cook
David Demic
Harold Denman
Rick Fedell
Myron Granberry
Wyatt Gruver

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Michael & Gail Willis

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Mary Lee &
Jazmin Romero

Toddler:

Sheila Lewis &
Jaydee Diller

The church offices will be closed Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day.

What a glorious weekend! It was such a blessing to have David and Kiera Keen and their children with us. A very special thanks to all who helped make this very full weekend possible by housing them, feeding them, and being a part of the activities that filled this weekend and made it possible for them to get to know their new church family. Thanks for your continued prayers for them during this difficult transition time.

In most of our Bible classes Sunday our lesson topic for the day was "The Way God Made Us." In the young adult class we acknowledged what a difficult subject this is; one that calls us to be loving and accepting and encouraging toward others; while at the same time one that calls us to remain faithful to the will of our Creator and Designer, and to help others to do the same. We must remember that a part of remaining faithful to God—a very big part I might add—is treating others with love and respect and humility.

Some of the most critical passages in this discussion come from the very beginning not only of Scripture, but the very beginning of humanity itself.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness..." So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them... God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. (Gen. 1:1, 26-27, 31a)

That is the question, isn't it? Will we believe that we—all of us—are created in the image of God, and answer to that Creator, not only concerning how we treat and think about ourselves, but also how we treat and consider others, all of whom are likewise created in the image of the very same Creator?

Russell Moore, in an article entitled "What the Transgender Debate Means for the Church," notes that "we should never mock or belittle those suffering gender identity disorders. These are our neighbors to be respected and served, not freaks to be despised...In a fallen universe, all of us are alienated, in some way, from who we were designed to be. That alienation manifests itself in different ways in different people... We must affirm that God loves all persons, and that the gospel is good news for repentant prodigal sons and daughters, including for those who have trouble figuring out which is which." Amen.



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

IN THE MIDST OF CONFUSION

Sunday's lesson in my class was so difficult. We talked about the hardships people face when they go against God's design for living. In that conversation, we talked about homosexuality, transgenderism, and divorce. All these issues go against God's plan for mankind and the world's response to them just adds to the confusion. We are now seeing more of our church families facing these issues in their lives. It seems that more and more our world is moving further away from the teachings of God, but does that change what God expects and needs from us as the church? Read Paul's words to the church at Rome, *I am speaking the truth in Christ-I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit-that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. (Ro.9:1-3)*. Paul is talking about the Jews that would not accept Christ for who He was. As a result, they were "cut off" from Christ. There are many today that are in the same situation as those unbelieving Jews; lost and confused about their identity with Christ. It does not matter what "issue" separates people from God. What matters is; do we feel sorrow and anguish over the fact that they are lost? Like Paul, would we be willing to "trade places" with them so that they could be saved? As a church, are we willing to do our part in bringing order to a world in the midst of such confusion? These are challenging times and Christ is always challenging us to imitate Him. WWJD?



By Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter we are studying from Joshua & Matthew. The title of our study is "Conquering Faith & King of Kings" The lesson this week... "In His Likeness" from Gen 1:27, Romans 5:12-21. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Gen. 1:27 "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Summer Speaker Series 2017

Join us on Wednesday nights for our Summer Speaker Series. Our theme this year is "Defining Moments for God's People." Our series will focus on some of the turning points for God's people in the Old Testament. Join us each Wednesday night @ 7:00.

Current 5th graders will promote to the youth group the first Sunday in June. All other ages/grades will promote at the beginning of September.

Our next Kids' Night Out is June 3rd from 6-8:30. We will eat dinner and watch Inside Out to get ready for our VBS. Please plan to bring your children and invite your friends to attend.

Camp Deer Run Day Camp: We are taking a group to Day Camp at CDR during Session 1 - June 5-8. If you need information on what to expect or what to bring, look online at www.campdeerrun.com.

VBS: June 11-14 from 6- 8:30 pm. Our theme is Loving God Inside Out. We have flyers available to help advertise to your friends and around town. We still need more volunteers as guides to take the children around to each station. Let me know if you are available to help in this way. You can now register online at www.westerwin.com.

We will be decorating for VBS the week of June 5-10. If you are interested in helping us decorate, please let me know.

Want to know what is happening in our children's ministry? Join our private group on Facebook for updates, pictures, and videos.

- May 28th Devo in the FLC - Dillers hosting
- June 4-9 Interlink
- June 11-14 West Erwin VBS
- July 6-15 Nebraska Trip

50 Years
Odie & Dolores Kennedy
June 3rd, 2017
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
West Erwin Church of Christ
Family Life Center
Hosted by Their Children
No Gifts, Please.
Wedding Anniversary



Ladies! We are honoring Elizabeth Sillavan with a table shower on Sunday, May 28th. Selections are at Babies R Us and Target. Place your gift on the table in the foyer.

**Wednesday Night
Summer Series 2017**

**“Defining Moments
for God’s People”**

June 7:
Singing with Chuck Munoz - Tyler

June 14:
VBS - W.E. Children’s Ministry

June 21:
“Creation, Fall & Flood”
Jerry Savage - Sulphur Springs

June 28:
“Abraham to Joseph”
Ben Brewster - Bossier City

Jordan Snell, daughter of Danny and Lisa Snell, graduated in May from Abilene Christian University with honors. She now holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology. Jordan’s plans are to attend physical therapy school at Harding University beginning in August.

Register for VBS online: www.westerwin.com

Vacation Bible School June 11-14

“Loving God Inside Out”

Opening Session Sunday 9 - 11 a.m.
Sunday - Wednesday 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Free Kid-Friendly Meals provided Mon-Wed 5 p.m.-6 p.m. @ FLC

Sermon Notes

The Douglas Project



Coming around toward the end of the school year. Many of you have been involved in the WE Love Douglas Project. Thank you so much for putting yourself out there and making a difference in those kids' lives.

We are making plans to provide school supplies for all of the Douglas kids for the fall. Stay tuned for more details!

BENEVOLENCE CENTER NEEDS

- Toilet Paper**
- Soap (Bar)**
- Shampoo**
- Toothpaste**
- Men's Clothing**

Our Records May 21

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Prayer & Care

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Ruby Cliver had back surgery Monday. She is in Providence Park.

Wanda Cook is in Providence Park.

Sylvia Tharpe is in HealthSouth.

Bitsy Berryman is in Providence Park – Room 505

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May 21, 2017

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Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship - Ephesians 1:17-23		David Wicks
Song #167	Hosanna	Davy Carter
Song #718	We Shall Assemble	
Song #704	Bind Us Together	
Prayer		Ernie Gordon
Song #337	Hallelujah! What a Savior	
Communion & Contribution		Bill Paschall
Song #705	A Common Love	
Scripture Reading	<i>Ephesians 3:10-12</i>	Myron Granberry
Song	We Are the Body of Christ	
Message:	"It's Time to Connect!"	Bill Allen
Song #744	God's Family	
Song	Light the Fire	



Welcome David, Kiera,
Emerson, Tucker & Tyler
Keen!

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Debbie Jones &
Rebecca Weathers

We are so excited about this weekend! Our new youth minister and his family—**David, Kiera, Tyler, Tucker and Emerson Keen**—will be with us!! They will spend some time with our teens and families and young adults over the weekend, and will worship with us Sunday morning, share in our luncheon together, and join us for a devotional time in the FLC after lunch. David will lead us in our song service for the devo. What a wonderful time of blessing and celebration this is for our West Erwin family!

You will notice a change in the order of our worship assembly this Sunday morning. We are moving the Shepherd's Prayer to the beginning of the service so that all will be able to be a part of this time of sharing and prayer led by one of our elders. What a blessing these men are who serve as our shepherds! Pray every day for them and for their families.

A special thank you to those who helped prepare and serve lunch to our area Law Enforcement officers this past Monday. What a special debt we owe them and their families! Keep those whose call is "to protect and to serve" our communities, as well as their loved ones, regularly in your prayers.

This Sunday in our assemblies we will focus on the call for all of us to be involved and connected as part of God's people, His church here at West Erwin. Most of the first three chapters of Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus is praise given to God for the salvation we have through our Lord Jesus Christ and for the great blessing of being a part of His church. Those blessings are summarized in these great declarations.

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way... His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. (Eph. 1:22-23; 3:10-12)



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

YOUR BEST PROTECTION!

Last Monday was the annual Smith County Peace Officer's Memorial. This ceremony is to honor those law enforcement personnel who died in the line of duty working to protect citizens. Our safety depends on the protection offered us and I am glad those officers were honored. We need to honor God too because He is in the protection business also. I want to look at a few passages from Psalms and see what they say about God's protection. *But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you (Psa.5:11) Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name (Psa.91:14).* For those that love God, that know God, and understand His character, God offers His protection. God wants children that want to have a relationship with Him! *Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation (Psa. 68:5).* God shows us where His concern is. He extends His protection to those that are without hope, to those that are lost, and to those that are forgotten by society. Should that be a plan for us?



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Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter we are studying from Joshua & Matthew. The title of our study is "Conquering Faith & King of Kings". The lesson this week... "God's Design" from Matt. 19:4-6; Genesis 2:18. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Matt. 19:4
"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female..."

West Erwin Disaster Response Team

A great big thanks to so many of you who have been a part of our team over the last several weeks as we have assisted our neighbors in the Canton area. There is so much yet to be done... you cannot even imagine. We will be assembling the team again several times over the next few months. Watch for details.

Our next Kids' Night Out is June 3rd from 6-8:30. We will eat dinner and watch Inside Out to get ready for our VBS. Please plan to bring your children and invite your friends to attend.

Camp Deer Run Day Camp: We are taking a group to Day Camp at CDR during Session 1 - June 5-8. If you need information on what to expect or what to bring, look online at www.campdeerrun.com.

VBS: June 11-14 from 6- 8:30 pm. Our theme is Loving God Inside Out. We have flyers available to help advertise to your friends and around town. We still need more volunteers as guides to take the children around to each station. Let me know if you are available to help in this way. You can now register online at www.westerwin.com.

We will be decorating for VBS the week of June 5-10. If you are interested in helping us decorate, please let me know.

Want to know what is happening in our children's ministry? Join our private group on Facebook for updates, pictures, and videos.

Marla
marlacannefax@gmail.com

May 21st A Keen Day-No Evening Service-No Devo
May 28th Devo in the FLC - Dillers hosting
June 4-8 Interlink

We rejoice with the angels in heaven as Helen Strotman was baptized last week. She has been attending with Jeff Bullock and both Jeff and Helen wish to place membership and be a part of our West Erwin church family. Praise God!

50 Years
Odie & Dolores Kennedy
June 3rd, 2017
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
West Erwin Church of Christ
Family Life Center
Hosted by Their Children
No Gifts, Please.
Wedding Anniversary

A Keen Day!

Meet our new youth minister, David Keen and his wife Kiera and their children Tyler, Tucker and Emerson. Join us for the **ALL CHURCH LUNCHEON** in the Family Life Center after services. David will then lead us in singing during a short devotional and we will be dismissed for the day. We're excited to welcome this family into our hearts!



Ladies!
We are honoring Elizabeth Sillavan with a table shower

on Sunday, May 21st & 28th.

Selections are at Babies R Us and Target.
It's a boy!

Place your gift on the table in the foyer.

The Family Table

Wed., May 24th
5:30 p.m. in the FLC

Fajitas

(Our last "Family Table" meal until fall.)

\$6 - adults
\$3 - children



"It's Time to Connect!"

Introduction: Our life as Christ's _____ here at West Erwin is summed up this way:

BELIEVE

CONNECT

SERVE

This morning let's share a few thoughts about some _____ things with which we connect.

1. Connecting with the _____—our common _____
Eph. 4:1-16; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; John 12:44-50
2. Connecting with the _____—our common _____
Matt. 20:28; Luke 19:10; John 3:14-17; Rom. 1-3; 2 Cor. 5:21; Eph. 2:1-3:6
3. Connecting with the _____—our common _____
Eph. 1:3-22; Matt. 16:13-18; Acts 2:36-47; Heb. 3:7-19; 10:19-25
4. Connecting with the _____—our common _____
Eph. 3:7-12; Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:11-21

Conclusion: If you've been waiting to _____ with this church family, it's time to connect!

Vacation Bible School June 11-14

"Loving God Inside Out"

Opening Session Sunday 9 - 11 a.m.

Sunday - Wednesday 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Free Kid-Friendly Meals provided Mon-Wed 5 p.m.-6 p.m. @ FLC

Register online:
www.westerwin.com

Prayer & Care

Our love and sympathy is extended to Geri and Patrick Moore in the loss of Larry last Monday. Services were Saturday. Memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas or to the West Erwin Church of Christ Children's Wing Building Fund.

Ruby Cliver will have back surgery this Monday at Spine and Joint.

Bud Cawyer had a back procedure last Wednesday. He is home.

Wanda Cook is in Providence Park.

Sylvia Tharpe is in HealthSouth.

Blitsy Berryman is in Providence Park - Room 505

Amber Chauncey's Mom, **Cathy Allison**, had hip replacement surgery last Tuesday in Tyler.

West Erwin Family: Stan Mallory | Bud & Charlotte Cawyer | Pat Lewis | Joann Davis | Tommy Parrish | Jim Gipson | Marlene Latham | Ira & Esther Wilson | Liz Albritton | Janice Hardaway

Friends and Family: **Stephen Pettif**, nephew of Melanie Murry | **Annette**

VanNess, cousin of Davy Carter | Dolores Kennedy's sister, **Wilma Wilson** and sister-in-law, **Pat Williams** | Parents of David Hammond, **Bill & Dolores Hammond**

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The Douglas Project



Coming around toward the end of the school year. Many of you have been involved in the WE Love Douglas Project. Thank you so much for putting yourself out there and making a difference in those kids' lives.

We are making plans to provide school supplies for all of the Douglas kids for the fall. Stay tuned for more details!

BENEVOLENCE CENTER NEEDS

Toilet Paper
Soap (Bar)
Shampoo
Toothpaste
Men's Clothing

Our Records	May 14
Bible Class	225
Worship a.m.	453
Worship p.m.	149
Wed. p.m.	140
Contribution	\$20,848.06
Weekly Budget	\$24,867.00
Building Fund	\$181,446.00

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January 1, 2017

Volume 48 – No. 1

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Psalm 33:20-22		Donnie Carnathan
Song #538	My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	Gary Ables
Song	Ancient Words	
Song #497	Whispering Hope	
Prayer		Ernie Gordon
Song #527	He Touched Me	
Communion & Contribution		James Sublette
Kid's Time		Bill Allen
Song #202	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	
Scripture Reading	Romans 12:11-12	Myron Granberry
Song #611	Heavenly Sunlight	
Message:	"The Joy of Hope"	Bill Allen
Song #71	As the Deer	
Elder's Prayer		David Hammond
Song #587	Sing and Be Happy	

"The Joy of Hope"

Introduction: "_____ in the Lord always. I will say it again: _____!"

(Phil. 4:4-9) How is that possible? It is possible only if you have _____. (Rom. 12:11-12)

A. If you do not have _____ you likely do not have a lasting _____.

1 Thess. 4:13-18; Psalm 42; Acts 8:38-39; 16:25-34

B. If you have _____ you can have a lasting _____.

1 Thess. 5:16-18; Rom. 15:4, 12-13; 8:18-30; Heb. 11:1-12:3

Conclusion: In 2017 choose to "be _____ in _____." (Rom. 12:12)

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Bible Class	9 a.m.
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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**

Robert Lee
Clifton Lindsey
Philip Matthews
Vance Metcalf
Kelly Monahan
Eric Moseley
Kenneth Muncy
Larry Murphey

GREETERS

Info Center:

Harvey & Edie Strickland

Main Doors:

Pete & Alisa Leung

East Doors:

Michael & Tami Hurley

W. Erwin Doors:

John & Virginia Pike

PICK UP CARDS

Cole Benson, Jackson DeLivaudais, Liam Harbuck, Tanner Transier, & Nathan Turner

SOUND

Terry Frick & Jonathan Stone

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery:

Julie Ables & Bailey Hammond

Toddler:

Jodie Albritton & Sydney Hammond

3rd Annual
Ladies'
Swap Meet
January 28th

Set up at 10 am
Meet starts at 10:30 am

West Erwin
Benevolence Center
215 South Bonner



Bring 10-20 Items and take home 10-20 Items. * No men's or kid's stuff * Don't forget to bring a shopping bag!
Any leftover items will be donated to the West Erwin Benevolence Center.

Schedule Changes

We will only have a 10 a.m. worship service on January 1st.

The church offices will be closed Monday, January 2nd.

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.

WINTERFEST

Come join over 4,000 other church of Christ students and volunteers from across the Midwest January 13th-15th for an incredible weekend to learn, be encouraged and worship together. This year's theme is "Identity - Who Are You?" The trip is for our 8th grade students and up, and the cost is only \$50. Signups continue through Wednesday, January 11th in class, but you must be paid in full by then, so that we can reserve the correct amount of hotel rooms and pay for conference registrations. Make plans to join us!

Our live streaming worship service on the internet was watched in 2 different countries across 13 state regions in 33 cities with an approximate total of 68 viewers in the last month.

A note from the family of Leon Welborn:

A special thank you to all the ladies who helped with the reception for our family and friends. It was perfect in every way, the food, the table decoration, but most of all the love our family felt that day.

We are so grateful for all the prayers, cards and your support the last two years. Leon and I love the West Erwin family and are so thankful that God planted us with such fine Christians. You will always be treasured in our hearts. God Bless. Our love, Carolyn and Cheryl

Call Don Ingram at
903.253.4600

if you need transportation
Sunday or Wednesday.

Our Records	Dec. 25
Bible Class	NA
Worship a.m.	380
Worship p.m.	NA
Wed. p.m.	NC
Contribution	\$70,485.92
Weekly Budget	\$24,867.00

Prayer & Care

Our love and sympathy is extended to Danny Snell and family in the death of Danny's father. A memorial service will take place in the Valley at a future date. Services for Betty Barajas were last Wednesday. She was a long time member but has not attended recently.

Fred Powell is home now.

Jess Hopkins is in ETMC.

Art Rowland, former member, has been moved to hospice in McKinney.

West Erwin Family: Samuel and Kara Mink and the baby boy they are expecting | Larry Moore | 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 | Jennie Ables' dad, Greg Guinn

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"Today's Christians: Resident Immigrants"

Introduction: Christians in the first century considered themselves _____ . So should we.

A. Because we are _____ immigrants this world is our _____ .

1 Peter 1:1
Jer. 29:1-14

B. Because we are resident _____ this world is _____ our home.

1 Peter 1:1-2; 2:11
John 15:18-25; 17:13-19; Phil. 3:17-21; Heb. 11:13-16; 13:11-14
"One of These Things is Not Like the Others..."

Conclusion: Your identity and security are based in _____, not in yourselves or your circumstances. And it is in this identity that we find our _____ in this life as resident immigrants.

1 Peter 1:1-2; 2:9-12

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: This note of thanks has been on our hearts for several months now, but we thought to wait until the news was good before writing: now, it seems, that good news comes in shades of "good". I have been waiting for news from Dr. Brugarolas and it came on Christmas Eve morning when I received his phone call. The upshot is that the bone cancer has spread, but the battle is only beginning to be fought. Dr. "B" says they have many options in their arsenal with which to fight this terrible, crippling disease. Please know that we deeply desire your thoughts and prayers on our behalf, and give thanks for every card, prayer and thought on our behalf! May God's richest blessings be upon each of you and upon the Lord's Church. Stan & Ernestine Mallory

Prayer & Care

Update:

Bitsy Berryman is hospitalized and undergoing tests. No visitors, please.
Sylvia Tharpe is in Mother Frances after suffering a stroke on Wednesday.
Winnie Bell is in Colonial Manor in Lindale for rehab following her hospitalization.
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The Douglas Project

We need 10 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.



Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday:

Don Ingram
903.253.4600

Please call if you need transportation.

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 & Shoes

Our Records	Jan. 1
Bible Class	NA
Worship a.m.	301
Worship p.m.	NA
Wed. p.m.	134
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WE West Erwin Church of Christ

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January 8, 2017

Volume 48 – No. 2

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Isaiah 12:2-5	Donnie Carnathan
Song	Wonderful, Merciful Savior Gary Ables
Song #77	Glorify Thy Name
Prayer	Pete Leung
Song #314	Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Communion & Contribution	Howard Dickson
Song #484	You Are My All in All
Scripture Reading	1 Peter 2:9-10
Song #957	This World Is Not My Home
Message:	"Today's Christians: Resident Immigrants" Bill Allen
Song #674	I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
Elder's Prayer	Wade Weathers
Song #15	Step by Step
5:00 P.M. Assembly	
Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song #43	All Things Praise Thee Kalon Ainsworth
Song #97	I Sing Praises
Prayer	Fred Wingate
Scripture Reading	Acts 13:21-22 Wyatt Gruver
Song	Salvation Belongs to Our God
Song #560	Living by Faith
Message	"God's Inconsistency" Bill Allen
Song #586	My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Song #57	Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Dismiss	Gaylan Seagler

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Chris Reynolds
Sean Sillavan
Dannie Skipper
Leonard Speaker
Shaun Stamps

Charles Starr
Jonathan Stone

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Kellenberger

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James & Sue Hughes

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Phil & Ellen Matthews

W. Erwin Doors:

Wendell Potter

PICK UP CARDS

Logan Metcalf

Luke Metcalf

Jude Everson

Jeff Monahan

Koen Monahan

SOUND

Terry Frick & Jeff Horton

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery:

Shirley Chandler & Rebecca Weathers

Toddler:

Kim Frick & Emma Stamps

This past Sunday was the first day of 2017. Just let that sink in for another moment or two...

As we opened up the New Year, we did it in the best way possible—we met together as a church family, remembered the blessings we have in Christ Jesus, and challenged each other to face the days ahead with confidence, with faith, with hope.

And with joy.

One of the Scriptures we shared Sunday morning was this one from Romans 12.

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Rom. 12:11-12)

This Sunday we begin a series on the book of 1 Peter, as timely a study for our day as I can imagine. It is a letter written to Christians who found themselves not only on the fringe of their culture, but at the bottom of their society's social standing. They had no power, no authority, and much of the time no one in the political and civic leadership who would speak in their behalf. Quite the opposite in fact. They lived in a time and culture that was antagonistic and even hostile toward them from all directions—in the government of the empire; in their local cities; in their workplaces; for some even in their own homes.

What's it going to take for you to make **"Joyful in Hope"** one of your themes for the year? What will it take for you to "be joyful in hope" every day, no matter what each day brings? If you think that will come with a good family, a good job, a good doctor's report, a good stock market, a good government—you are sadly mistaken. Those things will always be favorable to us at times, and against us at other times. Actually, against us I would say most of the time.

And why would you say that, Bill? Because those things are in and of this world. And the world will always be, well, the world. Jesus said that in the world we will always have trouble, and that at times the world will hate us, and hate our values. That's because the way of the cross always runs counter to the ways of the world, the way of self.

Yet John 16:33 also records these words of Jesus: "But take heart! I have overcome the world."



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

NEW BEGINNINGS OR NEW ENDURANCE?

I want to wish all of you a happy and blessed 2017! Many use the New Year as a chance for new beginnings, such as lifestyle changes, job improvements, or money management. Many are just glad to get the old year behind them. I want to encourage you to also include your perseverance in your New Year resolutions. One of the most important things we can give the church is our faithfulness, our steadiness, our presence with the Saints, and our ability to outlast our adversary. With all the football that is going on now, we can get some good out of all the clichés we hear such as "leave it all on the field", "play until the last snap", or "there is no quit in him"! They certainly hold true for football, but they are just as applicable to our spiritual life too. God encourages us in scripture to hold out to the end also. Paul tells us to run the whole race to win the prize (2 Co.9:24-27), the Hebrew writer tells us to hold our faith to the end (Heb.3:14), and John tells us to be faithful unto death (Rev.2:10). James says that the steadfast are blessed (James 5:11) and Peter warns of the danger of complacency (2 Pet. 3). What can help us in our endurance? I offer Peter's words as encouragement, *For this reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they will keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ...for if you practice these qualities you will never fall (2 Peter 1: 5-8, 10b). Grow stronger in 2017!*



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... "Written in Stone & Harmful Substitutes" from Exodus 20 & 32. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following

from Exodus 20:18-21 **"18** When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance **19** and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die." **20** Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning." **21** The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was."

Leadership Training For Christ

LTC Practices are beginning soon. If you haven't turned in your forms... please do so ASAP!!!

Happy New Year!

We have so much to be thankful for and hopeful for this year! I am excited to help move forward with the Children's Wing and thankful for a church that supports growing this ministry. I also look forward to spending more time getting to know your children and watching them grow in their knowledge and faith.

Dads: Plan now for a Valentine's date with your sweetheart! We are planning our next Kids' Night Out in the annex on February 4th. More details to come but start planning now.

Our children will be taking time to visit our Children's Library during their Sunday morning classes over the next few weeks. They will learn how to use our library and get to see what resources we have available.

We have started a closed group on Facebook called West Erwin Children's Ministry. Pictures from Polar Express are posted for all to see. 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.

Remember: VBS is June 11-14

Marla

WINTERFEST - JAN. 13-15

Come join over 4,000 other church of Christ students from across the Midwest for an incredible weekend to learn, be encouraged and worship together. This year's theme is "Identity - Who Are You?" and there are some amazingly talented people coming this year, including THE Skit Guys, the Sand Artist - Joe Castillo, and many others. This is for our 8th grade students and up, and the cost is only \$50. Signup today in class. You must sign up and pay by January 8th so that we can reserve the correct amount of hotel rooms and pay for conference registrations!

TONIGHT! - JAN. 8

There will be dinner for the youth group and their parents tonight in the FLC followed by a devo/activity for the youth and a meeting for the parents. Please join us as we plan the coming months for the youth program.



LTC Bible Quiz will start this Sunday night (1/8) at 5:00 p.m. next to the youth class-room. If you have a Bible Quiz notebook from last year, please bring it. See Clifton or Cristy Lindsey for more details.



3rd Annual
Ladies'
Swap Meet
January 28th

Set up at 10 am
Meet starts at 10:30 am

West Erwin
Benevolence Center
215 South Bonner

LTC

REGISTRATION FORMS
NEED TO BE TURNED IN

A.S.A.P.



Young At Heart
January 12th, 6:00 p.m.
Family Life Center

In our large auditorium
Bill Allen will lead
a study entitled
"Mark: The
Action Gospel".

Danny Snell will teach
our men's class
in Room 112.
The topic is
"Scripture to Live By".

Join Our
Wednesday Night
Ladies' Class

"Rules for
Happy Living"
(various teachers)

Room 401
of the office complex
(Jr. High Classroom)

The Family Table

Wed., January 11th
Chilly CHILI Night
(Cinnamon Rolls for Dessert!)



"Thriving or Surviving?"

Introduction: Even as resident immigrants, "we were made to _____." (Casting Crowns)

1 Peter 1:1-12

Jer. 29:1-14; John 15:18-25; 17:13-19; Rom. 12:1-2; Phil. 3:17-21; 1 Peter 2:9-12

1. A Life Filled with _____
1 Peter 1:3-5; Rom. 8:12-25; 1 Cor. 15; 2 Cor. 5:1-10; 1 Thess. 4:13-18
2. A Life Filled with _____
1 Peter 1:6-7; 2:19-25; 4:12-19; Heb. 11:1-12:3; James 1:2-12
3. A Life Filled with _____
1 Peter 1:8-9; Psalm 130; Acts 8:35-39; 16:29-34; Phil. 4:4-7; Heb. 12:1-3
4. A Life Filled with _____
1 Peter 1:10-12; Rom. 1:14-17; 3:21-26; 6:1-8

Conclusion: The world is not _____ of people of faith. Yet we can still thrive in the world.

Hebrews 11:1, 13-16, 38-40; 13:11-16

Thank You

For every kindness, every prayer, every visit and the lovely flowers, we thank you. Thank you for loving our mother. Mom loved her church family and fellow Christians at West Erwin. Thank you for the lovely plant basket as a remembrance.

Sincerely, Kay Lawrence and Gloria White

Prayer & Care

Updates:

Bitsy Berryman is hospitalized for pneumonia. No visitors, please.

Sylvia Tharpe is in HealthSouth for rehab.

Winnie Bell is in Colonial Manor in Lindale for rehab following her hospitalization.

Bill Sublette, James' brother, had hip replacement surgery at the Mayo Clinic last Tuesday. He is going home to Lawrence, Kansas for rehab.

Smile Theinsuwan, a student at Brook Hill who attends here, has been readmitted to the hospital with a blood clot in her leg.

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Hebrews 11:13-16	Donnie Carnathan
Song #869	Kalon Ainsworth
Song	Jim Boyd Lee Mink
Prayer	
Song #586	My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Communion & Contribution	Stan Clark
Song	There's a Stirring
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 12:1-3
Song #882	No Tears in Heaven
Message:	"Thriving or Surviving?"
Song #309	In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified
Flder's Prayer	David Wicks
Song #853	When We All Get to Heaven
5:00 P.M. Assembly	
Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song #509	I Will Sing The Wondrous Story
Song	Michael Hurley
Prayer	Don Durham
Scripture Reading	1 Peter 1:6-9
Song 469	Faith is the Victory
Song #524	I Know Whom I Have Believed
Message	"Finding Joy in Suffering"
Song #139	In Heavenly Love Abiding
Song #452	Standing on the Promises
Dismiss	Bill Allen Dannie Skipper Charles Melville

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This past Sunday we began a series of lessons on the idea of us today as “resident immigrants” in the world, and the consequences of such status—or really the results of having *low* or *no* status in the world. That term is adapted from “Resident Aliens,” the title of a book by William Willimon and Stanley Hauerwas, and affirms these two truths:

- We are “immigrants” — “This world is not our home” as the song says. Our ultimate citizenship is in heaven, as the apostle Paul stated in Phil. 3.
- We are “resident” immigrants—Though this world is not our permanent home, it is our home for a while. And that’s where the potential and even inevitable tension and conflict arise.

Consider these words in which Gary Holloway reflects on Peter addressing his hearers as exiles/strangers/immigrants, scattered to places not their homeland, strangers in a foreign land. (1 Peter 1:1-2; 2:11-12; 4:1-4, 14-16)

Scattered also implies they are in the minority wherever they live. That’s made clearer by Peter’s description of them as strangers. It may very well be that “strangers” is to be taken literally here. Peter’s readers may be...at the very bottom of the social ladder, with few rights and little legal protection from their neighbors. But it is not only their low social rank that makes them strangers. By becoming Christians they have further estranged themselves from their culture. Even if they fit in by the way they dressed and talked, they were marked as strange and different by their Christian lifestyles...That difference between Christians and the world is still with us today. Or at least it should be. Even if we are not literally displaced persons, even if we have responsible and respectable positions in society, we don’t quite fit into our culture. Even today to be a Christian is to be strange. We don’t quite feel at home. We stick out. We don’t play by the same rules as those around us. We don’t treasure what they do. We don’t think like they think. We are strange. Foreign. Homeless... Being a stranger means ridicule, discrimination, and even suffering. [Gary Holloway, *Home Among Strangers: In the World with Christ*, pp. 12-13]

Perhaps the most haunting statement from that paragraph is this: “That difference between Christians and the world is still with us today. Or at least it should be.”

How about with you? Is that difference still with you today? And what would you say are some of those differences?

Peter’s first words call us to live lives of hope and joy. I’d say that’s part of the difference right there. See you this Sunday as we remind each other of how it’s possible to thrive as resident immigrants today.



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

PROTECTION BY LIVING GOD’S WAY!

Last Sunday our class studied the story of the Golden Calf in Exodus 32. One of the questions that kept coming out of our discussion was, “How could the Israelites turn from God so quickly?” It had not been that long since their miraculous deliverance from Egypt. It had not been that long since the crossing of the Red Sea. It had not been that long since they all agreed that they would obey God (Ex.24:7). One of the reasons for their failure was that they still did not realize how much better life would be if they lived it “God’s Way”. The 10 Commandments were not only the basis of God’s law for the people, but if the Israelites would live by them, it offered them protection in their spiritual life too. Look in Exodus 20 and see where God was offering them protection from **false Gods** (20:2-3). God was offering them protection from **false worship** (20:4-6). God was offering them protection from **misusing God’s name** (20:7). God was offering them the protection of **rest and remembrance** (20:8-11). God was offering them protection for **their parents** (20:12). God was offering the protection of **human life** (20:13). God was offering them protection of **marriage and personal purity** (20:14). God was offering them protection of **property** (20:15). God was offering them the protection of **truth** (20:16). God was offering them protection for their **heart** (20:17). People think that living God’s way will be burdensome and cause them to “miss out” in life. In reality, living God’s way will help us avoid needless pain, suffering, and the destruction of our families. God wants us to live abundantly not with regrets. It is a life of protection and blessings; we need to embrace it!



By Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

Bible Class

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Consider the following from Exodus 40:34-35 “Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.”

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BLAST is learning about God the Creator for the next six weeks. The main point is that God created everything for His glory. We learned that sin is breaking God’s law and sin separates us from God. Our memory verse for this unit is 1 Corinthians 8:6: “There is one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.”

Moms: Let your friends know that we are planning our next Kids’ Night Out in the annex on February 4th. More details to come but start planning for your kids to attend now.

Our children will be taking time to visit our Children’s Library during their Sunday morning classes over the next few weeks. They will learn how to use our library and get to see what resources we have available.

We have started a closed group on Facebook called West Erwin Children’s Ministry. Pictures from Polar Express are posted for all to see. 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.

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Meet starts at 10:30 am
West Erwin Benevolence Center
215 South Bonner

SMALL GROUPS MEET TONIGHT!



In our large auditorium Bill Allen is leading a study entitled “Mark: The Action Gospel”.

Danny Snell is teaching our men’s class in Room 112. The topic is “Scripture to Live By”.

Join Our Wednesday Night Ladies’ Class

“Rules for Happy Living” (various teachers)

Room 401 of the office complex (Jr. High Classroom)

The Family Table

Wed., January 18th
5:30 p.m. in the FLC

BAR-B-Q

\$6 – adults
\$3 – children



“Christian Lives Matter”

Introduction: _____ Lives Matter. Christian _____ Matter.

A. We are to be _____.

1 Peter 1:13-16; 2 Peter 3:10-14
Lev. 19:1-2; Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 4:17-5:20; Col. 3:1-17

B. We have been _____.

1 Peter 1:17-21; 1:1-2; 2:9-12; 4:1-5
John 3:14-17; Rom. 1:14-17; 3:21-26; 5:6-11; Eph. 2:1-10;
2 Cor. 5:17-21

C. We live by the _____.

1 Peter 1:22-25; 2 Peter 1:16-21
Psalms 19:7-14; 119; Isaiah 40:3-8; 55:6-11; Matt. 7:21-27;
John 8:31-32; 12:44-50; 14:6
Rom. 10:17; Gal. 1:8-9; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; 4:1-4; Rev. 22:18-19
Mark 12:28-34; John 13:1-17; 14:15-24; 15:9-17; 1 John 3:11-24; 4:7-21

Conclusion: Our _____ hope affects how we _____.

1 Peter 1:3-6; Rom. 6:1-4; 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 4:17-24; Col. 3:1-17

Thank You

I had one foot in heaven and looked down and saw my family and friends at West Erwin and I asked God to please let me stay and He did – Thank you for every visit, every prayer – and Wanda for the wonderful cookies. Sylvia Tharpe

Prayer & Care

Updates:

Jane Fisher had successful knee replacement surgery at Spine and Joint last Tuesday.
Veina Lemons broke her hip after a fall. She had surgery last Tuesday at Mother Frances.
Stan Mallory had a back procedure in Dallas last Wednesday.
Larry Moore began chemotherapy and radiation last Monday to treat his cancer.
Betsy Berryman is very ill and is hospitalized. No visitors, please.
Sylvia Tharpe is in HealthSouth for rehab.
Tommy Parrish is in HealthSouth.
Winnie Bell is in Colonial Manor in Lindale for rehab.
Smile Theinsuwan was discharged from the hospital last Tuesday.

Doug White, son of Bill and Barbara White and brother of Joanna Stamps, had a stroke last Tuesday. He is 37. He suffered no side effects and is home now in New Braunfels.

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Isaiah 40:6-8	Donnie Carnathan
Song #578 We Will Glorify	Gary Ables
Song #432 How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?	
Song #731 Take Time to Be Holy	David Cannefax
Prayer	
Song #514 Redeemed	
Communion & Contribution	Michael Hurley
Song How Great Is Our God	
Scripture Reading Leviticus 19:1-2	Bruce Bevers
Song #528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives	
Message: "Christian Lives Matter"	Bill Allen
Song #681 More Holiness Give Me	
Elder's Prayer	Jay Bynum
Song #458 Redeemed	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song #167 Hosanna	Davy Carter
Song #47 Holy, Holy, Holy	
Song Boundless Love	
Prayer	Kelly Monahan
Scripture Reading Job 42:1-6	Larry Murphey
Song #40 Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts	
Song #38 Awesome God	
Song #4 To God Be the Glory	
Message: "Holy or Holier Than Thou?"	Bill Allen
Song #147 I Stand Amazed	
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Dismiss	Gaylan Seagler

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Jaci Philpot

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I hope that you are keeping our nation and our leaders in your prayers, especially this week. With the inauguration of a new president and vice president, a new chapter in our country begins. As you know, this new chapter is starting with much concern by some and optimism by others, illustrating our deeply divided and polarized union.

In the midst of these important events let's be reminded of these words from the apostles Peter and Paul.

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority,¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves.¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor. (1 Peter 2:13-17)

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior,⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. (1 Tim. 2:1-6)

For the Christian, we recognize that whoever is in power, we will be submissive and respectful and prayerful. We recognize that we best serve our God "by doing good," and that our ultimate allegiance is to the "one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself..."



Donnie Camathan
Benevolence Minister

LIFE DOES NOT HAVE INSTANT REPLAY!

I am amazed at how many cameras it takes to televise a sporting event today. There are many angles of the play available when they use instant replay. Instant replay helps the officiating crew make the right call. It is used to correct mistakes and many wish they had that same luxury in life today. We have to live with our mistakes and we suffer when we make bad decisions. How and what we **look** at can help us tremendously in our decision making. Here is some advice from scripture on what we look at. Consider God's words to Habakkuk, **Look among the nations and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told (Hab.1:5).** God is still working for us today as he was in Habakkuk's time. Don't make the mistake of thinking God is not aware or working for us today. Consider Paul's advice, *as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal (2 Cor.5:18).* We choose every day what we want to believe in and what we want to trust in. Choosing without seeing takes faith, and God will bless those who take that leap of faith. Consider Jesus' words after He had reached someone His disciples thought was unreachable. *My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvest (Jo.4:34,35).* We can reach the lost. That is the will of God. There are many who need what we have in the Lord. We just need to see them! Consider Paul's words again. *Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise (Eph.5:15).* We do not have the careless, aimless, and harmful walk of the unbelievers. We walk with purpose, love, and service; this is the wise walk. What are you looking at today? Are you looking for the eternal or the temporary? Like our children sing: *"Oh, be careful little eyes what you see!"*



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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... "Rebel Heart" from Numbers 14. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Numbers 14:4-9 **"4** And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt."**5** Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. **6** Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes **7** and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. **8** If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. **9** Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them."

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LTC Bible Quiz practice is under way on Sunday evenings and Puppet/Drama practice will start in February. We are excited to see how our kids Make Him Known as they learn more about the book of Acts.

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"What It Means To Be Who We Are"

Introduction: Having been _____ by Christ we are to live _____ lives that _____ God's Word. (1 Peter 1)

A. We are to _____ in our faith and our salvation.
1 Peter 2:1-3
Psalms 19; 119; Romans 10:17; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Rev. 22:18-19
Eph. 4:1-16; Heb. 5:11-6:3; 2 Peter 3:17-18

B. We are being built into a _____ house offering up _____ sacrifices.
1 Peter 2:4-5
Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 13:15-16; 9:1-10:18; John 4:19-26

C. There will always be some who _____ the cornerstone and _____ the message.
1 Peter 2:6-8
Matt. 10; 25; John 5:24-29; 12:47-50; 15:18-25; 16:33; 17;
Heb. 4:12-13; 5:11-6:8; 2 Cor. 5:10

Conclusion: The theme text in **1 Peter 2:9-12** states both our _____ and our _____.

Thank You

Thanks so much for the lovely plant you sent to my Art's funeral. I miss him so much but he is not suffering anymore. I miss my church, my home and my friends. I have enjoyed the sermons on Sunday mornings when I could not go to church. Love to all of you. Jo Rowland

Prayer & Care

Updates:

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Welcome/Call to Worship - Psalm 19:7-11	Donnie Carnathan
Song #96 I Stand in Awe	Gary Ables
Song #97 I Sing Praises	
Song #238 You Are the Song That I Sing	
Prayer	Will Christian
Song #313 The Old Rugged Cross	
Communion & Contribution	Chris Conder
Song #492 Only in Thee	
Scripture Reading 1 Peter 2:9-10	Scott Albritton
Song #290 Shine, Jesus, Shine	
Message: "What It Means To Be Who We Are"	Bill Allen
Song #628 Wiii You Noi Teii it Today?	
Elder's Prayer	David Hammond
Song #648 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus	
5:00 P.M. Assembly	
Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song #590 Jesus is All the World to Me	Lance Yarema
Song #848 Did You Think to Pray?	
Prayer	Ralph Henderson
Scripture Reading 2 Peter 3:17-18	Stevie Blakemore
Song #794 Unto Thee, O Lord	
Song #652 We Have Heard the Joyful Sound	
Message "Spiritual Growth and Identity"	Bill Allen
Song #943 Do You Know My Jesus?	
Song #753 Farther Along	
Dismiss	Tom Hale

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Last week hundreds of thousands gathered in Washington D.C. to demonstrate for concerns related to the way we value and treat women in this country.

This week hundreds of thousands will gather in Washington D.C. to demonstrate for concerns related to the way we value life and the way we treat the unborn, those with disabilities and illnesses, and the aged.

You would think that those gathering in both demonstrations would be on the same side. And so it should be. But if you think they are, you couldn't be more wrong.

In the same way, Christians are called to value all people because every single person, from conception to death, has been created in the image of a loving and gracious God who values life and calls on His people to do the same. This calling challenges us to respect and love those who are different than we are; those who believe differently than we do; even those who cause us pain and suffering and seek to destroy us.

To value and respect both women and the unborn seems to be a rare thing these days. Yet God's people should not be surprised when few join us to walk through the small gate and on the narrow road (Matt. 7:13-14). It's actually a part of who we are and enhances our witness, as this theme text from 1 Peter reminds us.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. (1 Peter 2:9-12)

Parents: Take notice of the new Worship Activity Bags available for preschoolers and Worship Activity Notebooks available for our elementary children. You can find them near the cry room outside the auditorium doors. These bags are intended to help keep our children engaged and active while sitting in worship. The yellow notebooks are for our younger elementary students (K-2nd) while the orange notebooks are for our older elementary students (3rd - 5th grade). Please make sure to return the bags or notebooks to this area following worship.

BLAST is learning about God the Creator. We are learning that God created humans differently than all other creations. We are also learning that when sin entered the world, it separated us from God. We also know that from the beginning, God had a plan to bring us back to Him through Jesus. Our key passage is 1 Corinthians 8:6.

Kids: Let your friends know that we are planning our next Kids' Night Out in the annex on February 4th. We will be watching a movie, playing games, eating pizza, and having a lot of fun. This event will be from 5-8pm.

Remember: VBS is June 11-14

Marla

SUPERBOWL PARTY AT THE WEATHERS!
See details below

January 29 - Devo in the FLC with the Stones hosting

February 5th -All Church Luncheon and devotional (No evening service or youth devo)

LTC Practice Schedule



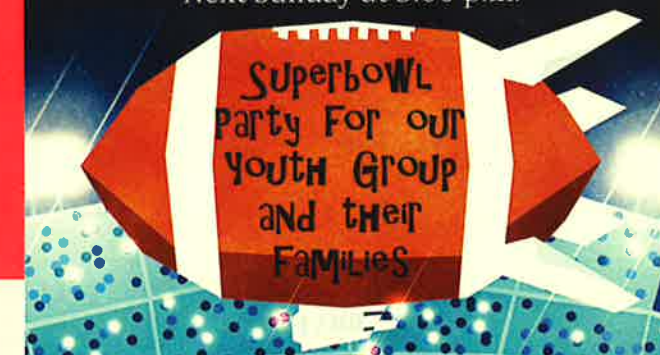
Today

4:00 p.m. Chorus - small auditorium
5:00 p.m. Bible Quiz - Room 401

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Puppets - FLC

Next Sunday at 5:00 p.m.



At the Weathers - Please RSVP. Bring snacks and desserts. Pizza provided.

The Family Table Breakfast!
Wed., February 1st
5:30 p.m. in the FLC

\$6 - adults
\$3 - children



New Members!
Michael & Gail Willis
Michelle Cagle
Make them feel welcome!

Next Sunday, February 5th

ALL CHURCH LUNCHEON

After morning services In the FLC Followed by a short devotional

We will then be dismissed for the day.



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

DO YOU WANT A PIECE OF ME?

Last night we stopped in at Michael's to visit. The kiddos were in the back watching TV so I snuck in on them. The room was dark and they were absorbed in their show. I jumped in and screamed and all three came off the bed. I scared the bejabbers out of them! They got riled up and we ended up with a wrestling match on their bed. At one point, Reed jumped up and asked, "PaPaw, do you want a piece of me"? I told him that I was taking all of him! It was a great PaPaw moment for me and lots of fun for them. At the same time, it made me think of how some people offer themselves to Jesus. Some offered themselves for the wrong motive. Consider James and John's request of sitting on either side of Jesus at the time of Jesus' glory in Mark 10:37. Jesus told them that they did not know what they were asking for. Others offered themselves in order for the physical blessings (Jo.6:26). Jesus told them that they were not to work for food that perishes, but for food that endures for eternal life. Many came and offered themselves for healing and Jesus took care of those needs; but Jesus always taught them what it took to become a true disciple. Jesus' message was, *Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it (Matt.10:37-39).* Jesus knew it took a total commitment to be a Christian. He taught of the dangers of trying to live in the world and with Christ at the same time. Jesus taught of how valuable the kingdom of Heaven was and how we should hang on to it no matter what the cost. Jesus wants those that offer all of themselves, all of the time! How much are you offering Jesus?



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... "A Clean Slate" from Numbers 15. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Numbers 15:17-21 The Lord said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land to which I am taking you and you eat the food of the land, present a portion as an offering to the Lord. Present a loaf from the first of your ground meal and present it as an offering from the threshing floor. Throughout the generations to come you are to give this offering to the Lord from the first of your ground meal.'"

Leadership Training For Christ

LTC Practices are listed in the Youth Ministry Column. If you haven't turned in your forms... please do so ASAP!!!

"Who We Are and What We Do"

Introduction: Our identity as Christians is a call to _____.

1 Peter 2:9-12

A. *Who We Are*—We have a new _____.

- We are the _____ of God, the _____ of Christ.
1 Peter 2:9-10; 1:3-9; Ex. 19:3-6; Jer. 31:31-34; Hosea 1:2-11; 2:21-23
Eph. 2:3; Rom. 9:22-26; 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 5:21-33
- We are _____.
1 Peter 2:11; 1:1-2; 3:15-16; 4:1-5
Jer. 29:1-14; Matt. 10:16-42; John 15:18-25; 16:1-11, 33; 17:13-19

B. *What We Do*—Our new identity gives us a new _____.

- We _____ His praises.
1 Peter 2:9; Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15-16
 - We _____ from sin and we _____ good deeds.
1 Peter 2:11-12, 13ff; Psalm 50:7-23; Isaiah 1:10-20; Amos 5:4-24; Micah 6:6-8
Rom. 1:18-32; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Gal. 5:13-26; Col. 3:1-17; James 2:14-26; 4:17;
2 Peter 1:5-11; Rev. 21:8
Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 2:10; 5:1-2; Titus 3:8; Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:17; Heb. 13:15-16
- Believe / Connect / Serve**
- We are to be and do all these things in the midst of the world as _____.
1 Peter 2:9-12; 4:1-5; 3:15-16
Matt. 5:13-16; 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 22:1-21; 26:1-29; Phil. 3:1-14; 1 Tim. 1:12-17

Our streaming worship services were watched in 2 different countries, across 22 state regions, in 45 cities, with an approximate total of 117 viewers in January.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy: Our love and sympathy is extended to Dannie Skipper in the sudden loss of his brother, Ray. Services were yesterday.
We were saddened to learn of the loss of Carolyn Stitt, former member of West Erwin. Services were Thursday.

Updates: **Bitsy Berryman** is ill and is hospitalized. She is improving daily.
Linda Maris will have knee replacement surgery in Dallas on February 9.
Sylvia Tharpe is in HealthSouth for rehab.
Tommy Parrish is in HealthSouth.
Velma Lemons is in Meadowlake Rehab.
Marla Cannefax's mother, **Becky Thompson** is in Mother Frances undergoing tests.
Israel Sandoval's Mother, **Ynosencia**, had hip surgery at Mother Frances last Thursday.

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Friends and Family: Debbie Jones brother, **Jerry Pigue** | David Hammond's parents, **Bill & Dolores Hammond** | **Annette VanNess**, cousin of Davy Carter | **Stephen Pettit**, nephew of Melanie Murry | **Sharon Garr**, friend of Harold & Shirley Denman & Randy Turner

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The Douglas Project



Thanks to all who helped with the field trip to the ET Symphony this week. Keep in mind that we still need additional people who would serve as mentors. See Danny Snell for details.

Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday:
Don Ingram
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BENEVOLENCE CENTER NEEDS
Blankets
15 Oz Cans of Peaches
Men's Socks & Shoes

Our Records	Jan. 29
Bible Class	239
Worship a.m.	429
Worship p.m.	178
Wed. p.m.	179
Contribution	\$21,753.57
Weekly Budget	\$24,867.00

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Jeremiah 31:31-34	Danny Snell
Song #250 The Great Redeemer	Gary Ables
Song Wonderful, Merciful Savior	
Song #766 Open Our Eyes, Lord	
Prayer	Bill Paschall
Song #332 Lead Me to Calvary	
Communion & Contribution	Jay Bynum
Kid's Time	Bill Allen
Song We Are the Body of Christ	Davy Carter
Scripture Reading Matthew 5:13-16	Chris Reynolds
Song #722 Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen	
Message: "Who We Are and What We Do"	Bill Allen
Song #417 Where He Leads I'll Follow	
Elder's Prayer	Wade Weathers
Song #535 The Glory-Land Way	

Our Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY	
Bible Class	9 a.m.
Morning Worship	10 a.m.
Evening Worship	5 p.m.
MONDAY	
Karing Kitchen	6 p.m.
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Tami Hurley & Cate Kimball

Toddler:

Rachel Huff & Anne Kimball

After this morning's worship service we will gather in the Family Life Center for our All Church Luncheon. Visitors are welcome to join us! Lunch will be followed by a brief devotional. We will then be dismissed for the day.

It's easy for us to get discouraged when we see more and more suffering and injustice in our world. We live in a complex society and time, and so it should not surprise us when the problems of our communities, our nation, and our world are difficult and complex as well.

So what is a Christian to do? Of course we pray. We seek to help however we can, and we get involved in causes and efforts that we believe will help those who are facing difficulties in our community and our world. One of the most basic things we can do is live faithfully ourselves, lives that are just and considerate, loving and respectful. And when we do that in the midst of our world, we do it as witnesses to Christ.

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... For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. (1 Peter 2:12, 15)

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matt. 5:14-16)

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. (1 Peter 3:15-16)

We should never take lightly the power of a few good deeds and a faithful life. It changes people.



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

IF I HIDE, I CAN STILL DO IT!

Beau (our youngest Grandson) has never used a pacifier. He has always just stuck two of his fingers in his mouth and done just fine. In fact, all of us have encouraged him. At naptime, it was "Beau, get your fingers" and that was his cue to quiet down and get serious about his nap. Now that he is older, his pediatrician has declared that it was time to stop. His fingers were for grabbing and not pacifying! Needless to say, the transition has not been easy for Beau. Monday, as I headed out to work, Beau was hiding from Suzie. I heard her ask him, "Beau, are you hiding so you can suck your fingers?" He said, "yes," and then he giggled. Cute story, but I am afraid that is how we sometimes act about our own sins. If I can hide it, I can do it! If my sin hurts someone I don't know that well, it will work itself out in the long run. If it does not hurt my public image, it will be all right. We know better, but when we take God out of our sin problem, we lose sight of the real problem. David said, "Against you (God), you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight (Psa.51:4). When we don't take steps to correct our sins quickly, it puts our relationship with God in jeopardy and can cause our relationships here on earth tremendous harm. To live with sin causes our heart to harden which hinders our repentance. A lack of repentance leads to a heart that no longer hurts when we sin. A heart that no longer reacts to sin becomes further disconnected from God. We may hide our sins behind closed doors, but we still suffer the damage it causes. We just don't want to admit it. Ignored sin is still sin and we need to take care of it. Our attitude should be like the Psalmist, *How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. Keep our servant from deliberate sins! Don't let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you. O Lord, my rock and my redeemer (Psa.19:12-14, NLT).*



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... "Amazing Grace" from Ephesians 2. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Ephesians 2:8-10 "8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Leadership Training For Christ

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We have 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.

We will have a short meeting regarding VBS following the Sunday morning worship service on February 26th.

Remember: VBS is June 11-14.

Marla

SUPERBOWL PARTY AT THE WEATHERS!
See details below

February 5th -All Church Luncheon and devotional (No evening service or youth devo)

February 12th - Devo in the FLC with the Philpots hosting

LTC Practice Schedule

No Practice Today

Drama begins Sunday, Feb 12 at 3 pm - small auditorium

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Puppets - FLC



New Members!
Nathan, Julie & Katie Belle VanBuskirk
(Julie is the daughter of Terry & Kim Frick)
Make them feel welcome!

Young At Heart's
Valentine Celebration
February 9th at 6:00 p.m.
Family Life Center
Come enjoy young singer, Hannah Cook!

Parents!
Take advantage of the Worship Activity Bags provided for our preschoolers during worship time.



Worship Activity Notebooks are provided for our elementary-age students.

Yellow for K-2nd
Orange for 3rd-5th



Please return after worship!

Today at 5:00 p.m.



At the Weathers-Please RSVP. Bring snacks and desserts. Pizza provided.

The Family Table

Wed., February 8th
5:30 p.m. in the FLC

Bruno's

\$6 - adults
\$3 - children



"Resident Immigrants and the Powers That Be"

Introduction: 1 Peter 2:9-12 affirms our _____ and states our _____. It's interesting that the very _____ issue Peter deals with specifically in living as resident immigrants is this one.

1 Peter 2:13-17—Submit; do good; live as God's slaves; show proper respect to everyone.

Matt. 22:17-21; Rom. 13:1-10; 1 Tim. 2:1-6; Psalm 2; 2 Chron. 7;
Dan. 2:19-23, 44
Matt. 10:16-42; John 15:18-25; 16:1-11, 33; Acts 3-4; 5:17-42; 12:1-24;
Phil. 3:17-21; 1 Peter 4:1-5

A. Throughout the _____, God's prophets called on the surrounding nations and their leaders to be obedient to God and His will for them.

B. In the New Testament, Jesus and His followers _____ suffered in quiet submission.

C. Sometimes in the New Testament, Jesus and His followers _____ the authorities.

Matt. 23; Luke 22:47-23:49; John 18-19; Acts 16:16-40; 19:23-41; 25-26; 28:19

D. Faithful people of God today are sometimes called upon to be _____ with the civil authorities.

A few issues of importance today

Conclusion: First and foremost, we are _____ of Jesus Christ.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy: Former member Alla Minnis passed away February 4th. Services were Tuesday.

Updates:

Jim Gipson is having severe back and hip pain. He will see a doctor on Feb. 21. Please pray for Jim and Lydia both.

Bitsy Berryman is ill and is hospitalized.

Linda Marts had knee replacement surgery in Dallas last Thursday.

Nate VanBuskirk will have back surgery on 2/15.

Sylvia Tharpe is home now.

Tommy Parrish is in Mother Frances.

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BENEVOLENCE CENTER NEEDS Blankets 15 Oz Cans of Peaches Men's Socks & Shoes

Our Records	Feb. 5
Bible Class	231
Worship a.m.	426
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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Psalm 2:1-6	Donnie Carnathan
Song #144 O Worship the King	Davy Carter
Song Mighty to Save	
Song #478 Nearer, Still Nearer	
Prayer	Jason Browning
Song #176 Lamb of God	
Communion & Contribution	Eric Moseley
Song #1007 America the Beautiful	
Scripture Reading Matthew 22:17-21	David Demic
Song #991 This is My Father's World	
Message: "Resident Immigrants and the Powers That Be"	Bill Allen
Song #902 Nothing But the Blood	
Elder's Prayer	Ken Culpepper
Song #577 We Bow Down	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song #508 A Wonderful Savior	Kalon Ainsworth
Song #763 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee	
Prayer	Ernie Gordon
Scripture Reading Romans 13:1-7	Bill White
Song #540 O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink	
Song #537 Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims	
Message: "Civil Authorities: Respectful Engagement"	Bill Allen
Song #679 Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus	
Song #867 To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way	
Dismiss	Sean Sillavan

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Marsha Richardson & Bailey Hammond

We discussed the theme text of 1 Peter (2:9-12) last Sunday. There the apostle reminds us—the church, not the USA—of our **identity** as “God’s chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession.” He tells us that our **mission** is to “declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light,” and to live good and faithful lives “among the pagans.” That’s where we find our evangelistic opportunities and impact as well.

The rest of the book teaches us what that looks like when it’s lived out in specific situations we face every day in this world. And it may surprise you which one the Holy Spirit inspires Peter to address first. To the people of his day—and to us today—who are living as resident immigrants in a pagan society, the first subject tackled is how to relate to civil authorities.

Um, what?

For the recipients of Peter’s letter in the first century, and for us living in secular societies in the 21st century, this is one of the most needed teachings. We need a word from the Lord on how to live with Christian values and faithfulness in an environment where others—including the governing authorities—are increasingly antagonistic to these values. That was their world in the first century. More and more it’s becoming our world in today’s America.

Most—almost all—of the time in the NT, Christians “turned the other cheek” and lived with whatever the authorities chose to do and left it at that. I think that should be our attitude as well. Most of the time. But there are a few examples of first century Christians standing their ground and calling on the authorities to right a wrong. The messages today will look at how that plays out in our society which, unlike theirs, gives us many more opportunities to be involved in civil matters.

It all hinges on how we live. **“For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.”** (1 Peter 2:15) In today’s pagan, secular society, are you doing good?



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

THE STRUGGLE OF GRACE!

I am looking forward to the next few weeks as some of our bible classes are looking at Grace. We started last week with the text of Ephesians 2:1-10. There were so many good comments in class. One that interested me was, “I have always had trouble accepting the gift of God’s grace in my life”. Quite a few folks in class agreed with that statement. Many of us grew up with a “salvation by works” mentality. I was never taught that, but that was the example that I grew up with. As a result, good people in the church were judged unfairly because many felt they did not “do enough” to be a good Christian. I am not advocating that we do away with the “good works” that we were created to do. What I am advocating is that our attitude around those works change. Paul wrote, *But if it (salvation) is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace (Ro.11:6)*. When **we** try to earn our way to heaven, we take God out of the picture. God wants us to rely on him for our salvation. God wants us to accept His gift of salvation; so that we can then use our position with Him to help others find their relationship with God. Once again, let’s look at Paul’s writing, *All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation...therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us (2 Cor.5:18-20)*. As we become more Christ like, our motives will change. We will then do our “good works” as a response to our faith and an unyielding love for mankind. Jesus commands us to love one another as He has loved us (Jo.13:34). Jesus’ love for mankind went beyond the need to meet man’s physical needs, it was also a love fueled by a need to meet man’s spiritual needs also. It sounds like a good thing for us here at West Erwin too!



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Consider the following from Psalm 103:8-12 “The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”

Leadership Training For Christ

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Thank You

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Thank you all for the beautiful green plant that was sent for the memorial service of Ray Skipper. The family of Ray Skipper

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immeasurably more Ephesians 3:20-21
Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever! Amen.

The Family Table Wed., February 15th 5:30 p.m. in the FLC

TACOS

\$6 – adults
\$3 – children

“Walking the Good Walk—In Life and at Work”

Introduction: We're big on the priesthood of believers, following Jesus

_____ (1 Peter 2:9-12)

1 Peter 2:18-25

A. Walking the good walk sometimes requires us to _____

1 Peter 2:18-20

B. Walking the good walk requires us to remember _____

Col. 3:17, 22-4:1; Eph. 6:5-9

C. Walking the good walk requires us to follow the _____

1 Peter 2:21-25


Isaiah 53; 1 Peter 3:8-18; 4:12-19; John 15:18-25; 16:1-11, 33; 17:13-19

Conclusion: Walking the good walk in life and work means we are less

concerned about our _____ and more concerned about our

1 Peter 2:23; 2:9-16; 3:15-16; Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8

“I want to be a _____ for the Lord.”

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - <i>Ephesians 6:10-13</i>	Danny Snell
Song #647 Soldiers of Christ, Arise	Gary Ables
Song #745 Humble Yourself	
Song #767 In the Hour of Trial	
Prayer	Matt Haws
Song In Christ Alone	<i>David White</i> Robert Lee
Communion & Contribution	
Song #749 The Battle Belongs to the Lord	
Scripture Reading <i>Ecclesiastes 2:24-25</i>	David Wicks
Song #957 This World is Not My Home	
Message: "Walking the Good Walk – In Life and at Work"	Bill Allen
Song I Want to Be a Worker for the Lord	
Elder's Prayer	Gaylan Seagler
Song In Christ Alone (v. 4)	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song You're Worthy of My Praise	Davy Carter
Song #800 What a Friend We Have in Jesus	
Prayer	Charles Melville
Scripture Reading <i>Colossians 3:23-24</i>	Tom Clark
Song Ancient Words	
Song #410 He Leadeth Me	
Message "Living With Purpose"	Bill Allen
Song #309 In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified	
Song #615 He Keeps Me Singing	
Dismiss	<i>Stan Clark</i> James Sublette

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Updates:

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Bitsy Berryman is ill and is hospitalized.

Nate VanBuskirk had back surgery on 2/15.

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Our Scripture text in our sermon series identifying God's people today as "resident immigrants" is 1 Peter 2:18-25, a passage that speaks to slaves and masters. Thankfully our situation is different today, at least in this country. The fact that the Scriptures address these groups—very much a reality in the first century Roman Empire—does not justify the practice. All human beings are created in the image of God. All people of faith in God and belief in the Bible should absolutely and unequivocally condemn the practice of slavery.

This passage can be very easily viewed from the perspective of employers/managers and employees/workers and applied to Christians' consideration of their jobs and careers, their "workaday world." The situations discussed and inspired counsel given can be applied in our lives and in the situations we face in our lives most every week.

Unlike similar passages in Ephesians and Colossians, the 1 Peter passage only addresses slaves; the apostle gives no instructions to masters. It could very well be that he knew that the recipients of his letter—resident immigrants on the bottom of their society—did not include any on that level of the social ladder.

Peter acknowledges that at times Christians must accept unjust suffering, and points to the example of Jesus. It's one of the hardest parts of the message of 1 Peter because it goes against the grain of who we are as a country and as citizens of America. The apostle, however, clearly sees our everyday lives in work or at home or in school as a calling to ministry and an opportunity to bear witness through our words and especially through our actions. We tend to expect vindication when we suffer unjustly. It was said of Jesus that He did not, but rather "entrusted himself to him who judges justly." (1 Peter 2:23) Can we do that?

As a Christian you should feel a sense of renewal and purpose as you face each day of your life, whether you are the person in charge or one of the workers; a stay-at-home or retired spouse or parent; a student; or one still trying to figure out that part of your life. Ultimately, we're all serving the same Boss.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."
(Col.3:23-24)



Donnie Carnathan
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PEOPLE IN PERIL!

One day last week as I was coming in to work, I saw a strange sight.. At one intersection, I had to stop and let a fire truck go through. He had his lights and siren going as he crept through that busy intersection. After he got through, we started to go, but then an ambulance came through from another direction with lights and siren going also. After he went through, I looked around waiting for the police car to come through next. It was an unusual sight to see those two emergency vehicles responding to different calls and crossing the same intersection at the same time. All I could think about was that there were people in peril waiting for help to respond to their crisis. We see people in peril all around us. We don't realize it because there are no flashing lights and sirens going off in the vicinity. People are suffering from failed marriages, split families, loss of jobs, hurting from addictions, and all are in peril of losing precious things in their lives. We usually don't find out until the crisis has grown so much and then we can see the day to day effects of living like this. What can we do? How can we help? We are certainly not professional counselors, but we do have the Spirit of the Lord to help us at times like this. I believe that the best thing we can give those who are hurting are our love, our patience, our kindness, and our gentleness (Gal.5:22-23). They don't need our judgment or condemnation. I believe we need to take Paul's words to heart, *Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness... Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ... And let us not grow weary of doing good (Gal.6:1, 2,9).* Watch out for those in peril, reach out to them in love, and let them know that you care. If we can do that, we then can become more like Christ.



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Our youth group took the big, new bus on its first trip! They had an area wide lock-in in Carrollton last weekend.

Rave reviews!

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- Feb. 25th - Girls' sleepover at the Philpots (details/signup sheet in classroom)
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Debbie Jones and family

Baby Shower honoring Kara Mink

Sunday, March 5th
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"Inner Beauty, Outward Faithfulness"

Introduction: Marsha Drake, *The Proverbs 31 Lady and Other* _____

Dreams: "Becoming 'a Virtuous Woman'—From The _____ Out."

1 Peter 3:1-7

Eph. 5:21-6:4; Col. 3:17-21; 1 Tim. 2:1-10

Gen. 1:26-27; 2:18-25; Prov. 31:10-31; Matt. 19:4-6; John 4; Gal. 3:26-29;

1 Peter 2:9-25

A. "Wives, in the _____ way _____ yourselves..."

1 Peter 3:1-6 (2:9-25)

Unfading beauty v. outward adornment

What this passage *doesn't* and *does* teach

Some thoughts about *Sarah*...

B. "Husbands, in the _____ way be _____..."

1 Peter 3:7

Consideration; respect; co-heirs; love

"The Crazy Cycle" from *Love and Respect* by Emerson Eggerichs based on

Eph. 5

Conclusion: Two things we all have in common:

- _____ lives;

- A _____ Father.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Our love and sympathy is extended to Nancy Lunceford and to Laurie Hartwig in the loss of Nancy's sister and Laurie's aunt, Jane Duckett. She passed away Thursday morning in San Diego.

Our love and sympathy is also extended to Larry Murphey and to Laurie Stone in the loss of Larry's sister and Laurie's aunt, Gloria Clark. Services were the 11th in Oklahoma.

Updates:

Kalli Huff is in the hospital in Dallas.

Velma Lemons is in Mother Frances for tests.

Nate VanBuskirk is home and doing well.

Jonathan Ramirez is home now.

Jim Gipson had a spinal injection last Wednesday.

Bitsy Berryman is ill and is hospitalized. She is improving.

Tommy Parrish is now in Waterton Rehab - Room 105-B.

Raymond Shoemaker, brother-in-law of Elizabeth Shoemaker, has brain cancer.

Eamond McAuley's grandmother, **Verdice McAuley**, is under hospice care in Mt. Pleasant.

Ellie Kate Hart, granddaughter of Jay & Debbie Bynum, is in Mother Frances receiving IV antibiotics for mastoiditis.

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - <i>Psalm 27:1-6</i>	Danny Snell
Song #608 He Gave Me a Song	Gary Ables
Song #238 You Are the Song That I Sing	
Song #134 The Lord's My Shepherd	Lee Mink
Prayer	
Song #376 He Paid a Debt	
Communion & Contribution	Kelly Monahan
Song #365 How Beautiful	Davy Carter
Scripture Reading <i>Proverbs 31:29-31</i>	Chris Ables
Song #415 Each Step I Take	
Message: "Inner Beauty, Outward Faithfulness"	Bill Allen
Song #664 Take My Life, and Let It Be	
Elder's Prayer	David Wicks
Song #882 No Tears in Heaven	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song #716 Sing to Me of Heaven	Davy Carter
Song #97 I Sing Praises to Your Name	
Song #71 As the Deer	
Prayer	Dannie Skipper
Scripture Reading <i>Isaiah 51:1-3</i>	Billy Terrell
Song #747 Sing On, Ye Joyful Pilgrims	
Song #452 Standing on the Promises	
Message: "Sarah: Mother of the Faithful"	Bill Allen
Song #915 Trust and Obey	
Song #851 I'll Fly Away	
Dismiss	Jim Boyd

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If there's anything more difficult than the call for Christians to submit to the civil authorities it is the call for husbands and wives to be submissive and respectful to each other. And that is exactly the message of our passage this week from 1 Peter 3.

You would think those words would not be so distasteful to so many. And if you thought that you would be wrong. Why is that?

It's at least partly due to our culture of personal freedom, rights and independence. You may say, "Wait, Bill, those are good things!" And they are. For our country and our citizens. For Christians and for the church, those things are tools used by Satan to destroy our families and our faith.

And that's why the call of Jesus goes in an opposite direction. Consider these familiar verses.

"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)

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Gal. 2:20)

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23)

You say, "But Bill, what does that have to do with how I treat my spouse?" Um, everything. As Ephesians 5 begins specifically addressing husbands and wives, the context for those instructions is set with this call.

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. (Eph. 5:21)



Donnie Carnathan
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COMING TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD!

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Stand in the gate of the Lord's house; and proclaim there this word, and say, hear the word of the Lord, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: 'This is the temple of the Lord,...' For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, then I will let you dwell in this place in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever. (Jeremiah 7:1-7).

Jeremiah's words are to the men of Judah, but in them, God gives us a good idea of what he expects of those who come to the house of the Lord to worship him. It's not the house that makes the worship, but it's the spiritual condition of those in the house that matters. Through Jeremiah's preaching, God tells us to: **Not expect more than God is willing to give.** Judah felt that if they went to the temple in the Lord's name, everything would be fine. God told them to amend their ways. They felt that God would protect them because they had the temple in their midst. They learned the hard way that God will not protect those that do not love, serve, and worship him properly. **Love each other before we offer our worship.** God told Judah they had a responsibility to be fair with each other, to take care of those in need, to value life, and to give Him the honor he deserves. He expects the same from us today. Judah's bad attitude toward their social responsibilities was reflected in their bad attitude toward their religious responsibilities. The two go hand in hand. **Appreciate the price paid for us.** Judah was not willing to hold up their end of the covenant. Do we dare think the same standard does not apply to us today? Throughout time, God has punished those that do not obey; what makes us think that he will deal differently with us? Our blessings do not come cheaply. How do you come into the Lord's house? Do you come to give God the honor and respect he deserves? Do you come with reverence and awe and feeling unworthy of anything he has given you? Or do you come begrudgingly giving up your time and your money? Be careful how you come into His house.



By Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

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Feb. 26th

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Mar. 5th

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Mar. 12th

Devo in the FLC with the Christians hosting



April 14-16

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Wednesday

Puppets 7 p.m.

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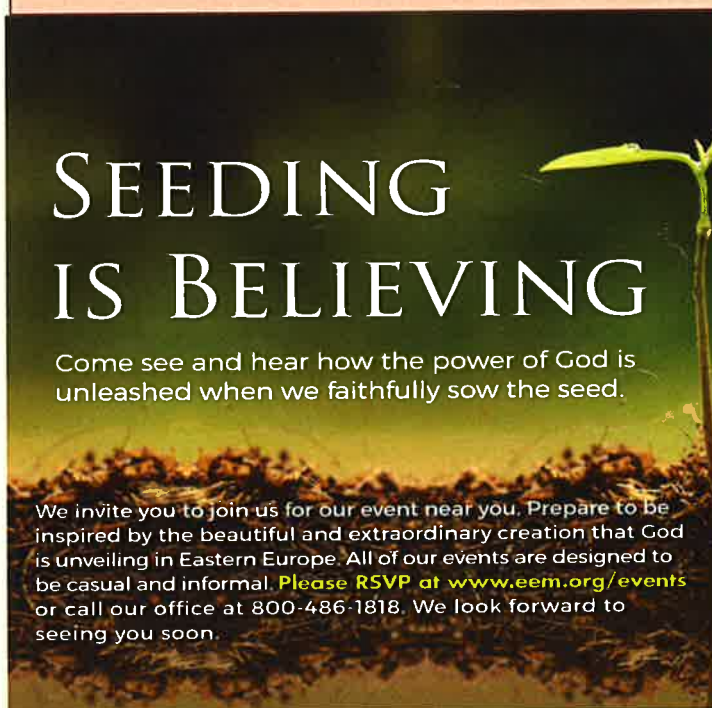
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"Living the Gospel"

Introduction: The gospel of Christ must be _____ and _____.

A. Living the Gospel means repaying _____ with _____.

1 Peter 3:8-12
Rom. 12:1-2, 14-21; 1 Peter 2:18-25

B. Living the Gospel means _____ your _____.

1 Peter 3:13-15
Isaiah 7-8; Matt. 1:18-25; 28:20; 10:16-42; John 16:33; 17:13-19;
1 Peter 4:1-4, 12-19

C. Living the Gospel means _____—and _____—questions.

1 Peter 3:15-16
Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:11-21

D. Living the Gospel means _____ in Jesus.

1 Peter 3:17-22
Acts 2:36-38, 41; 8:12-13, 30-39; 10:34-48; 16:13-15, 29-34; 22:16
1 Cor. 15:1-8; Rom. 1:1-4; 6:1-4; Col. 2:9-15; Gal. 3:26-28; Titus 3:3-8

Conclusion: Living the Gospel means salvation—for _____ and for _____.

The internet streaming of our worship services was watched in 3 different countries across 21 state regions in 39 cities with an approximate total of 93 viewers in the month of February.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy:

Our love and sympathy is extended to Eamond McAuley in the loss of his grandmother, Verdice McAuley. Services were Friday in Mt. Pleasant.

Updates:

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - <i>Isaiah 33:5-6</i>	Donnie Carnathan
Song #167 Hosanna	Kalon Ainsworth
Song Had it Not Been the Lord	
Song #548 The Lily of the Valley	
Prayer	Larry Murphey
Song #335 In Memory of the Savior's Love	
Communion & Contribution	Fred Wingate
Song #635 Freely, Freely	
Scripture Reading <i>Matthew 10:26-33</i>	Chad Chauncey
Song #609 I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord	
Message: "Living the Gospel"	Bill Allen
Song #628 Will You Not Tell It Today?	
Elder's Prayer	Ken Culpepper
Song #538 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less	
5:00 P.M. Assembly	
Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song #469 Faith is the Victory	Bryce Murry
Song #957 This World is Not My Home	Jude Everson
Song #679 Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus	Jude Everson
Prayer	Evan Kingsbury
Scripture Reading <i>Matthew 20:25-28</i>	Ethan Stone
Song #594 Live for Jesus	Logan Stone
Song #694 Servant Song	Logan Stone
Message "Servant Living"	Bill Allen
Song #948 I Am Resolved	Bryce Murry
Song #885 How Beautiful Heaven Must Be	Bryce Murry
Dismiss	Keaton Conder

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Peter reminds us of this great truth by reaching back several hundred years before Christ to the days of the prophet Isaiah and Ahaz, king of Judah in Jerusalem. King Ahaz was also experiencing some very real threats as neighboring kings conspired together to overthrow him in a coup and put someone more sympathetic to their agenda on the throne in Jerusalem. Naturally, it was upsetting to King Ahaz. In a big way. Here is what God told King Ahaz of Judah about these threats he was facing:

"Be careful, keep calm and don't be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smoldering stubs of firewood...If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all...Do not call conspiracy everything this people calls a conspiracy; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it. The LORD Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread." (Isaiah 7:4-9; 8:12-13)

Peter reminds Christians of the first—and 21st—centuries that God is greater than whatever threatens us, that we don't have to fear what others fear. Rather, we revere Christ the Lord.

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. (1 Peter 3:13-15)

Whatever you're going through, whatever threats you're facing, God's got this. And when people ask what's going on, and how you're getting through it, you be ready to tell them about the real power in your life.



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

JOSHUA; LEADING AFTER MOSES!

Starting this morning, many of you will be starting a four week study of Joshua in your bible classes. Joshua was a great man of faith and had the enviable job of following Moses in leading the Israelites into the Promised Land. In Joshua 1, we see God's commission to Joshua. While these commands from God are for Joshua in regard to his upcoming role, they are also certainly good advice for us today. *Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you (Jos. 1:5).* No matter where our service for the kingdom takes us; we must never forget that God will be with us! There are too many instances in scripture where God worked in the lives of those who served Him to think that He would leave us alone. Take comfort knowing God is aware of our service and knows what we need to advance the kingdom. *Only be strong and very courageous, be careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you (Jos. 1:7).* This must have been foremost in the Lord's mind as he told this to Joshua three times in verses 6-9. This is just what we need today; the spiritual strength to stand up to a world that continues to look away from God and the courage to seek out those that have the soft heart it takes to submit to Jesus' teachings. We do live in challenging times that can intimidate and worry us, but God's expectations for us today are the same He had for all His children since the beginning of time. It is a challenge to follow God, it is a difficult walk, and that is all the more reason to be very strong and courageous! *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it (Jos. 1:8).* God wants His children to realize the importance of knowing His word. God's word is living and active. God's word is able to cleanse and purify our soul. God's word builds us up; it is perfect, and unchanging. It is just as relevant today as it was in Joshua's days. I pray you enjoy your time with Joshua; his faith is a great example for us.



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Marla

Thank You

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John 15:18-25; 16:33; 17:13-19; 1 Peter 1:1-2, 13-16; 2:9-25; 3:8-22; 4:12-19; 1 John 2:15-17
 Matt. 5:13-16; 7:21-29; John 13:1-17, 34-35; Gal. 5:19-26; Eph. 2:10; 4:17-5:20; Col. 3:1-17; Titus 3:8;
 Heb. 13:15-16; James 2:8-26; 2 Peter 1:3-11; 1 John 3:16-18; 4:7-21
 Rom. 12:1-8; 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4:1-16

A. Some think we're strange when we _____ certain things.
 1 Peter 4:1-6

B. Some think we're strange when we _____ certain things.
 1 Peter 4:7-11

Conclusion: It should not surprise us when people think we're strange because we seek _____ glory in _____.

1 Peter 4:11b; Luke 9:23-26; Rom. 12:1; Col. 3:17



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Welcome/Call to Worship - Deuteronomy 10:12-14	Donnie Carnathan
Song #3	Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah Gary Ables
Song #47	Holy, Holy, Holy
Song #777	Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer
Prayer	David Cannefax
Song	Above All Ira Wilson
Communion	
Song #669	Take My Life, and Let It Be
Contribution	
Song #250	The Great Redeemer
Scripture Reading	Romans 12:1-2 Colby Chandler
Song #695	None of Self and All of Thee Bill Allen
Message:	"You Christians are Strange."
Song #662	All to Jesus I Surrender Jay Bynum
Elder's Prayer	
Song #676	Living for Jesus

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song #43	All Things Praise Thee Davy Carter
Song #85	All Things Bright and Beautiful Clifton Lindsey
Prayer	Myron Granberry
Scripture Reading	1 Peter 2:11-12
Song #894	Beulah Land
Song #122	The Love of God
Message	"Setting Your Heart on Things Above - and Below" Bill Allen
Song #864	Where the Gates Swing Outward Never
Song #859	When All of God's Singers Get Home Tom Hale
Dismiss	

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So do we turn our backs on this world, and no longer care about anything that's going on here? Of course not. Many are "enemies of the cross of Christ" here in this life, and because of that they make us their enemies as well. Yet we continue to do exactly what God did: love the people of this world so much that we seek to help them in their current struggles and share with them the way of salvation through the One who gave Himself for us and them.

Paul could say those things to the Philippians in chapter 3 because he had already told them this in chapter 1:

I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. (Phil. 3:20-21)

And he tells us to live the same way. No matter what.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. (Phil. 3:27)



Donnie Carnathan
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JOSHUA BEFORE JERICHO; IT'S ALL ABOUT GOD!

We left Joshua last week with the spies that Rahab hid. Today, in class, we will look at the battle for Jericho, but some good lessons can be learned from Joshua between that encounter with Rahab and the fall of Jericho. First, we learn that, **It's not about us!** *The Lord said to Joshua, Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you (Jos.3:7).* Being exalted by God sounds pretty good to me, but whatever I do in His service, the glory belongs to God. We are only "something" when we are with God. He gives us our hope, He gives us our source of joy, and He gives us the reason to feel good about ourselves. Secondly, we learn that, **It's all about God's power!**...*That this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, What do these stones mean to you? Then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever (Josh.4:6-7).* God wanted the Israelites to remember the miraculous way they crossed the Jordan. He wanted them to remember His power and the role it played in their success. It is the same for us today. Those miracles were meant for our benefit too. We need to remember what a mighty God we serve. We need to remember that His Son conquered death for our benefit too! We need to remember that God's power is at work in us today! Thirdly, we learn that **It is about what God has made us!** *And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them; all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way after they had come out of Egypt. For the people of Israel walked 40 years in the wilderness ... because they did not obey the voice of the Lord (Jos.5:4,6).* Circumcision was a way of identifying those that were in a covenant relationship with God (Gen.17) and it also represented a removal of their stubborn sinfulness (Lev.26:40-42, Deut. 10:16, 30:6). God wants His children to stand out in the world. He wants His children to be different and recognizable to those seeking Jesus. Our obedience to the Gospel has put us in a blessed position in life and we should use that position to bring glory and honor to God. It is not about us, but it is all about the one who loves and protects us; God!



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We love you all!

Phil and Linda Marts

The Family Table

Wed., March 15th

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



"The Blessing of Christian Suffering"

Introduction: "Blessing" and "Suffering" are not typically _____.

(Matt. 5:1-12; Acts 20:35) In one of only _____ times the term "Christian" is used in the New Testament, it relates to suffering.

1 Peter 4:12-19 (Acts 11:26; 26:28)

1. Christian suffering should not _____ us. (v. 12; vs. 1-4)
2. Christian suffering allows us to have _____ with Christ and His sufferings. (v. 13)
3. Christian suffering is seen as _____. (v. 14)
4. _____ suffering can be seen as blessing. (v. 15; Rom. 13:1-5; 1 Peter 2:13-25)
5. The blessing is seen not in the suffering but in the _____ faith of the sufferer. (v. 16)
6. Christian suffering should serve as a _____ to all. (vs. 17-18)

Conclusion: The blessing of Christian suffering comes in knowing these things (v. 19):

- That even our suffering—and those who cause it—are subject to _____. (John 16:33)
- That God is _____ and can be trusted. (1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Tim. 1:7-12)
- That our part is to _____. (1 Peter 2:12, 15-16; Matt. 5:14-16; Eph. 2:10; Titus 3:8; James 2:8-26; 4:17; Rom. 1:14-17)



Prayer & Care Updates:

Memorial services for Jane Duckett, sister of Nancy Lunceford and aunt of Laurie Hartwig, will be March 25 at 2:00 at the Tyler Rose Garden. There will be a reception following at Nancy and Laurie's home, 2223 S. Chilton.

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - 2 Samuel 7:22	Donnie Carnathan
Song How Great is Our God	Gary Ables
Song #76 How Great Thou Art	
Song Surround Us, O Lord	
Prayer	Dale White
Song #76 How Great Thou Art	
Communion - Bread	Jim Boyd
Song #18 Faithful Love	
Communion - Cup	
Song #18 Faithful Love	
Contribution	
Song #957 This World is Not My Home	
Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 1:12	Jimmie Philpot
Song #524 I Know Whom I Have Believed	
Message: "The Blessing of Christian Suffering"	Bill Allen
Song #609 I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord	
Elder's Prayer	David Hammond
Song #414 Anywhere with Jesus	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song #162 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	Michael Hurley
Song #574 Oh, How I Love Jesus	
Prayer	Don Durham
Scripture Reading <i>Philippians 2:9-11</i>	David Wicks
Song #221 Jesus, Name Above All Names	
Song #222 There's Something About That Name	
Song #97 I Sing Praises	
Message "So You Call Yourself a 'Christian'"	Bill Allen
Song #944 What Shall It Be?	
Song #480 Blessed Assurance	
Dismiss	Howard Dickson

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Pete Leung
Philip Matthews
Vance Metcalf
Lee Mink
Samuel Mink
Cody Mitcham

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Gaylan & Margie Seagler
East Doors:
Harvey & Edie Strickland
W. Erwin Doors:
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Sandra Wingate & Anne Kimball

Toddler:

Jennie Ables & Cate Kimball

As we seek to have an impact on our world we recognize that it isn't always going to go so well for us. We've been emphasizing this as we've gone through 1 Peter, recognizing our world is not that different from the world of first century Christians.

Speaking of Christians, do you know how many times the NT uses that term to describe the followers of Christ? If you thought three, you're correct! Now, do you know the BCV for each, and what the context is? We'll share some about that this Sunday because one of the three is in 1 Peter.

If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. (1 Peter 4:14-16)

It's amazing that with so few Bible uses of the term Christian, one of those would be in the context of suffering. And not just the difficulties that seem to come with life; rather it is the suffering and difficulty that comes specifically *because* one is a Christian.

Far from saving us from suffering in this world, being a Christian actually is at times the reason for our difficulties.

And why is that? It is because, as we will sing again in our morning worship assembly, "This world is not my home." And so we don't always fit in, and our values don't always mesh with the values of those around us. It's during those times of tension and even conflict that "I can't feel at home in this world anymore."

Thankfully, as we have also seen, this difference gives us opportunities to not just share our faith but to first of all show our faith. Even when the outward situation looks bleak, our inner hope and peace and even joy is genuinely felt and seen. How can we do that? Because Jesus.

"I have told you these things so that in me you will have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

DON'T BE FOOLED!

In Joshua 9, we read of the story of the "Gibeonite Deception". They had seen the power of God and the Israelites in their invasion of Canaan. The Gibeonites wanted a treaty with the Israelites and were able to pull the wool over Joshua and the Israelite's eyes because they "did not ask counsel of the Lord" (9:14). The Israelites just learned a difficult lesson about listening to the Lord in chapters 7 and 8; and now we see them ignoring Him again. Did they underestimate God's desire to be a part of their lives, or did they overestimate their own ability to make correct decisions? It was maybe a little of both, but don't we still do that today? What does it take to seek guidance from God? Psalm 25 gives us a few pointers in this. First we need to **place our life in God's hands**. *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; ... Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame, ... Make me to know your ways (Psa.25:1-4)*. Trusting God is the key here. We need to realize that God has our best interests at heart and that sometimes puts us in conflict with the world around us. Living with God is the better place to be. Secondly, we need to **secure our relationship with God**. That means keeping our part of the covenant relationship with Him and being aware of the sins of our lives. *Lead me in your truth and teach me, ... Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love ... Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions (Psa.25:6-8)*. God always loves us and he is continually forgiving us if we are walking in the light and acknowledging our sin (1 Jo.1:7-8). He knows our nature and He does not hold our past against us. He loves us too much for that, but He does want us doing our best to imitate His son! Thirdly, we need to live with the confidence that **God's way is the best way**. *My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net ... bring me out of my distresses ... Oh, guard my soul ... for I take refuge in you (Psa.25:15,17,20)*. God offers us protection, relief, and restoration. Don't let the tricks of life get the best of you. Be patient, look at His word, and seek the guidance of God. His paths need to be our paths.



By Danny Snell
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Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter we are studying from Joshua & Matthew. The title of our study is "Conquering Faith & King of Kings" The lesson this week... "Divine Intervention" from Joshua 10:1-27. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Joshua 10:13b-14 "The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a human being. Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel!"

Leadership Training For Christ

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Last Sunday night, we made goodie bags for those who are homeless or in need of some basic food and toiletry items. There are extra bags in the BLAST room if you would like to pick them up to disperse as needed.

BLAST is now learning about God the Covenant-Maker. We are learning that God made a covenant with Abraham to bless His people. Our key passage is Romans 4:3.

VBS is June 11-14 from 6-8 pm. Our theme is Loving God Inside Out where we will learn about different emotions such as anger, fear, disgust, sadness and joy. We are looking for volunteers to help as group leaders taking kids to each station. Let me know if you are interested in helping out.

Camp Deer Run Day Camp: We are taking a group to Day Camp at CDR during Session 1 - June 5-8. Register online at www.campdeerrun.com and let me know that your child/children need transportation. It will be a fun week!

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Marla

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Arnold and Agnes Able

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant you all sent for my mom, Louise Land. And for all the prayers sent our way. Thanks again,
Nancy & Joe Lynch

SEEDING IS BELIEVING

Come see and hear how the power of God is unleashed when we faithfully sow the seed.

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EVENT DETAILS

- March 28, 2017
- 7:00 p.m.
- Tyler, TX
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The Family Table

Wed., March 22nd
5:30 p.m. in the FLC

BRUNO'S

\$6 - adults
\$3 - children

"God's Plan for Servant Leadership"

Introduction: One of the rare times in 1 Peter that those in authority are addressed is when the apostle speaks directly to elders. In doing so he uses specific terms that call on them to be _____ leaders.

1 Peter 5:1-4

- The term _____ points to maturity and respect. (v. 1)
1 Tim. 3; Titus 1
Qualities v. qualifications; Character v. characteristics
- The term _____ points to compassion and care. (v. 2a)
Ezekiel 34; John 10:1-18; Acts 20:28-32; 2 Cor. 11:28-29
- The term _____ points to mentoring and delegating. (v. 2b)
Joshua 24; Eph. 4:1-16; 1 Cor. 12
Eager to serve; willing to lead
- The term _____ points to Jesus. (v. 3)
1 Cor. 11:1; Matt. 20:20-28

Conclusion: Church leadership is done out of humility, knowing that there is only one _____ Shepherd.

Prayer & Care

Howard and Linda Dickson are the proud great grandparents of twins, Blakely and Gentry. They were born to Megan and Brandon Tatum in Oklahoma.

Fred Powell is in HealthSouth. He is expected to go home Tuesday.

Jim Gipson is home now.

Bitsy Berryman is in HealthSouth.

Alice Carnes, sister of Bill Allen, had gall bladder surgery last Friday.

Laurie Osborne, daughter of Dale and Dot White, had surgery for a fractured hip last Tuesday. She lives in Florida.

Shirley Denman has asked for prayers for her sister, **Betty Lynch**, who lives in Atlanta. She is having tests because of a mass in her kidney. She has already had cancer in the other kidney.

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Welcome/Call to Worship - <i>Joshua 24:14-18</i>	Donnie Carnathan
Song You're Worthy of My Praise	Davy Carter
Song #2 We Praise Thee, O God	Gary Ables
Song Wonderful, Merciful Savior	Bruce Bevers
Prayer	Shaun Stamps
Song #354 I Gave My Life for Thee	Larry Murphey
Communion & Contribution	Bill Allen
Song #395 Follow Me	Gaylan Seagler
Scripture Reading <i>John 10:11-15</i>	
Song #391 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us	
Message: "God's Plan for Servant Leadership"	
Song #389 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	
Elder's Prayer	
Song #2 We Praise Thee, O God	
5:00 P.M. Assembly	
Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song #626 Christ for the World We Sing	Lance Yarema
Song Into Our Hands	
Prayer	Bill Paschall
Scripture Reading <i>John 21:15-17</i>	Rick Fedell
Song #694 Servant Song	
Song #570 A Beautiful Life	
Message: "A Case Study of a Servant Leader: The Apostle Peter"	Bill Allen
Song #639 Rescue the Perishing	
Song I Want to be a Worker	
Dismiss	Chris Conder

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One of our shepherds, Wade Weathers, gave a (very!) brief update on our **2017 Budget** this past Sunday. Copies of that budget are available at the Information Center in the foyer. What a blessing it is to be a part of a church family that has such wonderful givers! And what a blessing to have great servant-leaders of our many ministries as we use our resources to further His kingdom!

We also received an update on our **Youth Minister search process** from another of our shepherds, David Hammond. This is a critical time in this process as we are interviewing a few very qualified candidates. Continue in prayer for this very significant moment in our West Erwin history—and future!!

And speaking of our young people, we have 34 of our 3rd through 12th grade students participating in **Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)**, and they are in the home stretch of practice and work as we are less than a month away from the convention in Dallas on Easter Sunday. Keep them, their parents and families, and their amazing coaches in your prayers during this fun and busy time!

We've been announcing a special day to honor the many **First Responders** of our community on April 8th. Our brothers and sisters at North Tenneha Church of Christ are sponsoring and hosting this day, and several community leaders will take part, including Police Chief, Fire Chief and Sheriff. There's more info in this bulletin. Plan on being a part of this great event to say thank you to some very special servants.

And one last thing, though it is a little less than a year away. We have confirmed **Dr. Jerry and Lynn Jones** to be here at West Erwin next February to host their **"Relationships Matter"** conference. Many have heard them speak or been at their workshops before, and they are a very competent, genuine and engaging couple. You can get more info at their web site, www.marriagematters.ws Let's all put a "Save the Date" marker on Feb. 11-14, 2018, and begin praying and looking forward to what will be a great time together!

What a blessing to be a part of God's work through our West Erwin family!



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

BE VERY CAREFUL TO LOVE THE LORD!

This week we close out our study of Joshua. We will be in Joshua 24 where we will read his great statement, *"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"* (Josh.25:15). I think that statement tells us what Joshua was about. He was a great leader and a great man of God who never forgot God's promises. Joshua lived to serve God and Joshua took his stand on how faithful God was. I want to take you back one chapter and see another great statement he made during his last days as the leader of God's people. He had gathered Israel's leaders together to charge them with their responsibilities after his death. Joshua reminded them of what God had done for them, he told them to be strong and obey God, and he told them to "cling to the Lord your God". Then Joshua said this, *Be very careful, therefore, to love the Lord your God (23:11)*. That was good advice for then, and it is good advice for us today. When we love God, we put Him first and make Him our priority in life (Mark 12:30). When we love God, we desire Him to be in our life and we "long" for that (Psa. 42:1). When we love God, we obey Him, and we realize His word is the best thing we have in life (Psa.19:7-10). We become like Mary who realized the importance of getting to sit at Jesus' feet (Luke 10:39). What do you want to show those you leave behind? Joshua had it right; there is nothing more important than loving God!



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Memory Verse for Elementary: "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33

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EMERGENCY SPEAKERS:

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- Jeremy Hoar, Police Chief, Tyron
- Larry Smith, Smith Co. Sheriff
- Henry Jackson, Constable
- April Franklin, EMS Director

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"God's Plan for Servant Living"

Introduction: In 1 Peter 5:1-4 the apostle addresses Servant _____.
As he concludes his letter to resident immigrants he gives some principles of Servant _____.

- Servant living means _____ yourself.
1 Peter 5:5-6; Matt. 20:20-28; Luke 9:18-26
- Servant living means _____ the devil.
1 Peter 5:8-9; 1 Cor. 10:13; James 1:2-18
- Servant living means _____ God.
1 Peter 5:7, 10-11; 1:3-9; 2:19-25; 3:13-22; 4:12-19
- Servant living means relying on _____.
1 Peter 5:12-14; Heb. 3:12-14; 10:19-25; 10:32-12:3

Conclusion: Servant living is the only life of _____.
1 Peter 5:14; John 16:33

Prayer & Care

Tom and Donni Cook are the proud grandparents of a new grandson. **Emerson James Worley** was born Wednesday morning to Kaitlin and Austin Worley in Corpus Christi. He was 8 pounds, 9 ounces and 20 inches long. Wanda Cook and Gene & Gwen Chandler are the great grandparents.

Suzanne Transier had foot surgery last Wednesday. She will be off of her foot for six weeks.

Marlene Latham is home awaiting test results. No visitors, please.

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BENEVOLENCE CENTER NEEDS

Men's Shoes

18 Oz. cans of Chunky Soup

15 Oz. Cans of Peaches

Our Records	Mar. 26
Bible Class	234
Worship a.m.	423
Worship p.m.	178
Wed. p.m.	160
Contribution	\$24,978.20
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April 2, 2017

Volume 48 – No. 14

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - <i>Zephaniah 3:11-14</i>	Danny Snell
Song #242 Sing Hallelujah to the Lord	Gary Ables
Song #509 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story	
Song #768 Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You	
Prayer	Dannie Skipper
Song Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone	
Communion & Contribution	David Hammond
Song #853 When We All Get to Heaven	
Scripture Reading <i>1 Peter 5:6-7</i>	Will Christian
Song #745 Humble Yourself	
Message: "God's Plan for Servant Living"	Bill Allen
Song #924 Just As I Am	
Elder's Prayer	Wade Weathers
Song #587 Sing and Be Happy	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song #881 Mansion Over the Hilltop	Davy Carter
Song #878 Sweet By and By	
Prayer	Stevie Blakemore
Scripture Reading <i>Colossians 3:17</i>	Wyatt Gruver
Song #747 Sing On, Ye Joyful Pilgrims	
Song There's a Stirring	
Message "The Message to Resident Immigrants"	Bill Allen
Song #309 In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified	
Song #957 This World is Not My Home	
Dismiss	Ralph Henderson

Our Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY	
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Morning Worship	10 a.m.
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One of the points in the sermon this Sunday is this: Servant living means *trusting* God. 1 Peter shares this theme throughout, including these passages that remind us of the assurance we have if we will trust Him.

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. (5:7)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. (1:3-6)

For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God... Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps... When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. (2:19-23)

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you... If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you... If you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name... So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good. (4:12-19)

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen. (5:10-11)



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

I WANT TO MOW WITH PAPA!

Monday, I needed to do some mowing before coming in to work. Beau heard me on the tractor and then the next thing I knew, Suzie had him on the back porch with a sad look on his face, telling her, "I want to mow with Papaw"! Well, I was in a hurry and I really did not want him to slow me down, but how could I refuse such a pitiful face? This little story brought a point home to me. In order to raise, to help raise, or to have an influence on our children or grandchildren, it takes some sacrifice on everybody's part. The old saying holds true; it does take a village to raise a child! This is not a criticism of parents today, but an acknowledgement of the difficulty of raising children. We all need to help each other to do the job right! It holds true in the church also. We all have the charge to be a "right example" for the little eyes that are around us. If we expect our children to grow into the church Jesus desires, they need to see us **be** the church that Jesus desires. Our children need to see smiling, happy faces around them at church. They need to see love between the brothers and sisters. They need to see a true desire to worship. They need to see a joy in the way we serve. Kudos go out to our youth parents for their work while our Youth Minister search goes forward, but the work won't stop when we hire someone; it's really just starting. How are you helping?



By Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter we are studying from Joshua & Matthew. The title of our study is "Conquering Faith & King of Kings" The lesson this week... "Exalted, Yet Humble" from Joshua 24:1-28. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Matthew 21:7-9 "They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Leadership Training For Christ

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Marla Cannifax
Children's Coordinator

Beginning this Wednesday night, our children will be learning scripture along with specific temptations for each scripture. Our purpose in doing this is to help them keep scripture in their long-term memory instead of their short-term memory. Our memorization will be cumulative as we add more scripture and more temptations. We are basing this on a book called *Sword Fighting* by Karyn Henley.

Memory Verse for Elementary: "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." Psalm 119:11

Camp Deer Run Day Camp: We are taking a group to Day Camp at CDR during Session 1 - June 5-8. Register online at www.campdeerrun.com and let me know that your child/children need transportation. It will be a fun week!

Thank you to the Young at Heart for providing plastic eggs and candy for our Kids' Night Out. Pictures will be posted online soon!

Next Kids' Night Out: June 3. We will be watching *Inside Out* to prepare for our VBS!

Marla

April 2nd - All Day LTC Puppet Practice Devo in the FLC / Etcheleucus Hosting

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April 14th-16th LTC



April 14-16

LTC PRACTICE SCHEDULE & IMPORTANT DATES

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Sunday, April 2nd

11:30-2:30 - Puppets (Lunch \$3)

2:30-3:45 - Drama

3:45-5:00 - Chorus

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FIRST RESPONDERS DAY
BRIDGING THE GAP: FIRST RESPONDERS AND THE PEOPLE
NORTH TENNEHA CHURCH OF CHRIST
APRIL 8, 2017 | 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

EMERGENCY SPEAKERS

David Lobb Fire Chief, Tyne	Jeremy Tolson Police Chief, Tyne	Larry Smith Smith Co. Sheriff	Henry Jackson Constable	Neal Franklin EMS Director
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The Family Table

Wed., April 5th
5:30 p.m. in the FLC

BURGERS

\$6 - adults
\$3 - children

"Resident Immigrants: Making Him Known"

Introduction: The theme of this year's Leadership Training for Christ (LTC) is "_____ " and serves as a great conclusion to our series on 1 Peter.

Acts 17:22-23

From 1 Peter—Make Him known through your _____ of good works and words.

1 Peter 2:9-12, 15; 3:1, 13-22; 4:1-5, 12-16
Matt. 5:13-16

From Acts—Make Him known and tell _____ story by telling _____ story.

Acts 1:8; 2:36-47; 4:8-20; 16:25-34
Acts 9:1-22; 22:1-21; 26:1-29
Phil. 3:1-14; 1 Tim. 1:12-17

Conclusion: Make Him known _____ all because He died _____ all.

Acts 17:22-31
John 3:16-17; 2 Cor. 5:6-21; 2 Peter 3:3-14

Prayer & Care

Our love and sympathy is extended to Enrique Giaccardi in the loss of his father, Jose, last Monday in Cedar Park.

Roy Fraley is home now.

Suzanne Transier is at home recovering from foot surgery. She will be off of her foot for several weeks.

Marlene Latham is home awaiting test results. No visitors, please.

Bitsy Berryman is in HealthSouth.

Jay Bynum's mother, **Bennie**, suffered a brain aneurysm Tuesday night. She had surgery Wednesday at Trinity Mother Frances.

Wilda Brock, mother of Kris Keele, will have hip replacement on Tuesday at Mother Frances and will then go to rehab.

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Toilet Paper
Soap (Bar)
Shampoo
Toothpaste

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Bible Class	224
Worship a.m.	343
Worship p.m.	151
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April 9, 2017

Volume 48 – No. 15

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Acts 17:22-25	Danny Snell
Song #650 Send the Light	Gary Ables
Song #628 Will You Not Tell It Today?	
Song How Deep the Father's Love	Davy Carter
Prayer	Robert Lee
Song Boundless Love	
Communion	Greg Jones
Song #650 Send the Light v. 4	
Contribution	Bill Allen
Kid's Time	
Song #622 Ring Out the Message	
Scripture Reading 1 Peter 2:9	Dennis Kingsbury
Song #290 Shine, Jesus, Shine	
Message: "Resident Immigrants: Making Him Known"	Bill Allen
Song #625 Zion's Call	
Elder's Prayer	David Wicks
Song #625 Zion's Call v.3	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song #74 Praise the Lord	Michael Hurley
Song #791 On Bended Knee	
Prayer	Tom Clark
Scripture Reading 2 Peter 3:17-18	Phil Marts
Song Ancient Words	
Song #450 Give Me the Bible	
Message "Peter's Follow-Up to Resident Immigrants"	Bill Allen
Song #543 Wonderful Words of Life	
Song #867 To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way	
Dismiss	Charles Melville

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& Jaydee Diller

Toddler:

Shirley Chandler
& Jazmin Palocios

Easter weekend many of our young people, families, and coaches will be in Dallas for the Leadership Training for Christ (LTC) convention. Thousands of youth will participate in team events such as Bible Quiz, Drama, Chorus and Puppets; individual events such as Speaking, Song Leading, Sculpture and Photography; as well as many other individual and team events. Congratulations to all who have worked so hard for the last several months preparing and helping our terrific young people learn more about this year's theme book of Acts and be challenged by identifying ways we can "Make Him Known" in our daily lives. Please keep all those involved in your prayers over this next big week.

The theme has been taken from Paul's message to the people of Athens in Acts 17:23. Noting their many altars, he noticed one "To An Unknown God" and told them that it would be this God, the one true and living God, the God who is Creator and Sustainer, that he would make known to them that day.

Isn't that what we are all to be about, every day—making Jesus known to others through our very lives? We do that today for the same reason Paul did that in Athens almost 2000 years ago: because God created everyone, sustains everyone, loves everyone, and wants everyone to repent.

"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent." (Acts 17:24-30)



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

GOD WALKS IN THE MIDST OF YOUR CAMP!

Because the Lord your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and to give up our enemies before you, therefore your camp must be holy, so that he may not see anything indecent among you and turn away from you (Deut.23:14). These words were among some of the last remarks Moses made to the Israelites before his death. I think it is a beautiful picture of God among His people and working in their lives. I believe that just as Moses warned the Israelites, we must also be aware that God is moving among us and He will turn his back on us too if we are not living holy lives. What are some keys to living pure lives? Read John's words, *This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all (1 Jo.1:5)*. We can't be pure without being **in Him**. That means obedience to the gospel. and walking, talking, and thinking like Him! *And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure (1 Jo.3:3)*. When we **put our hope in Jesus**, Jesus becomes the focus of our worship and our lives. We then become more like Him. *Beloved if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another (1 Jo.4:11)*. Pure **love for one another** comes from a pure heart. Loving one another shows others we are a Christian and walk with Jesus. Is Jesus walking in your camp?



By Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter we are studying from Joshua & Matthew. The title of our study is "Conquering Faith & King of Kings" The lesson this week... "The Crucified King" from Matt. 27:11-54. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Matthew 27:24-26 "When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!" All the people answered, "His blood is on us and on our children!" Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified."

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LTC Meeting After Evening Service

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May 7th SENIOR SUNDAY



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(Lunch \$3)

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Wednesday, April 12th – 7:00-8:00 – Puppets
Friday – Sunday, April 14th - 16th – LTC

Thanks

Thank you for remembering us with the beautiful flowers for the funeral service, your cards, and your prayers in the loss of Ray Owens. We love our West Erwin family.

Mrs. Ray Owens Arnold and Agnes Ables

The Family Table

Wed., April 12th
5:30 p.m. in the FLC

Mexican

\$6 - adults
\$3 - children

As a parent, I am continually looking for resources to help build my tools for parenting. One of my favorite resources is Focus on the Family. Their website and app are filled with articles, podcasts, and other resources to support us in passing on a legacy of faith to the next generation. This week I read an article on their website titled "Four Things You Can Do to Increase the Chances of Raising Kids Who Keep the Faith". We can become so distracted in parenting and trying to make sure our children make good grades, have quality friendships, do well in their extracurricular activities, and lose the focus on the most important thing: their faith. If you are looking for ways to learn more about strengthening your parenting skills or your marriage, check out Focus on the Family.

We had so much fun at our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. Eggs were still found on Sunday in the auditorium – so enjoy them! We have leftover eggs and will plan to use them in different ways this month. Thank you for all the support in putting this together.

Memory Verse for Elementary: "Be self-controlled." 1 Peter 1:13

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Marla

Young at Heart will attend North Tenneha's Areawide Senior Fellowship Supper this Thursday, April 13th at 6:30 p.m.

We will enjoy entertainment by the North Tenneha Male Chorus.

Donny Ingram will drive the small bus from the West Erwin church parking lot to North Tenneha. We will leave West Erwin at 6PM. Please join us!

"The First Century Gospel"

Introduction: The first century gospel was the _____ of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

- Acts 2:22-39—the day of _____
- Acts 3:11-19; 4:8-12—the _____ of a lame man
- Acts 7:51-8:2—the preaching and death of _____
- Acts 10:34-48—the first _____ converts
- Acts 13:32-39; 17:29-31; 26:19-23—the sermons of _____

Conclusion: The _____ century gospel is also the _____ century gospel.

Rom. 1:1-4; 1:14-17

Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20-21; Acts 1:1-11; 1 Cor. 1:10-31; 15; Heb. 1:1-3; 1 Peter 1:3-5

The gospel—the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ—is:

- the _____ of Jesus;
- the _____ that He is the Son of God;
- the _____ of God for salvation to all who respond in faith.

Prayer & Care

Our love and sympathy is extended to Jay and Debbie Bynum and family in the loss of Jay's mother, Derrine Bynum. Services were Friday.

Congratulations to Samuel and Kara Mink on the birth of Samuel "Cade". He was born Sunday evening weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long. All are doing well. Tyson and Taryn Tapley are the big brother and sister. Proud grandparents are Lee & Camille Mink and Jim & Elizabeth Shoemaker.

Betsy Berryman is going to be moved to Providence Park.

Larry Moore will have surgery on May 9th.

Sylvia Tharpe will have a "lariat heart procedure" on May 1 at Mother Frances.

Wilda Brock, mother of Kris Keele, had hip replacement on Tuesday.

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Volume 48 – No. 16

Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Romans 1:1-4	Stan Clark
Song #167 Hosanna	Gary Ables
Song How Great is Our God	
Song #464 Because He Lives	
Prayer	Howard Dickson
Song #383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross	
Communion & Contribution	Gaylan Seagler
Kid's Time	Bill Allen
Song #619 A New Creature	
Scripture Reading Acts 2:22-24	Lee Mink
Song In Christ Alone	
Message: "The First Century Gospel"	Bill Allen
Song #346 He Lives	
Elder's Prayer	Ken Culpepper
Song In Christ Alone v.4	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Stan Clark
Song #538 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	Davy Carter
Song #213 He is Able	
Prayer	Wade Weathers
Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:15-18	Jim Boyd
Song #467 We Have An Anchor	
Song #524 I Know Whom I Have Believed	
Message "Connections of Hope"	Bill Allen
Song Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone	
Song #469 Faith is the Victory	
Dismiss	Ernie Gordon

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Kim Frick

If you are visiting with us on this Easter Sunday our West Erwin family is honored to have you! We realize there are many places of worship you could have attended today, but we are thankful you chose to be here. Our prayer is that the time we spend together today praising our living Lord Jesus Christ will bring us all closer to Him and more aware of His loving presence and gracious will.

Many of our church family are worshipping in Dallas together with others who gathered there this weekend for Leadership Training for Christ (LTC). What a great blessing these young people and their families and adult workers are to our West Erwin family, and will be to the church for decades to come!

When we think about so many who sacrifice so much in the name of Jesus, we wonder at times what causes some to be so focused on helping others come to know more about the Lord and His Word. And I think one person that could tell us something about that is James, the half-brother of the Lord.

The gospels list the names of Jesus' earthly siblings, other children of Mary and Joseph, Jesus' younger brothers and sisters (Matt. 12:46-47; 13:54-58). According to John 7:1-5, "his own brothers did not believe in him" while he was living. And yet we find them with the disciples after Jesus ascended into heaven, joining together constantly in prayer (Acts 1:14).

And with James, the change is monumental. He goes from being an unbeliever to being a leader in the church that Jesus died to establish (Acts 12:17; 15:1-21; 21:17-19). And we know that he even wrote a letter that is a part of the inspired Word of God and carries his name. The book of James is one of the plainest calls to an active faith that you can find in the Bible.

So what made the difference? What turned him around? I think we read what happened in the first few verses of 1 Cor. 15. As Paul is recounting the appearances of the resurrected Lord Jesus, he states very simply, "Then he appeared to James," in verse 7. And that did it. Seeing Him live the way He lived, and die the way He died, and then seeing Him very much alive, changed his life forever. And when we come to believe that the One who died for our sins has been raised from the dead, we too will never be the same.



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

YOUR WEAKNESS IS ALWAYS THERE!

In my daily Bible reading today was the story of David and Bathsheba. It is such a sad and terrible story. It is a story about weakness and what man will do to try and cover up his sin. How do you beat your weakness? The Bible gives us the answer; *I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psa.121:1-2)*. We all have some weakness that we struggle with. It may be anger. It may be gossip. It may be arrogance. If we don't overcome it, it will hurt us in our spiritual walk. These verses can help us overcome our weaknesses. *When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles (Psa. 34:17)*. Never doubt that God knows our struggles and he will listen to our pleas. God listens to his children. *And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart (Luke 18:1)*. Never doubt the power of prayer. Prayer is a faith builder, and it keeps our focus and thoughts on Him. *I can do all things through him who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)*. Never doubt that we are on this earth for something special. We are His ambassadors, we are His workmen, and we are victorious! God has given us His spirit to help us in our kingdom work. We are precious to him!



By Danny Snell
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Consider the following from Matthew 28:5-7 "The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

Leadership Training For Christ

Pray for our group who will be at the LTC Convention this week! We have a group of about 90 folks who will be attending this year.

Happy Easter! We have a large group out for Leadership Training for Christ in Dallas. You would be amazed to see all of the things our children have accomplished during the last few months. Countless hours of volunteer work go into LTC every year to help pass on this legacy to our children. Thank you for supporting this ministry and our children in this way.

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April 14th-16th LTC

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Recently Louis Jones, Wayne Berryman, and Donny Ingram each announced they would no longer serve as West Erwin deacons. Their service has spanned years, and they have served unselfishly in their respective roles. Louis has had a huge part in our budgeting and finance ministry; Wayne has served in our worship ministry; Donny has served in our transportation ministry; each has served our church family in many other areas as well. The ministry of Louis and Wayne spans almost 100 years; Donny has faithfully driven our church bus at worship times for well over 20 years. We are so grateful to them for their years of unselfish service, and are especially thankful they will continue to worship and serve and be a part of our West Erwin family. To Louis and Jane, Wayne and Bitsy, Donny and Nerene, we give our thanks and love for all you've done and all you mean to our West Erwin church family.

The Family Table

Wed., April 19th
5:30 p.m. in the FLC

BRUNO'S

\$6 - adults
\$3 - children



He Lives!

"Why the Good News is So Good"

Introduction: The gospel—the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ—is:

- the _____ of Jesus;
- the _____ that He is the Son of God;
- the _____ of God for salvation to all who respond in faith.

A. The good news is so good because my _____ is so _____.

Isaiah 59; Rom. 1:18-32; 2:17-29; 3:9-20; 1 John 1:5-10

B. The good news is so good because Christ's _____ is so _____.

John 3:14-17; 10:7-11; Rom. 1:14-17; 3:21-26;

1 Cor. 1:18-25; 1 John 1:7, 9; 2:1-2

Eph. 2:1-10; Titus 3:3-8; James 2; 1 Peter 2:9-12

Conclusion: The good news is so good it gives us:

- a _____ to live _____;
- a _____ to live _____.

Prayer & Care

We are saddened by the loss of Louis Jones Wednesday afternoon. Our love is extended to Jane and to Jeff and the family. Services were Saturday, April 22.

Our love and sympathy is extended to Jim & Elizabeth Shoemaker in the loss of Jim's brother, Raymond. He was the uncle of Kara Mink. Services were Friday, April 21.

Bitsy Berryman is now in Providence Park – Room 505.

Sylvia Tharpe will have a "lariat heart procedure" on May 1 at Mother Frances.

Larry Moore will have surgery on May 9th.

Marlene Latham will have further testing.

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NEEDS

- Toilet Paper**
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- Toothpaste**
- Men's Clothing**

Our Records April 16

Bible Class	183
Worship a.m.	427
Worship p.m.	102
Wed. p.m.	151
Contribution	\$26,419.13
Weekly Budget	\$24,867.00
Building Fund	\$172,051.00

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - <i>Ephesians 2:4-10</i>	Danny Snell
Song #508 A Wonderful Savior	Gary Ables
Song Wonderful, Merciful Savior	
Song #454 Rock of Ages	
Prayer	Tom Hale
Song #490 It is Well With My Soul	
Communion & Contribution	Fred Wingate
Song Salvation Belongs to Our God	Davy Carter
Scripture Reading <i>Romans 1:16-17</i>	Scott Albritton
Song #535 The Glory-Land Way	
Message: "Why the Good News is So Good"	Bill Allen
Song #346 Standing on the Promises	
Elder's Prayer	Jay Bynum
Song #346 Standing on the Promises (v.4)	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song #8 Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing	Kalon Ainsworth
Song #40 Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts	
Song #64 I Worship You Almighty God	
Prayer	Larry Murphey
Scripture Reading <i>2 Kings 7:9</i>	Bill Paschall
Song #461 Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide	
Song #652 We Have Heard the Joyful Sound	
Message: "Appreciating How Good the Good News Is"	Bill Allen
Song #947 Jesus is Tenderly Calling	
Song #594 Live for Jesus	
Dismiss	Michael Hurley

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What a weekend!! Another **Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)** is in the books, and once again our West Erwin family showed up!! Our young people and their parents and coaches and family members did amazing in every event in which they participated. I could not be prouder of this church family, and I know the future of God's church looks wonderfully bright with such exceptional young people!

These next few weeks are filled with **special days of remembrance for the Allens.**

Okay, so this first one is an anniversary of my birth (AKA my birthday...) I will turn **60 years old** on May 2nd! I've never met a birthday I didn't like, and I don't expect this one will be any different. I'm excited about starting a new decade. Among other things it puts me in a new age bracket for running events!! And the longer I'm able to run, and the older age brackets I'm in, my chances for someday actually winning an event improve greatly!!

Joyce and I will be married 40 years on May 7th! And they said it wouldn't last... I must tell you that this glorious and beautiful woman I'm married to has been my friend since the fall of 1969 when we met in Ms. Lofin's Homeroom English class in the 7th Grade! She has been much more than a friend since October 1974 when we started dating during our Senior Year. And since May 7, 1977 she has been my beautiful bride. **I thank God for her**, and am so grateful for her support and encouragement and love through the years. We plan to sneak away (okay, so maybe we won't sneak) for a few days that week to celebrate the great blessing God gave us when He gave each of us to the other as a lifetime partner.

And there's one more I'd like to share with you. **On April 25th, 1997, Joyce was diagnosed with a myocardial infarction (MI), more commonly known as a heart attack.** She had been in a lot of pain for several days, but because the symptoms are not as clear in women as in men when it comes to heart problems, she had undergone all sorts of tests without finding any solutions or getting any relief. Finally a doctor in Dallas where she had been admitted to the hospital became suspicious of her tests and ultimately she was found to have a 99% blockage in her Left Anterior Descending Artery (LAD). Though she has been **Type 1 Diabetic since 1979** this may or may not have been brought on by the diabetes, though that certainly has complicated everything since she was diagnosed at the age of 22. For 20 years now she has had a stent in that LAD, and we are grateful to God and Dr. Bonnie Floyd that several heart cath through the years have shown it is still working well.

We covet your continued, constant prayers, and ask you to **join us in thanking our gracious God for His wondrous blessings** on us through the years. One of the most amazing things He has done is a little less than two years ago He brought us to be a part of this wonderful West Erwin church family. We thank our great God for each one of you!!



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

FEELING OLD ON THE DALLAS FREEWAYS!

It was a great LTC last weekend. I was so proud of our Youth Group; they were wonderful and were well prepared for what they competed in. Their coaches did a great job of getting them ready for the weekend. My worst experience by far, was getting out on the Dallas freeways. I have never been honked at so much, and probably called some names. The sad part of this was that we were in bumper to bumper traffic and our top speeds were 20 mph when we were moving. These people were in such a hurry, changing lanes at every opportunity, and hurrying up just so they could stop and wait as I pattered up beside them again. It made me feel so old, as I knew they thought I was just an old man that was in their way. But then, as I pulled into the Anatole, where we were having the convention, I was suddenly surrounded by Christians. All of them were there for the same reason, united to help our youth get a stronger grip on their spiritual walk. Instead of horns and dirty looks, I saw grace, mercy, and love being shown to all. There were people gracefully allowing you to go ahead of them in a crowded line of cars, there were young people with smiles and gratitude for your presence, and there was a great feeling of unity about the purpose of the weekend. It was an oasis in the middle of a crowded, hurried, and uneasy world. I'm so grateful for the church. Do you feel blessed too?



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Consider the following from Acts 1:6-8 "Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Thanks!

Thanks to all our young people who participated in LTC this year! It was amazing! Thanks to all the adults who helped with coaching, practices, food and everything else that needed to be done. A special THANKS to Marc & Ginger Philpot for taking care of all the meals and the hospitality room.

LTC was an amazing experience! I am so proud of our children and how they represented us and Christ over the past weekend. If you were unable to attend, look for many of the videos posted through social media or ask some of the parents (or children) if they have videos. I am amazed at how God is continuing His legacy through the next generation!

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ROMANS 6:13 NIV

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- June 4-8 Interlink

Thanks

We want to thank each and every one for all the cards, calls, text messages and food showered upon us at the passing of Jay's mom. A special thank you to the Tuesday Lunch Bunch for the delicious goodies brought on Tuesday evening. The flower arrangement sent was beautiful, Mimi loved pretty flowers. Most of all thank you for helping bear our burden of loss. We love each one of you! Jay and Debbie

A note was received from Arms of Hope thanking us for our contribution to their commissary.

LOOKING AHEAD

- May 1 W.E. hosts **The Karing Kitchen**
- May 4th **MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**
- May 5th **Movie Night at The Benevolence Center**
- May 7th **W.E. Senior Day**
- May 12/13 **24 Hours of Prayer**

The Family Table

Wed., April 26th
5:30 p.m. in the FLC

CHICKEN Fried Steak

\$6 - adults
\$3 - children



"Jesus' Return: More Good News"

Introduction: The gospel is good news. But the good news doesn't _____ there.

Acts 1:1-11

A. We know we have a _____.

John 14:1-3

B. We know the _____ to our place.

John 14:1-6

John 1:1-4, 14; 3:13-18; 12:44-50; Acts 2:36-38; 4:5-12

Rom. 1:16-17; 3:21-26; 5:6-8; 1 Cor. 1:18-25; 15:1-7; 2 Cor. 5:21

C. We know we will be in that place with Jesus _____.

1 Thess. 4:13-17

Psalm 23; Matt. 28:18-20; John 5:24-29; 2 Cor. 5:1-10;

2 Peter 3:3-14; Rev. 21-22

Conclusion: For those who know Jesus the Way, His promised return is just _____ good news.

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship	Revelation 21:1-4	Donnie Carnathan
Song #882	No Tears in Heaven	Gary Ables
Song #716	Sing to Me of Heaven	
Song #898	Paradise Valley	Davy Carter
Prayer		Kelly Monahan
Song	Above All	
Communion		Pete Leung
Song #884	Earth Hold No Treasures	
Contribution		
Song #853	When We All Get to Heaven	Odie Kennedy
Scripture Reading	Revelation 22:3-5	
Song	There's a Stirring	
Message:	"Jesus' Return: More Good News"	Bill Allen
Song #881	Mansion Over the Hilltop	
Elder's Prayer		Gaylan Seagler
Song #869	We're Marching to Zion	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship		Donnie Carnathan
Song #524	I Know Whom I Have Believed	Davy Carter
Song #353	One Day	
Song #766	Open Our Eyes, Lord	
Prayer		David Cannefax
Scripture Reading	Mark 13:35-37	Don Durham
Song #916	What a Day That Will Be	
Song #712	Jesus is Coming Soon	
Message:	"Key Words for the Return of Jesus"	Bill Allen
Song	There's a Great Day Coming	
Song #851	I'll Fly Away	
Dismiss		Jim Boyd

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As we get into May the calendar typically has a lot on it, and that is certainly the case this year.

I hope that you will join your church family in the Family Life Center this **Wednesday night May 3rd**. We will come together and celebrate the great accomplishments of our young people as we look back on their work during the recent **Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)**. Wednesday we will hear of the participation in the many events, and we will also be able to see a few of the groups actually do their performance one last time. I know you will be uplifted and encouraged about the great work God is doing right now and the blessing of assurance these young people give us for the years ahead.

West Erwin will honor and celebrate our **high school seniors on Sunday night May 7th**. This is a great group of outstanding young people, and I know you will be praying for them and their new adventures as well as their families in the exciting and stressful times they have in the months ahead.

Our annual **24 Hours of Prayer** is coming up in May as well. It will go from **Friday, May 12th at 8 AM to Saturday, May 13th at 8 AM**. There will be a sign-up sheet available Sunday if you want to take one of the time slots, and during the morning assembly we will hand out prayer request cards. What a blessing to go to our Father in prayer for one another and for His church!!

As our Bible classes finish this month of studies from the book of Matthew we look at the promise of Jesus' return this Sunday. Sunday our morning and evening assemblies will also focus on aspects of the second coming of Christ and the blessing that moment will be for all who have been watchful. I'm already looking forward to our wonderful song services as we sing some songs of that great day and our heavenly home!

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. (1 Thess. 4:16-17)

We are looking forward to the LTC awards presentation and seeing some of the groups perform this Wednesday night in the FLC. Thank you again to all of our volunteers that helped make this happen.

Memory Verse for Elementary: Reviewing previous verses

VBS general meeting: May 7th in the small auditorium at 4:30pm. Please attend to learn more about VBS and what needs we still have to make it a success!

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We congratulate Adam Montgomery on his graduation from University of Texas at Tyler on May 6, 2017
Summa cum Laude
Business Management and Finance

Adam is a member of West Erwin and is the grandson of James and Sue Hughes.

*On May 7th we will recognize our
West Erwin 2017 Seniors:*
Tabitha Conder Sydney Hammond
Anne Kimball Mason Starkey
Ruger Stocking Rebecca Weathers
Jaycie Wilson

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in the Family Life Center.
We will see LTC presentations from some of
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Join us for a great evening!



WHAT LOVING GOD LOOKS LIKE!

I had the privilege of officiating the wedding of my great-nephew this past weekend in Boerne, Texas. One of the things that I stressed to the couple was that if you say that you love someone, your actions should back that vow up. In other words, don't just "talk the talk, you walk the walk". It is the same way when we say to the world that we love God. Our actions should reflect that! Here are some scriptures that tell us what a loving God looks like. When we love God, **our relationship with Him produces joy in our life.** *But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you (Psa.5:11).* When we love God, **we love the saints that God puts in our lives.** *If anyone says, "I love God", and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God who he has not seen, (1 Jo. 4:20).* When we love God, **we become a person that hates sin.** *O you, who love the Lord, hate evil. He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked (Psa.97:10).* When we love God, **we become charitable.** *But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him (1 Jo.3:17).* When we love God and obey the gospel, we change! Can your friends look at your life and see that you love God?



Bible Class
Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter we are studying from Joshua & Matthew. The title of our study is "Conquering Faith & King of Kings" The lesson this week... "Return of the King" from Matt. 24:1-44. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Matt. 24:42-44 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.."

LTC Presentation
Mark your calendar for Wednesday night, May 3 for our LTC Presentation. We are trying a different format this year. All of our classes will meet in the FLC. Some of our dramas, puppet teams & choruses will share their presentations. This will be a really great evening! Join us!

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

The Family Table
Wed., May 3rd
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Bar-B-Q
\$6 - adults
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Sermon Notes

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- Toilet Paper
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April 30

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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship – 1 John 5:1-4	Danny Snell
Song #469 Faith is the Victory	Gary Ables
Song #540 O For a Faith That Will Not Shrink	
Song #827 Sweet Hour of Prayer	
Prayer	Phil Marts
Song #586 My Faith Looks Up to Thee	
Communion & Contribution	Wayne Berryman
Song Had it Not Been the Lord	Kalon Ainsworth
Scripture Reading Hebrews 12:1-3	Bruce Bevers
Song #560 Living by Faith	
Message: "Pinnacles of Faith"	Donnie Carnathan
Song #679 Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus	David Hammond
Elder's Prayer	
Song #538 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	
5:00 P.M. Assembly	
Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song #587 Sing and Be Happy	Kalon Ainsworth
Song #71 As the Deer	
Song Great Are You, Lord	
Prayer	Ken Culpepper
Scripture Reading Matthew 7:24-27	Jonathan Stone
Song #484 You Are My All In All	
Song #18 Faithful Love	
Message: "The Rains WILL Come"	Eric Thornton
Song #683 I Am Mine No More	
Song #76 How Great Thou Art	
Dismiss	Dannie Skipper

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- Wynne Weathers
- Bill White
- David Wicks
- Fred Wingate
- Tony Wingate
- Chris Ables
- Cody Ables

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- Chase Browning
- Liam Harbuck
- Logan Metcalf
- Luke Metcalf

SOUND

- Clifton Lindsey & Shaun Stamps

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery:

- Shirley Denman & Cate Kimball

Toddler:

- Elizabeth Granberry & Evan Kingsbury

Prayer & Care

Our love and sympathy is extended to the family of Tommy Konczak. Tommy passed away Tuesday. He was a former member of West Erwin. Services were Friday.

Wanda Cook fell Tuesday and has a small fracture to her pelvis. She is in ETMC.

Roy Fraley will have a pacemaker put in this Monday.

Sylvia Tharpe had a heart procedure last Monday. She developed atrial fib and a heart flutter. Tuesday afternoon Sylvia received a pacemaker. She is now resting comfortably.

Larry Moore remains in ETMC #6821 undergoing tests.

Bitsy Berryman is in Providence Park – Room 505.

Wilda Brock is home now.

West Erwin Family: Larry Moore | Stan Mallory | Bud & Charlotte Cawyer | Pat Lewis | Joann Davis | Tommy Parrish | Jim Gipson | Marlene Latham | Ira & Esther Wilson | Liz Albritton (member at W.E. & sister of Tommy Parrish)

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You are invited to a reception in the Family Life Center to honor our high school seniors immediately following our evening service.

Occasionally events happen in life that give you pause and call you to evaluate some things. They serve as great reminders of what's really important and what our priorities should ultimately be as we live each day in this temporary home of ours. Our family and close friends from the twenty years we lived in Arlington are experiencing one of those times right now. One of our dear friends, a great servant and elder of the church there, was in a car accident this past Monday. He has nerve damage due to a head injury and broken ribs. We raised our kids together, served the church side by side, and grew in our walk with Jesus together. As I write this Wednesday morning he is unresponsive and on a ventilator "for precautionary purposes." Our prayer is that this will take some of the load off his body and give him a chance to heal. Please join me in praying for Terry and Sherry Osburn and their family and friends.

Sometimes things happen that call for similar reflection and gratitude, but from a different perspective. This past week I turned sixty and received a lot of birthday wishes. They came from people that we have been associated with in every part and time of our lives. Truly, truly, God is good, and He has certainly blessed me far more than I deserve.

Our annual 24 Hours of Prayer is almost here. It will go from Friday, May 12th at 8 AM to Saturday, May 13th at 8 AM. There is a sign-up sheet at a special table in the foyer. Please commit to one of the time slots if at all possible, and fill out one of the prayer request cards in the pews.

And plan on being a part of a special night as West Erwin honors our high school seniors and celebrates with their families this Sunday night May 7th. Continue to keep them all in your prayers over these next several months.

We will not be with you this Sunday, and are saddened we will miss this time of celebration and honor. The Lord has given Joyce and me one of the greatest blessings this life has to offer—a life-partner to love, with whom to share this journey. Sunday is our 40th anniversary. Joyce and I have known each other since we met in Ms. Loftin's 7th grade homeroom English class in the fall of 1969. We started dating our senior year in October 1974 and have been beside each other through thick and thin ever since. She truly is the greatest blessing God has given me in this life.

Along the way God has given us wonderful blessings, amazing friends, and great church families. He continues to do that each day with all of you. From the bottom of our hearts we thank you for the blessing you are to us, and are excited about the years ahead as we serve our gracious God side by side with each of you.



THE POWER OF FAITH!

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (Heb.11:1). If I had to pick one aspect of Christianity that is the most important; it would be faith. It is the beginning of our walk with the Lord. The dictionary defines faith as a trust, belief, or confidence in something or someone without logical proof. In relation to God, it defines faith as belief in and devotion to God. The definition sounds so simple, but putting it in action can be so difficult sometimes. Paul said, *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God (Eph.2:8)*. It is not something we have earned or deserve, but along with grace and mercy is freely given to us by God. What an amazing gift from God; but why do we struggle so much when we are called to live by faith? Jesus told these words to the sinful woman, *Your faith has saved you; go in peace (Luke 7:50)*. Does this mean that those of us who are struggling with peace in our lives are also struggling with our faith? James said; *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness (James 1:2-3)*. If we "pass" these times of testing, that gives us a source of joy and also serves as an example to those that don't know the Lord. Faith, grace, mercy, peace, and joy sound like a good recipe for life. How about you? Is your faith helping you to trust the unseen?



Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter we are studying from Joshua & Matthew. The title of our study is "Conquering Faith & King of Kings" The lesson this week... "Embracing Purity" from 1 Cor. 6 and Romans 12. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Romans 12:1-2 "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. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Just a few more weeks left of school. Please pray for our children, their parents, and all teachers and staff at schools as we end out this school year. Make sure to keep posted on events happening here at WE for children this summer.

VBS general meeting: May 7th in the small auditorium at 4:30pm. Please attend to learn more about VBS and what needs we still have to make it a success! You can now register online at www.westerwin.com.

VBS: June 11-14 – plan to help and invite your friends!

Camp Deer Run Day Camp: We are taking a group to Day Camp at CDR during Session 1 – June 5-8. Register online at www.campdeerrun.com and let me know that your child/children need transportation. We still need a couple of drivers to help get us there and pick us up – let me know if you can help. It will be a fun week!

Want to know what is happening in our children's ministry? Join our private group on Facebook for updates, pictures, and videos.

Marla

DEACON MEETING
SUNDAY, MAY 7TH 3:45 p.m.
Room #403 of the Office Complex

Will Weathers, son of Wynne & Kristi Weathers and grandson of Wanda Weathers, will graduate from Abilene Christian University with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology on May 13, 2017.



Ladies!
You are invited to a baby shower honoring Elizabeth Sillavan on Sunday, May 21st, 3:30 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center Parlor. Selections are at Babies R Us and Target. It's a boy!

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Thanks
Saying goodbye is never easy but it is such a comfort to have a church family to stand by you and tend to your every need. We love you and thank you for all your acts of kindness at the passing of our beloved Louis. The mountains of food, the beautiful flowers, the sweet visits, and cards are deeply appreciated.
The Jones Family

Wed., May 7th
5:30 p.m. in the FLC

The Family Table
BRUNO'S
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"The Patience of a Mom—and the Rest of Us"

Introduction: One of the most critical traits of a mom is _____. To be patient means to be able to faithfully _____ difficulties and challenges; to _____ for a long period of time without complaining or becoming upset. Being a _____ adult in any role in society requires patience.

Proverbs 14:29; 15:18

1. Be patient—with _____.

James 5:7-11; 1 Cor. 13:4-8

2. Be patient—with _____.

2 Sam. 11; Psalms 32; 51; Luke 22:31-34; 1 Tim. 1:12-17

3. Be patient—with _____.

James 1:2-6

Conclusion: Being patient is an act of _____ and _____.

Proverbs 19:11; 1 Cor. 13:4-5; Col. 3:12-14

Vacation Bible School June 11-14

"Loving God Inside Out"

Opening Session Sunday 9 - 11 a.m.

Sunday - Wednesday 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Free Kid-Friendly Meals provided Mon-Wed 5 p.m.-6 p.m. @ FLC

Register online:
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Prayer & Care

Esther Wilson was admitted to Mother Frances last week with fluid on her lungs. She is home now.

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Janice Hardaway fell last week. She is home.

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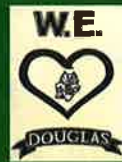
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Order of Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship - Psalm 32:1-7, 10-11
 Song #509 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
 Song #681 More Holiness Give Me
 Prayer
 Song #376 He Paid a Debt
 Communion & Contribution
 Kid's Time
 Song #666 I Am Thine, O Lord
 Scripture Reading James 5:7-8
 Song #290 Shine, Jesus, Shine
 Message: "The Patience of a Mom - and the Rest of Us"
 Song #470 Victory in Jesus
 Elder's Prayer
 Song #470 Victory in Jesus (v.3)

Danny Snell
Gary Ables

Eric Moseley

Jay Culpepper
Bill Allen

Matt Haws

Bill Allen

Wade Weathers

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship
 Song #103 He Has Made Me Glad
 Song How Great is Our God
 Song #478 Nearer, Still Nearer
 Prayer
 Scripture Reading James 5:10-11
 Song #410 He Leadeth Me
 Song #147 I Stand Amazed
 Message "The Patience of Job - Really?"
 Song #417 Where He Leads I'll Follow
 Song #611 Heavenly Sunlight
 Dismiss

Donnie Carnathan
Michael Hurley

Davy Carter
Dennis Kingsbury

Bill Allen

Jonathan Stone

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Laurie Hartwig & Bailey Hammond



Happy Mother's Day!!

What a blessing it is to say thank you to all the ladies of our congregation! Whether you are a young girl, one of our many single women, a wife, mom, grandmother—we want to tell you just how much you are needed and appreciated! **Our church family is better because of you**, and we appreciate all you do for your family and others that are a part of West Erwin, as well as the good things you do for others in our community.

We had a wonderful crew that was up VERY early to help prepare and serve breakfast for the **Mayor's Prayer Breakfast** May 4th. Thanks to all who helped in one way or another. What a great statement to our community! Maybe you're just not interested in getting up so early or cannot help prepare and serve because of your health or your schedule for that day. But wouldn't it be great if we not only had several there to help, but had a whole bunch more of our West Erwin family show up to eat and pray and be a presence in the room during the prayer and devotional time itself! We talk about being concerned for the spiritual condition of our nation. Here is a very practical way we can demonstrate that concern to others in our community. **Plan on being a part of this great event next year.** And remind next April to remind us all of what a great opportunity this is!!

We have also had several of our members and others in Van Zandt County over the last week or so working in **disaster relief** to help those who were affected by the recent tornadoes and storms. Thanks especially to Danny Snell for coordinating this effort, and for the heart of compassion that is seen throughout this church family.

As we worship our Lord this Sunday we will focus on another characteristic of a servant: **patience**. Being impatient is actually a very selfish act. You might say, "But I'm just an impatient person." Perhaps. But are you growing and maturing and becoming more patient? The truth is we are all tempted more in some ways than others, and it likely has a lot to do with our experiences, our current life-situations, and yes, even our personality types. However that doesn't give us a free pass to not grow in these areas of our lives.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." (Col. 3:12)



OUR PRIVILEGES WITH CHRIST

I have always wanted to be able to play golf on some of those beautiful golf courses I have seen on TV. I will never get that "privilege" because most of those clubs are private and exclusive to their membership. While I may not be able to afford that, I do feel that I am a "privileged" person though. I feel that way because of my relationship with Christ. Consider Paul's words in Romans 8, *So then, brothers, we are debtors (to Christ), not to the flesh, to life according to the flesh (8:12)*. With Christ, we have a **new position** in life. We are no longer in debt to the flesh, or no longer a slave to our sin. With Christ, we have a **new power** in life. *For is you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live (8:13)*. His Spirit gives us the power to walk away from the things that tempt us in life. With Christ, we have a **new relation** in life. *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God (8:14)*. God is our Father, and with that comes all the blessings that the Father gives us in life. With Christ, we have a **new inheritance** in life. *And if children, then heirs - heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him (8:17)*. I have seen families split when trying to divide an inheritance. That will not be the case with God. Each child of God will claim his own.



Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. This quarter we are studying from Joshua & Matthew. The title of our study is "Conquering Faith & King of Kings" The lesson this week... "On Guard" from Phil 4, 2 Cor. 10 & 1 Cor. 16. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Phil 4:8 "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

Happy Mother's Day!
When You Thought I Wasn't Looking

- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator and I immediately wanted to paint another.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal & take it to a friend who was sick and I learned what it means to serve one another in brotherly love.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you pray over me and kiss me goodnight and I felt loved & safe.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities even when you didn't feel good and I learned what it means to glorify God in all things.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time & money to the church and people in need and I learned that God loves a cheerful giver.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come to your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you praying and reading God's Word and I learned to depend on & trust in Him, too.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you & wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw...when you thought I wasn't looking."

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Congratulations to Katherine Weathers, daughter of Wade and Diane Weathers and granddaughter of Wanda Weathers. Katherine graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management from Texas A&M University on May 11.

A Keen Day!

Join us on May 21st as our new youth minister, David Keen and his wife Kiera and their children Tyler, Tucker and Emerson come to Tyler to spend the weekend with us. David will teach the youth group and their parents for Bible Class and after worship we will have an **ALL CHURCH DINNER** in the Family Life Center. David will then lead us in singing during a short devotional and we will be dismissed for the day. We're excited to welcome this family into our hearts!

BABY BOY!

Ladies!
We are honoring Elizabeth Sillavan with a table shower on Sunday, May 21st & 28th.
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Place your gift on the table in the foyer.

The Family Table

Wed., May 17th
5:30 p.m. in the FLC

MEXICAN FOOD

\$6 - adults
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"Can Sadness and Joy Coexist?"

Introduction: One of the underlying messages of the movie "Inside Out" is that Joy and Sadness are not mutually _____.

A. Sadness and " _____ " cannot coexist.

Riley runs _____.

Ezra 3:12-13; Job

B. Sadness can _____ joy.

Riley remembers _____.

2 Cor. 7:5-11; Nehemiah 8-10; James 4:4-10

C. Sadness is overcome by joy _____.

"Rejoice in the Lord _____."

Phil. 4:6-13; 2 Cor. 8:1-5; James 1:2-12

Conclusion: _____ is our example of joy overcoming sadness.

Heb. 12:1-3; Rom. 1:14-17; 1 Cor. 1:18-25; 2 Cor. 1:3-11; 11:16-12:10

Prayer and Care

Our love and sympathy is extended to Gene Chandler in the death of his brother, William Chandler. Services were Saturday in Palestine.

Jessica and Adam Cathey welcomed a new baby girl on Thursday, Macie Emersyn Cathey. Proud grandparents are Michelle & Theron Kuechle. Great grandmother is Nina Crow.

Sylvia Tharpe is in Mother Frances.

Wendell Potter is home now.

Jon Murry had bypass surgery last week at ETMC. He was expecting to be moved to rehab last Friday.

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Wanda Cook is in Providence Park.

Bitsy Berryman is in Providence Park – Room 505

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Shampoo
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Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship 1 Corinthians 1:18-25		Ken Culpepper
Song #509	I Will Sing the Wondrous Story	Kalon Ainsworth
Song	Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone	
Song #113	His Grace Reaches Me	Kelly Monahan
Prayer		Chad Chauncey
Song #314	Beneath the Cross of Jesus	
Communion & Contribution		Ralph Henderson
Kid's Time		Bill Allen
Song #202	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee	
Scripture Reading	Nehemiah 8:10	Don Durham
Song #559	The Joy of the Lord	
Message:	"Can Sadness and Joy Coexist?"	Bill Allen
Song #945	Kneel at the Cross	
Song #480	Blessed Assurance	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Announcements/Prayer		Donnie Carnathan
Song #43	All Things Praise Thee	Davy Carter
Song	Salvation Belongs to Our God	
Song #797	Lord, We Come Before Thee Now	Don Durham
Prayer		Robert Lee
Scripture Reading	James 4:8-10	Lee Kellenberger
Songs #100 & #101	Holy Ground	David Hammond
Message	"The Proper Roles of Disgust and Fear"	Bill Allen
Song #791	On Bended Knee	
Song #844	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah	
Dismiss		Charles Melville

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"Life is difficult."

So begins the book *The Road Less Traveled*, by M. Scott Peck. Yes, it's more than just an interesting saying; more than just a great (one of many I might add) George Strait song.

It states the reality that most if not all mature adults acknowledge in our better moments to be the truth. But it is one that, for some reason, surprises us when we have to face this truth in our own lives.

Going back to the beginning, we are reminded that since the fall of humanity in the garden things in this life have been difficult. While we adults today carry on the rich tradition of describing/embellishing how difficult things were for us in years past—"I used to walk ten miles to school every day, in the snow, barefoot, uphill, both ways!"—we sometimes forget that the truth is life has always been difficult at times, and continues to be so.

Scott Peck goes on to say that once we accept this truth, "the fact that life is difficult no longer matters." While I think he may be overstating a bit for emphasis, his point is this: when we acknowledge that this life does get complicated and has its difficulties, we can begin to focus on what we can do to help our situation and to help others face their struggles and improve their situations.

In *The Road Less Traveled*, the acknowledgement that "life is difficult" leads healthy individuals to take responsibility and be disciplined as we avoid the temptation to moan about our problems and instead take positive action to solve them. And we teach our children to do the same as they face the difficulties of life. It may be that our culture needs this book more than ever.

Amazingly, Jesus didn't come to take away our difficulties. In fact, the case could be made that His coming made His existence *more* difficult, and when we follow His way—the way of self-denial and the cross—our lives also may become more not less difficult. (Matt. 10; John 16:33; 17:13-19; etc.)

It's almost as if He acted and taught specifically so that our lives could be spent obeying Him and serving others rather than ourselves. In this way we would come to realize that this world is truly not our home and that by focusing on serving Him and helping others we would gain everything this world **cannot** offer.

Huh.



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

HOW DO YOU COME INTO THE HOUSE OF GOD?

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. Be not rash with your mouth, not let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few (Eccl.5:1-2). Our worship should be a sweet aroma to our Father. Worship should come from the heart with gratitude, humility, and with love for the Father. What can help our attitude about our worship? From the above passage, we see three things to remember when we come to worship. First, **we need to come to listen and learn.** We come with Bible in hand, knowing that we are receiving the inspired words of God. They are words that have been handed down to us through His protection and His providence. We always learn when we listen to God. Secondly, **we do not need to be hasty with our speech and thoughts.** Our worship is a time to pause, reflect, and remember what God has done for us. It is not a time to rush in without thought just to be heard by others. It is not a time to be quick with our emotions but take our time to frame our thoughts toward God. We want to give Him the best of our words and our thoughts. Thirdly, **we need to remember that He is in heaven and we are on earth.** He is God, our creator, and our savior. His gifts to us are grace, mercy, and love. He is all-powerful, all-knowing, and He uses those attributes to bless us abundantly. He is worthy of our praise. Our worship is a time of adoration for God and also a time for us to encourage each other. How do you come into the house of God?



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Consider the following from Judges.1:18-19 "Whenever the Lord raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived; for the Lord relented because of their groaning under those who oppressed and afflicted them. But when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their ancestors, following other gods and serving and worshipping them. They refused to give up their evil practices and stubborn ways."
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Current 5th graders promoted to the youth group today. Congratulations to all of you! All other ages/grades will promote at the beginning of September.

Camp Deer Run Day Camp: We are taking a group to Day Camp at CDR during Session 1 - June 5-8. If you need information on what to expect or what to bring, look online at www.campdeerrun.com.

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We will be decorating for VBS the week of June 5-10. If you are interested in helping us decorate, please let me know.

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LAST WEEKEND OF JULY
MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS
WATCH FOR DETAILS!

Our streaming worship services were watched in 4 different countries across 17 state regions in 40 cities with an approximate total of 105 viewers!

Thank You
Dear West Erwin Family,
Words seem inadequate to express our appreciation to you for your presence during Larry's brief illness and death.
Thank you for the many prayers, visits, calls, cards, flowers and delicious food. The meal for the family after the service was enjoyed and appreciated by all. Please continue to pray for our family.
With love, Geri & Patrick Moore,
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"Choosing Joy Over Anger"

Introduction: Though there are times when it is appropriate to be angry, as Christians we must not allow anger to _____ our actions and our lives.

_____ chose joy over anger. (Heb. 12:1-3)

Prov. 14:17, 29; Matt. 5:21-24; Eph. 4:25-5:2; Col. 3:5-15; James 1:19-26

A. We can acknowledge the feelings of desertion and _____.

Mark 15:25-34; Psalm 22; etc.

B. We can take back the _____ over our lives.

Luke 23:32-38

Lev. 19:18; Matt. 5:38-48; 6:12-15; 18:21-35; 22:34-40; Rom. 12:9-21

C. We can commit _____ to the Father.

Luke 23:44-46; 1 Peter 2:23

Conclusion: Which will you choose to run your life: _____ or _____?

Ultimately, the choice is _____. No one else's. (Heb. 12:1-3)

Prayer and Care

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sean and Elizabeth Sillavan on the birth of their son, Colton Roe Sillavan. He was born Monday morning and weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and is 18 inches long. Mom & baby are doing fine.

Updates

Winnie Bell is in ETMC for tests.

Sylvia Tharpe is in HealthSouth.

Jon Murry is in rehab at Reunion Plaza.

Ruby Cliver * Wanda Cook * Bitsy Berryman are all in Providence Park. Former member, **Daniel DuPree** had aortic valve replacement surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas on Wednesday.

Patsy England, Diane Denman's mother, will stay at Hospice of East Texas. She has had Parkinson's for almost 20 years and she is at her end stage.

Wilda Brock, mother of Kris Keele, is home now.

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Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship <i>Colossians 3:12-16</i>	Gaylan Seagler
Song #242 Sing Hallelujah to the Lord	Gary Ables
Song #474 Thank You, Lord	James Sublette
Prayer	Michael Hurley
Song #448 The Greatest Commands	Will Christian
Song #332 Lead Me to Calvary	Bill Allen
Communion & Contribution	
Song #722 Let The Beauty of Jesus Be Seen	
Scripture Reading <i>Ephesians 4:31-32</i>	
Song #719 Love One Another	
Message: "Choosing Joy Over Anger"	
Song #324 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?	
Song #738 Take the Name of Jesus with You	

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Announcements/Prayer	Donnie Carnathan
Song #1014 Jesus Loves Me	Kalon Ainsworth
Scripture Reading <i>Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25</i>	Bill Allen
Song #659 I Love to Tell the Story	Jay Bynum
Prayer	Bill Allen
Scripture Reading <i>Matthew 19:13-15, 20:25-28</i>	
Song #694 Servant Song	Gaylan Seagler
Prayer	Bill Allen
Scripture Reading <i>Luke 9:21-24</i>	
Song #416 Footsteps of Jesus	
Song #843 God, Give Us Christian Homes	
Dismiss	David Wicks

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Shannon Snell & Sydney Hammond

I hope you have planned on being a part of our Vacation Bible School (VBS). The theme is taken from the children's movie "Inside Out." We spoke of a few characters from the movie last Sunday—Joy; Sadness; Disgust; and Fear. Today we will cover the last one: **Anger**. And the message will be a call to choose joy over anger. Yes, you get to choose. And one of the specific ways we choose joy over anger is by **choosing to forgive**. Yes, that too is a choice that we get to make.

So a few things about **forgiveness**.

- Forgiveness is only possible *when you've been wronged*. "But they betrayed me / hurt me / treated me unjustly, that's why I can't forgive." No. That's when you *must* forgive. Because...
- Forgiveness is called for by Jesus when you've been wronged.
- Our forgiving someone does not necessarily mean they do not face consequences for their actions and sins.
- Our forgiving someone does not mean that *God* forgives them.
- Our forgiving someone is the turning over of that person and the call of justice to the only One who can make that call: "Him who judges justly." (1 Peter 2:23)
- Forgiveness is not easy, and not automatic.
- Sometimes forgiveness takes time; some wrongs take a lifetime to forgive.
- It is vital that we are seeking to forgive; working on forgiving those who have wronged us.
- Withholding forgiveness is the *opposite* of "loving your neighbor as yourself" according to the Law of Moses (Lev. 19:18). In other words, we are breaking what Jesus called "the second greatest commandment" when we refuse to forgive and hold a grudge.
- Our forgiving someone has absolutely *nothing* directly to do with *their* salvation. That is based on God's forgiveness of them, not ours.
- Our forgiving someone has *everything* to do with *our* salvation. (Matt. 6:12-15; 18:21-35; James 2:12-13)
- Our forgiving someone is not based on their actions or even their repentance, but based on how *God* has forgiven *us*. (Eph. 4:31-5:2; Col. 3:12-14)
- Refusing to forgive simply enables the one who has wronged us to continue to have power over our joy.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.

Forgive as the Lord forgave you. (Col. 3:13)



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

BAD THINKING ON A ROOF!

In 2nd Samuel, we can read the sad story of David and Bathsheba. It is a story of lust, betrayal, and murder. It ends with two innocent lives lost and one of those lives was a child. What lessons can we learn from this story? First, **we need to be where we need to be!** David needed to be taking care of his duties as king (11:1) instead of taking his stroll on the roof. We need to be careful of where our lives take us; both physically and spiritually. If we are spending time "in the world", we need to be spiritually strong because the world will win that battle. Secondly, **we need to be doing what we need to be doing!** We need to be people that are constantly doing things that build our faith and not tear it down. When we ignore our prayer life, we lose our contact with God. When we ignore our service to others, we lose our compassion for those in need. When we ignore our worship, we lose our connection to our spiritual family. Thirdly, **we need to be responsible for the sin in our lives and take the right steps to fix it!** David survived this disaster in his life by confessing his sin to God and accepting the punishment for that sin. He did not blame others for his problem. Did it hurt? Yes. Did others suffer because of David's sin? Yes, but David took responsibility and fixed his relationship with God. We overcome our sins by doing the same thing. Are you where you need to be in your life today?



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"Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, now that Ehud was dead. So the Lord sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the Lord for help."

Summer Speaker Series 2017

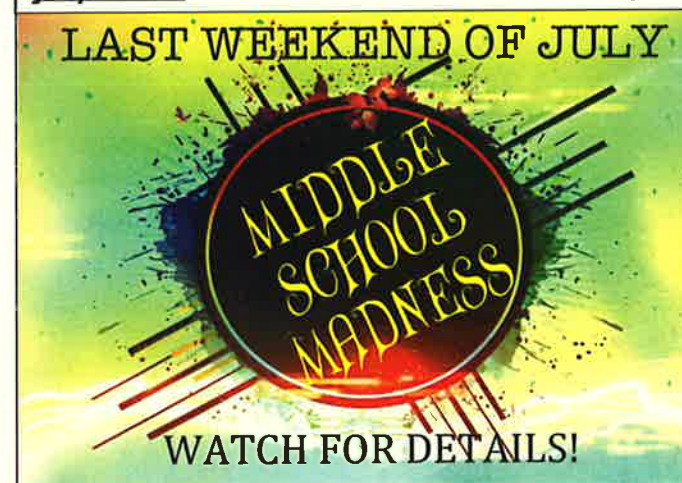
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6. We will serve kid-friendly meals FREE of charge for those who are registered or who are volunteering on Monday – Wednesday evenings. Meals will be served in the Family Life Center from 5 – 6 pm.
7. Again (because it is so important) please invite all young families/children that you are in contact with. We have the availability to post online, hand out flyers, or just tell them to come check it out.

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June 11-14 West Erwin VBS
June 25 Devo
July 6-15 Nebraska Mission Trip



Thank You

Thank you so much for your calls, prayers, visits, and food from the Tuesday Lunch Bunch since I have been homebound for the past few years. I am now living at Park Place and I would really enjoy visits from my church family that I love so much. Mozelle Brown

Dear West Erwin Family, Thank you so much for the new Bible. Your support and encouragement throughout my life has been such a great blessing to me. I will miss everyone so much while I'm in college, but I will visit as often as I can. Love, Rebecca Weathers

My dear church family, I appreciate so much your gift of the new Bible for graduation. I thank you for loving me, teaching me and inspiring me up to this very exciting time in my life. Love, Sydney Hammond

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“Engaging and Transforming the World”

Introduction: “In _____ armor we’ll enter the land...”

Our question today is, “Where is the _____?” (2 Chron. 20:15; Eph. 6:10-20)

1. In one sense, the battlefield for us is the spirit world in “the _____ realms.”

Eph. 2:1-3, 4-9; 3:1-13

2. In a different sense, the battlefield for us is the _____ we live in every day.

a. We are _____ and called out of the world.

Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; 1 John 2:15-17
Heb. 11:13-16; Phil. 3:17-21; 1 Peter 2:9-11

b. We are _____ and engage the world.

Matt. 5:13-16; 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Rom. 1:14-17; 10:13-17; 2 Cor. 5:11-21
John 17:14-19; Eph. 2:10; 1 Peter 2:12; 3:15-16; 4:1-5

Conclusion: With Christ as victor we seek to engage and _____ the world. “The battle belongs to _____.”

Youth

Nebraska Mission Trip teachers:

If you need to work with your groups on your lessons, the Resource Room will be open this Sunday @ 4:00.

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June 18, 2017

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And here are a couple of misunderstandings that we typically struggle with and that cause us great difficulty:

- My forgiving someone causes them to be free of consequences. It does not. Punishment may or may not be given, relationships may or may not remain intact, even though forgiveness has been given.
- My forgiving someone means they are saved eternally. It does not. That is up to God. My forgiving someone does not mean that God forgives them. It simply means I have turned that matter over to “the One who judges justly.”

I hope you will take the time to watch this sermon at the archive link on our web site/streaming site. Or request a CD if you'd rather have the audio version. And feel free to chat with me. Again, this is one of the hardest things we can do. Everything in our natural being calls for vindication and justice, rather than mercy and forgiveness. And yet we are reminded of these words, written by the half-brother of our Lord.

Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.
(James 2:12-13)



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

GOOD ADVICE FROM ISAIAH

It is frustrating to give sound, biblical, advice and watch those who are given it totally ignore it! I imagine the frustration of the Old Testament prophets as they worked so hard to reach God's children, only to be ignored so many times. Here is some “good advice” that Isaiah passed on to those he loved. **Why do you spend your money...and your labor for that which does not satisfy (Isa.55:2)?** When you move, you realize just how much stuff you accumulated that you don't need! Too many of us go for the “quantity” in life instead of the “quality”. Isaiah said that we should make sure that the things we chase in life have the ability to truly satisfy. **Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live (Isa.55:3).** Maybe it is my age, but it is getting harder and harder to truly hear what God is trying to get across to me. God speaks to us with every message, every lesson, and every time we open His word. We need to be grateful for each of these opportunities and not waste them. **Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near (Isa.55:6).** God is always available to us, in our darkest moments, and in our times of joy. He will be found by those who are seeking Him. The only obstacle we face in our search is the time element. We are promised nothing in that regard, but we can take confidence in the fact that God is always working to bring us home.



Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

VBS... Most people know what that means... a few don't. But most kids know it is an exciting time each year when some great teachers and volunteers come together & go all out to show them the awesomeness of God! This week was all about being turned inside out... how our emotions work in our lives and how God wants us to use them. What a fun week it has been to be at VBS and see our kids really get into it! Way to go Marla Cannefax & all the volunteers for putting together a great VBS!

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VBS was an amazing experience! We grew more each night and had so much fun learning about our emotions and how to handle them. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen. We had volunteers decorate, act, cook, teach, lead kids, clean up, etc. Our church has amazing volunteers, families, children, and leadership to be able to make something like this happen. I want to thank our elders, deacons, ministers, and volunteers for supporting this event. Can't wait to see what we can do next year!

We have a ton of pictures and videos posted on our Facebook page if you want to see more of what happened, send me a request to join.

Our children in elementary will promote to their new classes in August.

Next Kids' Night out will be the first Saturday in August. We will celebrate the ending of summer before heading back to school ☺

Marla
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June 25
July 6-15

Devo
Nebraska Mission Trip

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Karing Kitchen
This Monday

5 - 7 p.m. in the Benevolent Center

Thank You

Thank you to all who came to our 50th wedding anniversary, for all the sweet wishes and thoughtful words. Thank you for all the beautiful cards and precious notes! You are our family and we love each and every one of you!

Blessings and love to all, Odie & Dolores Kennedy

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant you sent to my dad's funeral service. Gene and our whole family appreciate your kindness.

God bless you! Lorelee Reeder for the Chandlers

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Chris White - Frankston

SMALL GROUPS MEET TONIGHT AFTER P.M. SERVICES!

"Holding It Together"

Introduction: Our spiritual battle calls for spiritual _____.

Ephesians 6:10-20

1. Grace and truth _____ came through Jesus.
John 1:14-18; 2 Peter 3:17; Eph. 4:7-16
2. Holding to Christ's _____ is essential if we are to be His disciples.
John 8:31-32; 12:47-48
3. We are _____ by the truth of God's Word.
John 17:13-19
4. We must bravely, faithfully answer the question,
"_____?"
John 18:36-38

Conclusion: _____ is the truth. _____ holds everything together.

John 14:6

YOUTH

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP TEACHERS NEED TO BE WORKING WITH YOUR GROUPS ON YOUR LESSONS. PLAN TO MEET THIS SUNDAY @ 4:00 TO WORK WITH YOUR GROUPS.

Prayer & Care

Our love and sympathy is extended to the family of Velma Lemons. Velma died Thursday morning. Services were pending as of Thursday afternoon.

Also to Diane Denman and Anna Nunn in the loss of Diane's mother and Anna's sister, Patsy England. Services were Tuesday in Lindale.

We are also saddened by the death of Mark Allen, husband of Lorri. Mark was killed in a car accident in El Paso on June 17th. A memorial service for family and friends will take place this week.

Updates

Kali Huff is in UT Southwestern Hospital in Dallas.

Gary Broome will have outpatient gall bladder surgery on Monday, June 26th.

Reunion Plaza: **Jon Murry**

Providence Park: **Winona Shankle * Ruby Cliver * Wanda Cook * Bitsy Berryman**

Shirley Denman's brother-in-law, **Tommy Boothe** from Carthage, is having tests to determine if he has cancer.

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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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David Hammond

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How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?

Kalon Ainsworth

Song #77

Glorify Thy Name

David Cannefax

Prayer

Song

Ancient Words

Song #379

If That Isn't Love (v.1)

Communion - Bread

Song #379

If That Isn't Love (v.2)

Communion - Cup

Song #766

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Contribution

Song #450

Give Me the Bible

Scripture Reading:

John 8:31-32

Song #452

Standing on the Promises (v. 1-3)

Sermon:

"Holding It Together"

Song #543

Wonderful Words of Life

Song #452

Standing on the Promises (v. 4)

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements

Donnie Carnathan

Song

Open The Eyes Of My Heart, Lord

Song #97

I Sing Praises

Song #309

In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified

Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Ezra 7:8-10

Song #443

The Precious Book Divine

Sermon:

"Ezra, Man of the Truth"

Song #948

I Am Resolved

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Trust and Obey

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HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Don't you love the new logo and bulletin format! We are indebted to Suzanne Braly for this great new logo that will be on everything from our bulletin to our stationary to our bus! Thanks also to our incredible staff who gave lots of input throughout this process, and to our shepherds for continuing to look to the great future our amazing God has planned for our West Erwin church family. The shirts with our church name and logo that you saw Sunday worn by several of our elders and ministers are available for everyone to purchase. I would encourage you to get one—and wear it with grateful love and pride!

As we look to the future we consider the present, to those of our congregation who are rejoicing and those who are mourning. Several of our church family who we've been missing have been able to be at some of our recent worship assemblies, including Bitsy Berryman, Ruby Cliver, Jim Gipson, and others. They continue to need our encouragement and prayers, as do the others you see on our prayer and care list.

And our hearts are saddened to mourn with those of our church family who are mourning the loss of loved ones. Though we do not mourn "as those who have no hope" (1 Thess. 4:13-18), we do suffer loss, and we do mourn. No loss hurts like the death of our loved ones. Please continue to remember Diane Denman, Anna Nunn and their family in the loss of Patsy England, Diane's mother and Anna's sister, after years of struggle with Parkinson's Disease. And we lost our brother Mark Allen, Lorri's husband, in a tragic car accident. Be prayerful for Lorri and for their family.

The difference in these circumstances highlight the fact that we simply do not know when our lives on this earth, or those of our loved ones, will be over. Two of the songs we sing in our worship assemblies acknowledge this, and also remind us that our hope and faith are in "the old rugged cross" and the One who died there to save us, and that until "He returns, or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand."

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross; till my trophies at last I'll lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross; and exchange it someday for a crown.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Till He returns, or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

KEEP IT SIMPLE!

I worked in a refinery for 31 years and had to work for some pretty blunt guys. When faced with problems that were hard to figure out, one foreman's motto was to KISS! This was not the affectionate gesture the title implies. Instead, he meant, Keep It Simple Stupid! It was his way of saying, when we make it simple, we can usually figure it out. It is the same with our spiritual lives. Many overthink God's word and as a result, have trouble in their walk. Here are seven simple lessons from David Peach (What Christians Want To Know) that are from scripture and can help us with our spiritual walk. 1) **Do right!** A major theme in the bible is to find out what God says and then obey Him. The Old Testament teaches us about the "letter of the law", but Jesus also taught about the "spirit of the law" (Matt.5:21-48). It matters how you obey. 2) **Submit to Authority!** Many people in scripture were jailed for their belief. We see that they all submitted to authority, yet chose to obey the law of God over man's law. Their common bond was the willingness to accept whatever punishment man gave them while still living for Heaven. 3) **Love others!** In order to love others, we do what is right and best for the other person in each situation even if it is not easy or convenient. Jesus said, *By this all people will know that you are my disciples* (Jo.13:35). Look for more lessons next week. Keep it simple!



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Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. Our study for this quarter... "His Mercy Extended, Living It Out in a World of Idols." The study will be taken from Judges & Thessalonians. Our lesson this week will be from Judges 16:1-31... **Destructive Patterns.** More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Judges 16:20 "*He awoke from his sleep and thought, 'I'll go out as before and shake myself free.' But he did not know that the Lord had left him.*"

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June 28 - Ben Brewster... Abraham-Joseph

Marla Cannefax
Children's Coordinator

In BLAST, our children are learning about God – The Covenant Keeper as we learn more about Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt. We are using the Gospel Project as our curriculum and you can find many of the videos on YouTube if you are interested in learning more about it.

We continue to learn the Books of the Bible and our children are doing a great job learning them!

Consider starting family traditions related to family time and spiritual growth. It can be as simple as reading scripture and praying together on a regular basis or as complex as family trips that help you grow closer together. Kids thrive on structure and routine, so the more this becomes part of your time together, the better it is for everyone. If you need ideas on how to do this, Focus on the Family is a great resource.

We are looking to grow teams of teachers for each grade level. If you are interested in being a classroom helper or teaching, let me know and we will get you plugged in. Our children and families are amazing and you will be greatly blessed by working in the children's ministry.

Marla

The Lindseys will host the devo on June 25th. They will take the youth group in the church van to their home for swimming and dinner. Parents, you may pick up your kids at the Lindseys or if it is more convenient, they will return to the church building by 10 p.m.

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John Cannon – Paris

“Engaging and Transforming the World”

Introduction: “In _____ armor we’ll enter the land...”

Our question today is, “Where is the _____?” (2 Chron. 20:15; Eph. 6:10-20)

1. In one sense, the battlefield for us is the spirit world in “the _____ realms.”

Eph. 2:1-3, 4-9; 3:1-13

2. In a different sense, the battlefield for us is the _____ we live in every day.

a. We are _____ and called out of the world.

Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; 1 John 2:15-17
Heb. 11:13-16; Phil. 3:17-21; 1 Peter 2:9-11

b. We are _____ and engage the world.

Matt. 5:13-16; 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Rom. 1:14-17; 10:13-17; 2 Cor. 5:11-21
John 17:14-19; Eph. 2:10; 1 Peter 2:12; 3:15-16; 4:1-5

Conclusion: With Christ as victor we seek to engage and _____ the world. “The battle belongs to _____.”

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Lev. 19:18; Prov. 29:26; Matt. 5:21-24, 38-48; 6:12-15; 18:21-35; 22:34-40; Luke 23:32-38, 44-46; Rom. 12:9-21; Eph. 4:25-5:2; Col. 3:5-17; 1 Peter 2:19-25; Heb. 12:1-3; James 1:19-26; 2:12-13

And here are a couple of misunderstandings that we typically struggle with and that cause us great difficulty:

- My forgiving someone causes them to be free of consequences. It does not. Punishment may or may not be given, relationships may or may not remain intact, even though forgiveness has been given.
- My forgiving someone means they are saved eternally. It does not. That is up to God. My forgiving someone does not mean that God forgives them. It simply means I have turned that matter over to “the One who judges justly.”

I hope you will take the time to watch this sermon at the archive link on our web site/streaming site. Or request a CD if you'd rather have the audio version. And feel free to chat with me. Again, this is one of the hardest things we can do. Everything in our natural being calls for vindication and justice, rather than mercy and forgiveness. And yet we are reminded of these words, written by the half-brother of our Lord.

Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment. (James 2:12-13)



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

GOOD ADVICE FROM ISAIAH

It is frustrating to give sound, biblical, advice and watch those who are given it totally ignore it! I imagine the frustration of the Old Testament prophets as they worked so hard to reach God's children, only to be ignored so many times. Here is some “good advice” that Isaiah passed on to those he loved. **Why do you spend your money...and your labor for that which does not satisfy (Isa.55:2)?** When you move, you realize just how much stuff you accumulated that you don't need! Too many of us go for the “quantity” in life instead of the “quality”. Isaiah said that we should make sure that the things we chase in life have the ability to truly satisfy. **Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live (Isa.55:3).** Maybe it is my age, but it is getting harder and harder to truly hear what God is trying to get across to me. God speaks to us with every message, every lesson, and every time we open His word. We need to be grateful for each of these opportunities and not waste them. **Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near (Isa.55:6).** God is always available to us, in our darkest moments, and in our times of joy. He will be found by those who are seeking Him. The only obstacle we face in our search is the time element. We are promised nothing in that regard, but we can take confidence in the fact that God is always working to bring us home.



Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

VBS... Most people know what that means... a few don't. But most kids know it is an exciting time each year when some great teachers and volunteers come together & go all out to show them the awesomeness of God! This week was all about being turned inside out... how our emotions work in our lives and how God wants us to use them. What a fun week it has been to be at VBS and see our kids really get into it! Way to go Marla Cannefax & all the volunteers for putting together a great VBS!

Bible Class

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Consider the following from Judges 7:22 *“When the three hundred trumpets sounded, the Lord caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords. The army fled to Beth Shittah toward Zererah as far as the border of Abel Meholah near Tabbath.”*

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Kid's Korner

Marla Cannefax
Children's Coordinator

VBS was an amazing experience! We grew more each night and had so much fun learning about our emotions and how to handle them. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen. We had volunteers decorate, act, cook, teach, lead kids, clean up, etc. Our church has amazing volunteers, families, children, and leadership to be able to make something like this happen. I want to thank our elders, deacons, ministers, and volunteers for supporting this event. Can't wait to see what we can do next year!

We have a ton of pictures and videos posted on our Facebook page if you want to see more of what happened, send me a request to join.

Our children in elementary will promote to their new classes in August.

Next Kids' Night out will be the first Saturday in August. We will celebrate the ending of summer before heading back to school ☺

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Wednesday Night Summer Series 2017
“Defining Moments for God's People”

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 Ben Brewster - Bossier City

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SMALL GROUPS MEET TONIGHT AFTER P.M. SERVICES!



June 25 Devo
July 6-15 Nebraska Mission Trip

LAST WEEKEND OF JULY

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

WATCH FOR DETAILS!

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

Thank You

Thank you to all who came to our 50th wedding anniversary, for all the sweet wishes and thoughtful words. Thank you for all the beautiful cards and precious notes! You are our family and we love each and every one of you!

Blessings and love to all, Odie & Dolores Kennedy

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant you sent to my dad's funeral service. Gene and our whole family appreciate your kindness.

God bless you! Lorelee Reeder for the Chandlers

"The Breastplate: The Righteousness of God"

Introduction: In the Christian armor, the breastplate is the righteousness of _____ (Eph. 6:14).

A. _____ righteousness is not enough.

Phil. 3:1-11; 1 Tim. 1:12-17

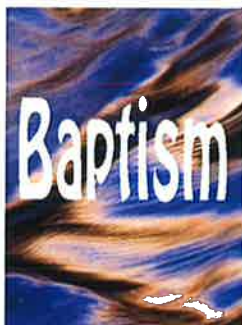
B. The righteousness _____ is enough.

Rom. 1:14-17; 3:21-25a; 5:6-11

Psalm 32; Rom. 4:1-8; John 3:14-17; 2 Cor. 5:21; Eph. 2:1-10; Titus 3:3-8

Conclusion: With the righteousness of God for a breastplate, we _____!

Phil. 3:12-14; Rom. 6:1-4ff; Eph. 2:10; Titus 3:8



We congratulate Colton Puryear on his recent baptism into Christ at Camp Deer Run on June 23rd.

Colton is the son of David & Marla Cannefax.

Please encourage Colton as a new member of God's family.

"East Texas Christian Academy continues enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year for Pre-K through 12th Grade. Please contact Robert Thornton at 903-561-8642 or rthornton@etca.org In addition, see <http://www.etca.org/> for more details and to schedule a tour!"

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to Stan Clark in the loss of his mother, Judy Clark Mauldin. She passed away Monday. Services were Friday.

Updates

Kali Huff is in UT Southwestern Hospital in Dallas.

Gary Broome had outpatient gall bladder surgery last Monday. It went well.

Reunion Plaza: **Jon Murry** He would appreciate cards and visits.

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July 2, 2017

Order of Worship

Volume 48 – No. 27

Welcome/Announcements

Danny Snell

Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship *Psalm 32:1-2*

Jay Bynum

Song #4

To God Be the Glory

Gary Ables

Song #381

Years I Spent in Vanity

Prayer

Wayne Berryman

Song

How Deep the Father's Love

Kalon Ainsworth

Song #176

Lamb of God

Communion & Contribution

Tom Hale

Kids' Time

Bill Allen

Scripture Reading:

Romans 1:16-17

Lee Kellenberger

Song #647

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Sermon:

"The Breastplate: The Righteousness of God"

Bill Allen

Song #924

Just As I Am

Song #535

The Glory-Land Way

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements

Donnie Carnathan

Song #230

Worthy Art Thou

Michael Hurley

Song

In Christ Alone

Prayer

Ernie Gordon

Scripture Reading:

1 John 2:1-2

Charles Melville

Song #234

Worthy is the Lamb

Song #353

One Day!

Sermon:

"Righteous by the Blood of the Lamb"

Bill Allen

Song #454

Rock of Ages

Song #353

One Day! (v. 5)

Dismiss

Bill Paschall

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- Philip Matthews
- Lee Mink
- Samuel Mink
- Cody Mitcham
- Kelly Monahan
- Adam Montgomery
- Eric Moseley

GREETERS

Info Center:
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Roy Fraley & Jean Rutherford

W. Erwin Doors:

Louise Seaberry

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- Aaron Browning
- Chase Browning
- Liam Harbuck
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- Luke Metcalf

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Nursery:

Joanna Stamps & Jaci Philpot

Toddler:

Sharon Beaver & Abby Lindsey

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

We have many of our members and families who are involved in mission trips this summer. We have sent a group to New Orleans to work with inner city kids and families, and next month we will have a large group return to Nebraska to minister with the church and community there. Please keep these efforts in your prayers, that God may use our church family to bring help and encouragement to those in need. Through these and all our endeavors may He shine His light and bring His Word to the many souls who need to see and hear of His love from us.

As we approach the 4th of July we praise our God for the blessing of this great nation. Independence Day is the perfect time to be reminded to pray for our leaders and for our nation and our world. The apostle Paul tells Christians to do exactly that, but also reminds us of why this is so important.

"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." (1 Tim. 2:1-6)

You see we pray for peace around the world so that the gospel may be spread. Like our Father we want all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth of salvation through Jesus Christ. And so while we are grateful for the freedom we have as Americans, we are especially thankful for the freedom that we have from sin.

As we think Sunday of "the breastplate of righteousness" we will acknowledge that our freedom from sin does not come from our own righteousness and obedience. Rather **"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)** Sunday evening we will sing the great old hymn that reminds us that the "Rock of Ages" who died for us on the cross is the only one who can give us freedom from sin. We look to the blood of Christ to "be of sin the double cure"—to cleanse us from not only the guilt of sin but also its power. Like King David we praise our God and announce His blessings—not because we have no sin, but because our sins have been forgiven.

"Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit." (Psalm 32)



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

KEEP IT SIMPLE – PART 2

We are still looking at some simple lessons from the Bible presented by David Peach. These are good reminders of how we should represent Christ in our everyday life. 4) **Be humble!** God is touched by our humility. God told Solomon, *If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face ..., then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin (2 Chron.7:14).* Humility on our part is vital to our forgiveness. 5) **Be wise with our money!** The love of money has kept many people from having a relationship with Christ. Having money is no sin, but trusting money over God is (1 Tim.6:17-19). 6) **Be aware of sowing and reaping!** The Bible teaches us that we will reap what we sow and we will reap proportionately to how much we sow. It also matters what we sow, whether good or bad. Moses once said, *and be sure your sin will find you out (Num.32:23).* It was good advice then, and it is good advice today. 7) **Be good at settling conflicts!** Scripture tells us to live peaceably with those around us (Ro.12:18-19) and that we should treat others as we want to be treated ourselves (Luke 6:31). Jesus tells us how to correct it when we fail at that. In Matt. 18, He tells us to meet with each other, and the one wronged initiates this. If that fails, get help from others. Gossip and ill-will are never mentioned. Do these lessons seem simple? Yes, but why are they sometimes so hard?



Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

New Orleans Mission Trip

We had a great week helping the church in New Orleans this week with their Mid City Ministries Summer Camp. We had about 80 kids from the neighborhoods each day. A special **Thanks** to Suzanne Braley, Joy Rousseau, Danielle Rousseau, TaBrea Rojas, Shannon Snell & Lisa Snell for helping us this week!

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. Our study for this quarter... His Mercy Extended, Living It Out in a World of Idols. The study will be taken from Judges & Thessalonians. Our lesson this week will be from 1 These. 4:1-12... **Pleasing God.** More on this in class this Sunday morning!
Consider the following from 1 Thess. 4:9-12 *"9 Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. 10 And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, 11 and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, 12 so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody."*

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Volunteers who serve in Sunday school every Sunday are becoming more and more rare in Sunday schools everywhere. For directors, this is unfortunate for a prime reason—it increases the number of people you have to recruit. For teachers, I'm afraid they're being robbed of huge blessings. And for children and families, I'm afraid that they're missing out on amazing ministry that happens when someone is willing to commit weekly. For me as a teacher, there are three key reasons that I want to be with my 2-year-olds every Sunday at 9:30 (that I'm in town).

1. **Consistent Presence**—Studies are showing that "regular church attendance" means twice-a-month attendance. So my kids and their families are coming to church inconsistently. Who knows which Sunday these kids will attend? When they come, I want them to have some consistency—and someone who knows their name. If I'm there every week, the one consistent presence for them—other than God himself—is me. This consistency pays off. When little ones are hesitant to come to class, they see me and I know something about them that I can use to pull them into class. "Hey, Logan, we have trains! Want to play trains with me?" Other than that, parents have told me that their children have struggled when I've been gone—they want to see the same face every week!

2. **Family Ministry**—We talk a lot about family ministry and how important the family is to reach children today. But where do we think that really happens? I believe that for many parents it happens at the drop-off/pickup time in Sunday school. Just a few weeks ago, Elijah's mom said, "I see you here every week but I don't even know your name." We introduced ourselves and the next week enjoyed the new budding relationship we're building. In fact, I have her daughter in my class now and Mom and I are getting together for coffee this week. A single mom recently told me that her son is stuttering and she didn't know what to do. So I asked a former speech pathologist for help then emailed the mom with some advice. That kind of trust and intersection with one another's lives comes from being there for those parents week in and week out.

3. **Delight**—I say it over and over: Being with my 2-year-olds on Sunday morning is the highlight of my week. I love helping them know that Jesus loves them! I enjoy sharing God's Word with them. I love hugging them, playing with them, feeding them, and taking care of their needs. Serving them and loving them meets needs in my life that nothing else does. Yeah, it's selfish but the rewards keep me coming back week after week.

3 Reasons I Serve in Sunday School Every Sunday
By Christine Yount Jones on March 28, 2017 – Children's Ministry Blogs
Marla
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Nebraska Team:

All participants & parents need to meet Sunday @ 4:00 for a meeting to go over details and also to sign releases. Please bring your final payment. Participant cost \$75 & Adult cost \$50.

NEBRASKA DEVO:

ALL OF THOSE IN THE YOUTH GROUP AND ALL OF THOSE GOING TO NEBRASKA ARE INVITED TO THE DEVO AFTER CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT. PLEASE BRING \$3. WE WILL BE DONE BY 8:00.

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July 26:

"United Kingdom" Grady King – Mansfield

Pray for our
Nebraska Mission Trip
July 6-15

The church offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4th.

Pray for the Keen family!

"These Feet Were Made for Going"

Introduction: The gospel is to be _____.

Ephesians 6:15

A. We are to be _____.

Isaiah 6; 2 Kings 7:9-11

Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-49

Rom. 10:13-17; 1 Cor. 1:10-17; 3:1-17; 9:19-23; 1 Peter 2:9-12; 3:15-16

- Let's not forget what _____ is...
- Let's not forget that this process of making disciples is a _____.

B. We are to go with the _____.

Mark 5:18-20; Acts 1:8

Rom. 1:14-17; 2 Cor. 5:11-21; Eph. 4:15

- Is our message _____ news?
- Is our gospel one of _____?

Conclusion: Today, to whom is _____?

Are your feet _____ with the gospel of peace?

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to Susan Hearon and family in the loss of her father-in-law, Billy Roy Hearon. Services were last Monday.

Updates

Wanda Frick, mother of Terry Frick and former W.E. member, is in Hospice of East Texas.

Bill Hammond, father of David Hammond, is in Summer Meadows Nursing Home in Longview. He is under hospice care.

Russell Bell's son, **Thomas**, will have a kidney transplant in Kansas this week.

Dale White is home now after a hospital stay.

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Order of Worship

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Welcome/Announcements

David Wicks

Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship Isaiah 6:1-8

David Wicks

Song #40

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts

Kalon Ainsworth

Song #47

Holy, Holy Holy

Song #552

Have Thine Own Way

Prayer

Will Christian

Song #325

Boundless Love (v. 1)

Communion - Bread

Robert Lee

Song #325

Boundless Love (v. 3)

Communion - Cup

Song #552

Have Thine Own Way (v.3)

Contribution

Song #624

Seeking the Lost

Scripture Reading:

Acts 1:8

Vance Metcalf

Song #290

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Sermon:

"These Feet Were Made for Going"

Bill Allen

Song #639

Rescue the Perishing

Song #722

Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements

Bill Allen

Song #620

Sunlight

Lance Yarema

Song #349

Ten Thousand Angels

Prayer

Jay Culpepper

Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:17-18

Jim Boyd

Song #791

On Bended Knee

Song #650

Send the Light

Sermon:

"News Worth Sharing"

Bill Allen

Song #935

Sinners Jesus Will Receive

Song #611

Heavenly Sunlight

Dismiss

Kelly Monahan

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Marc Philpot
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Connie Sublette

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Cathy Culpepper &
McKenzie Fennell

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

We are well into this very busy summer. Some great activities and events have already taken place, and more are on the schedule over the next several weeks.

Our Nebraska mission group heads north, and they have a great trip planned and will do much good for the cause of Christ. They represent West Erwin in a great way to a church and community that sees our coming as one of the highlights of their year. This year's trip has the added blessing of our new youth minister David Keen joining the group there before returning to North Carolina to prepare for their permanent move to join us in the Lord's work here in Tyler.

Being in such an active and positive environment throughout the year, we can easily forget how important a blessing like this is when you do not experience it every week as we do. This work has had an incredible impact, not only on the ones our group has touched through their efforts but on our own young people and adults who have made this commitment to helping others as they share with them the love and Word of Jesus Christ. Please keep them in your daily prayers that God will bless them and will bless others through them.

In the midst of this summer we are also mindful of those within our church family who are facing difficulties and pressures of their own. Please be mindful of those who have lost loved ones recently, and of those who are struggling with health problems of their own and of close friends and family members.

The Independence Day week has always been a special and important time as we are called once again to thank our gracious God for the blessings of this great nation and to seek His guidance for our leaders and people and others throughout our world. Two years ago, the Lord gave Joyce and me another reason to be grateful during this week: He brought us to you, our West Erwin church family. We are so very, very blessed to be co-workers side by side with each of you, and ask that you continually pray for us. And we are excited that later this month David and Kiera and their family will join us in the great work God has for us. Truly we feel for you the same love and appreciation Paul had for the Thessalonians, and pray this same prayer of thanksgiving for all of you.

"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thess. 1:2-3)

We are looking to build our volunteer team for the 2017-2018 school year. If you have not helped in children's ministry in the past, you are missing out on an amazing way to serve our church families. If you have helped in the past or are currently serving, we thank you and encourage you to continue serving. Not sure what you can do to help? Here are just a few of the ways you can serve:

- Teaching on Sunday mornings during Bible class (Not sure what to say or do? Don't worry! We have easy to follow curriculum that gives you clear instructions.)
- Being an adult leader in Children's Worship (preschool) or BLAST (early elementary) during worship on Sunday mornings.
- Nursery helpers - cuddling and playing with our little ones on Sunday mornings during class, Sunday mornings during worship, Sunday evenings, or Wednesday evenings.
- Teaching on Sunday evenings or Wednesday evenings.
- Helping in the resource room.
- Serving at Special Events (Kids' Night Out, VBS, etc.)
- Keeping our notebooks and Worship Activity Bags cleaned up and stocked with activities.

These are just a few ways that you can assist our children's ministry. If you are interested or would like more information, contact me and we can find a way to use your talents to support our children and families.

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As you're reading this, the Nebraska trip has begun! Just from talking with many of you about this amazing work I want to acknowledge many of those who have worked endlessly to make it happen and say a special THANK YOU! We will send you updates along the way, so please continue to pray for a successful, meaningful, and safe trip. This past week our house in NC went on the market and before the end of the week we had a great offer, and now it's under contract! Our goal is to be in Texas for good during the window of July 18-22. I give you a window because in the past few months I've learned that you must be flexible and patient when it comes to the chaos of moving. One of the things that has been so encouraging through this process is the words of love that many of you have spoken into our lives, and we will forever be grateful for them. We are so excited to finally be in Tyler, and can't wait to be re-united with the W.E. family!

Plan on it!

July 23	Devo
July 28-30	Middle School Madness!
July 30	Devo



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 Singing with Chuck Munoz

Young At Heart

Join Young At Heart this Thursday, July 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the FLC for our monthly meeting. We will hear the North Tennesha Men's Chorus!

Thanks

Dear West Erwin family, It goes far beyond words to describe how thankful I am for your kindnesses during my recent illness. I am grateful for the cards, visits, and phone calls, while I was hospitalized. I deeply appreciate the prayers offered on my behalf. As my recuperation continues, I ask for continued prayers because I know God listens to prayers from hearts which seek Him first. Thank you, Jon Murry



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

ISAIAH; HE COULD BE TALKING TO US!

I Isaiah 5 we see God condemning Israel for being an ungrateful people that have been given every privilege but have failed to produce "good fruit". At the start of the chapter, God describes them as a vineyard that has been carefully worked and cared for but had failed in their purpose. He then follows with 6 woes or guilty verdicts in His charge against them. As you read them, do they seem to describe our society today? *Woe to those that join house to house, who add field to field... (5:8). God charged them with materialism.* They had become more obsessed with what they accumulated than how they grew spiritually. Their end result will be desolation. Greed has been the ruin of many who claim to be children of God. God wants His children to be kind and generous to all. *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). God charged them with reveling.* The abuse of alcohol has ruined many families. It has plagued man for ages and will continue as long a man walks this earth. *Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of falsehood, who draw sin as with cart ropes (5:18). God charged them with being enslaved to sin.* Will mankind ever learn how destructive sin can be in their lives? Mankind's entanglement with sin will forever keep us from being a society that rises above its mistakes! Sound familiar?



Donny Snell
Family Life Minister

Nebraska Mission Trip

As you read this... 42 of us from West Erwin will be in Nebraska for the Teen Mission Trip. We will be teaching a Vacation Bible School for all the children of the community. West Erwin began this mission trip in 1991 and has continued to support the church in West Point through this outreach. Ours is the largest VBS in West Point and we will have between 125-150 kids attending. Please pray for our safety and the success of the mission.

Bible Class

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Pray for the Keen family!

"Smothering the Attacks"

Introduction: Satan's goal is to destroy us by attacking us at this most basic level—_____.

Ephesians 6:16

A. What are Satan's "_____?"

Eph. 4:17-19; James 1:12-15

Luke 4:1-13; Rom. 1-2; 1 Peter 5:6-11; 1 John 2:15-17

➤ _____

➤ Where we're _____

➤ Where we will be most likely to _____ God

B. How does _____ act as a _____ against Satan's attacks?

Eph. 4:20-24; 1 Cor. 10:13; Heb. 4:14-16; Rom. 3-8; 1 Peter 1:3-9;

1 John 5:1-5

Psalms 3:3-4; 7:10; 18:1-2, 35; 28:6-7; 33:20-22; 91:1-5

We use the shield of faith because we know that we can _____ God.

Conclusion: "The righteous person will _____."

Heb. 10:36-39; 11:1-12:3; Habakkuk 2:4

In the words of the familiar hymn, we live by this call: _____.

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to the following:

Terry Frick and family in the loss his mother, Wanda. Services were Monday.

David Hammond and family in the loss of his father, Bill. Services were Wednesday.

Shirley Denman in the loss of her brother-in-law, Tommy Boothe. Services were Friday.

The family of Marlene Latham. Marlene passed away Wednesday. Services were Saturday.

Nathan Van Buskirk in the loss of his mother, Robin. She passed away Tuesday.

Services will be at West Erwin on July 22 at 2 p.m.

Updates

Providence Park: Winona Shankle & Bitsy Berryman (Bitsy is expected to go home July 28!)

Wanda Cook is home now.

Church Family: Stan Mallory | Bud & Charlotte Cawyer | Pat Lewis | Joann Davis | Tommy Parrish | Jim Gipson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Liz Albritton | Nella Ware | Norma Durham | J.R. & Sylvia Tharpe

Friends and Family: Stephen Pettit, nephew of Melanie Murry | Annette VanNess, cousin of Davy Carter | Dolores Kennedy's sister-in-law, Pat Williams | Amanda Jones, friend of Jennie Ables | Bill & Ruth Whitaker

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The Douglas Project



Many of you have been involved in the WE Love Douglas Project. Thank you so much for putting yourself out there and making a difference in those kids' lives. We are making plans to provide school supplies for all of the Douglas kids for the fall. We're waiting on a school supply list.

Stay tuned for more details!

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* 5-OUNCE Cans of Tuna Fish

* 5-OUNCE Cans of Chicken

Our Records	July 9
Bible Class	168
Worship a.m.	343
Worship p.m.	110
Wed. p.m.	No Count
Contribution	Not Available
Weekly Budget	\$24,867.00
Building Fund	\$233,426.00

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July 16, 2017

Order of Worship

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Welcome/Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship *Psalm 91:1-2*

Song #679

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Song

Had It Not Been the Lord

Prayer

Song #350

When My Love to Christ Grows Weak

Communion & Contribution

Kid's Time

Song #560

Living by Faith

Scripture Reading:

1 John 5:3-5

Song #469

Faith is the Victory

Sermon:

"Smothering the Attacks"

Song #915

Trust and Obey (vs. 1 & 2)

Song #915

Trust and Obey (v. 5)

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements

Song #57

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Song #123

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Song #525

He Knows Just What I Need

Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 10:39 - 11:1

Song #461

Be Not Dismayed Whate'r Betide

Song #524

I Know Whom I Have Believed

Sermon:

"The Storm Before the Calm"

Song #490

It is Well with My Soul (vs 1 & 2)

Song #490

It is Well with My Soul (v. 3)

Dismiss

Our Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY	
Bible Class	9 a.m.
Morning Worship	10 a.m.
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Karing Kitchen	6 p.m.
TUESDAY	
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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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Jim McDonald
Kenneth Muncy
Larry Murphey
Bill Paschall
Jimmie Philpot
Marc Philpot
Chris Reynolds
Sean Sillavan

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Info Center:

Rick & Karen Fedell

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David & Sharon Hammond

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Clay Mitcham
Jackson Parker
Talon Parker
Wyatt Parker

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Terry Frick &
Cody Mitcham

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery:

Joyce Allen &
Sydney Hammond

Toddler:

Kim Frick &
Bailey Hammond

Danny Snell

Ken Culpepper

Kalon Ainsworth

Chad Chauncey

Eric Moseley

Bill Allen

Sean Sillavan

Bill Allen

Donnie Carnathan

Davy Carter

Lee Mink

Clifton Lindsey

Bill Allen

Jim Boyd

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Our Nebraska mission group has had a great trip, and should be back with us in our assemblies Sunday. Thanks so much to all who participated, and also to those who subbed in for them while staying here at home. A special note of gratitude goes to Danny Snell for taking on the coordinator role for the trip this year. And I know it was a blessing for David Keen to get to be with our group there, and for all to get to know him and work with him this past week.

Speaking of the Keens, David and Kiera will have a big sendoff from their church family in NC Sunday, and I know it will be a very emotional time for them and for the church there. Keep all of them in your prayers. The plan is for them to move west to us this coming week and hopefully to be in our assembly this next Sunday the 23rd. What a blessing they will be to our church family and community in the years ahead!!

Our hearts continue to go out for our West Erwin family members who are suffering because of health issues, are concerned for loved ones who are struggling, or who are mourning the loss of those close to them. Please keep them in your prayers and encourage them in whatever ways you can.

This Sunday in our classes we will look at a wonderful passage that offers great counsel for how we should live our lives every day, and especially so during the days of difficulty. You make it your theme verse!

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
(1 Thess. 5:16-18)

Only a child of God can do these three things.

Rejoice always—even in the difficult times. How is that possible? It is possible only when one is in the Lord Jesus Christ. "Rejoice in the Lord always; I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Phil. 4:4)

Pray continually—Never be far from the throne room of God, and be reminded that throughout the book of Hebrews and the rest of Scripture our heavenly Father invites us to talk to Him anytime, anywhere.

Give thanks in all circumstances—The world doesn't get this. They only understand giving thanks when things are going well. For the Christian, our lives are filled with hope and joy and gratitude—in good times and in difficult times. That's part of what it means to live by faith. We trust our Father. And so we are thankful.



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

ISAIAH; HE COULD BE TALKING TO US! (Continued)

Today we continue our look at God's charges against Israel in Isaiah 5, and the similarity between the failings of their society and ours today. It should give us a reason for concern. *Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter (5:20). God charged them with lowering their moral values.* They had become afraid of calling a sin a sin! When we let society dictate God's values, confusion and moral chaos follow. We have become a society where our children are not safe from predators and issues of sexuality have become blurred! *Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight! (5:21) God charged them with becoming plagued with conceit.* When mankind rejects God, and fails to honor His word or recognize His teachings on good and evil he is left to depend on his own wisdom. Apart from God's influence, this is fatal! Job said, "the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom" (Job. 28:28). *Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine, ... who acquit the guilty for a bribe, and deprive the innocent of his right (5:23). God charged them with perverting justice.* Their loose lifestyle caused them to rule deceitfully and not deal fairly with those that were right with God. Through all this, we can see why God gave them up to this lifestyle and allowed their destruction. Does it sound familiar?



Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. Our study for this quarter... His Mercy Extended, Living It Out in a World of Idols. The study will be taken from Judges & Thessalonians. Our lesson this week will be from 1 Thes. 5:12-28... **Stay on Track.** More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from 1 Thes. 5:14-15 "And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else."

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As parents, I think we all want to help teach our children to love God's Word. Different children have different learning styles and it is important to take that into consideration when encouraging your child to spend time in God's Word. This article from *Children's Ministry* highlights the different learning styles for children and ways those learning styles can thrive during Bible study time. Over the next several weeks, we will highlight the different learning styles and how each can be encouraged to learn more about the Bible.

WORD SMART: Children may be Word Smart if they have these strengths: memorization, reasoning, speaking, debating, listening, reading and writing.

To get Word Smart kids into the Word of God, have them: List everything that God knows from the entire psalm. Then for each thing God knows, complete this sentence: "Because God knows _____, I know that God is _____."

Debate the "hate" verses (Psalm 139:19-22). Do you agree or disagree with "O Lord, shouldn't I hate those who hate you? Should I despise those who oppose you?"

Write a story about someone who's lost and discovers the truth that God was always with him or her.

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This past week in Nebraska has been pretty amazing! The VBS that we put on for this community was a sight to see and I know that lives will forever be changed because of the ways we were used by God this week. Our relationships with each other have grown closer and our eyes have been opened once again by the awesome power of prayer, servanthood, and community through this trip. A special **HUGE THANK YOU** to all who gave up so much to make this trip happen: **Bailey Hammond, Abby Lindsey, Avery Skender, Jazmine Palacios, Anne Kimball, Katie Turner, Cate Kimball, Jaci Philpot, Haley Metcalf, Sydnie Mitcham, Laney Hearon, Sydney Hammond, Rebecca Weathers, Emma Stamps, Colton Puryear, Mason Cannefax, Miguel Santibanez, Jacob Philpot, Tyler Puryear, Matthew Christian, Evan Kingsbury, Worth Clark, Patrick Gunz, Danny Snell, Ken Culpepper, Cody Mitcham, Clay Mitcham, Randy Turner, Nathan Turner, Danielle Rousseau, Jennifer Skender, Marc Philpot, Ginger Philpot, Jonathan Stone, Ethan Stone, Logan Stone, Clifton Lindsey, Cristy Lindsey, and Brealyn Lindsey.**

Other Upcoming Dates:

Plan on it!	July 23	Devo
	July 28-30	Middle School Madness!
	July 30	Devo

Thanks

My dear brothers and sisters: Words fail me when I try to tell you how much all of the funny and serious cards for my birthday meant to me. I have laughed and shed a few tears when they have touched my heart. Thank you so much. I truly consider you my brothers and sisters. With all my love, Billie Bob Hickman.

We want to thank you for the beautiful flowers sent for mom's funeral and all the tributes of love that you have shown for her. Mother's passion for children and education spanned many decades, and nothing would light up her face more than when interacting with children. There was always a solution for any child's behavior problem, and that alone was a challenge she was dedicated to solve. She was a firm disciplinarian and children loved her for it. She seldom went anywhere that one of her former students wouldn't come up to visit with her. Mom will be greatly missed by her family and everyone she touched.

Christ and the church was another passion, and she greatly missed getting to go to church when it became difficult to attend. We want to thank each and every one of you for visiting her and sending cards and flowers. The family of Velma Lemons

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Pray for the Keen family!

"The Helmet of Joy"

Introduction: The helmet of _____ is a helmet of joy. (Eph. 6:17; Psalm 140:7; Isaiah 59:17; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:1-10, 16-18)

1. Putting on the helmet of salvation—this is the _____ of faith.

- _____—Mark 16:15-16; John 3:14-17; 8:24; Rom. 10:8-15
- _____—Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:36-38; 17:30; 2 Cor. 7:8-11; 2 Peter 3:9
- _____—Acts 8:36-40; Rom. 10:8-15; 1 John 1:6-10
- _____—Matt. 3:13-17; 28:18-20;
Mark 16:15-16; John 3:3-5; Acts 2:36-41; 8:30-39; 9:17-18; 22:16;
10:44-48; 16:13-15, 25-34; 19:1-7; Rom. 6:1-4; Col. 2:6-15; Titus 3:3-8; Gal. 3:26-28;
1 Peter 3:18-22

2. Living with the helmet of salvation—this is the _____ of faith.

- A life of joyful _____—God and others
(Matt. 20:20-28)
- A life of joyful _____—what we have, including the gospel
(2 Cor. 5; 8-9)
- A life of _____—how could it be any other? (Psalm 5:11;
Rom. 14:17; Phil. 4:4; James 5:13)

Conclusion: Is your helmet of salvation a helmet of ____? Have you _____ the helmet of salvation?

The Douglas Project



There are 560 students at Douglas Elementary and we have committed to provide a school supply package for each child. We will be purchasing these specific items in bulk and the cost will be just over \$5.00 per child. If you would like to purchase one or more of these packages you will also have the opportunity to write a note to include in the package.

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Order of Worship

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Welcome/Announcements

Danny Snell

Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship Psalm 100

David Hammond

Song #103

He Has Made Me Glad

Gary Ables

Song

Salvation Belongs to Our God

Kalon Ainsworth

Prayer

Chris Conder Bruce Bevers

Song #324

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?

Communion & Contribution

Wayne Berryman

Song

Mighty to Save

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 5:11-12

Pete Leung

Song #608

He Gave Me a Song

Sermon:

"The Helmet of Joy"

Bill Allen

Song #517

Heaven Came Down

Song #587

Sing and Be Happy

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements

Donnie Carnathan

Song #300

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Davy Carter

Song

Above All

Prayer

Larry Murphey

Scripture Reading:

Acts 16:33-34

Chris Conder

Song #559

The Joy of the Lord

Song #494

O Happy Day

Sermon:

"A Saved Life"

Bill Allen

Song #611

Heavenly Sunlight

Song #480

Blessed Assurance

Dismiss

Ralph Henderson

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August 16: Back to School Prayer Night - West Erwin Staff

Prayer & Care

Sympathy

We were saddened to learn that Mozelle Brown passed away July 15th. Her funeral services were last Wednesday.

Our love and sympathy is also extended to Nathan Van Buskirk and family in the loss of his mother, Robin Van Buskirk. Services were Saturday.

Updates

BITSY BERRYMAN IS HOME!

Winona Shankle is in Providence Park.

Jon Sorrells had heart valve replacement surgery last Wednesday. All went well.

Paula Ingram, sister-in-law of Donny & Nerene Ingram had her right kidney removed last Wednesday.

Robina and Lloyd Clark who have been visiting with us have requested prayer for themselves and for their family.

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WELCOME THE KEENS TO OUR WEST ERWIN FAMILY!

BILLS BLOG

BY BILL ALLEN

Welcome David, Kiera, Tyler, Tucker and Emerson Keen!! We cannot tell you how thrilled we are that you are here as a part of our West Erwin family! We are excited about the works and blessings God has in store for all of us as we seek to build on the 132-year tradition of serving the Lord "from the heart of Tyler!"

This past Sunday's lessons were very important in our series, "Spiritual Armor for Spiritual Victory," taken from Eph. 6:10-20. We spoke of the shield of faith, and the reality of the fiery darts of Satan aimed for where we are the most vulnerable. Perhaps the key statement of the morning sermon was this:

Satan's goal is to destroy us by attacking us at this most basic level—trusting God.

He seeks to isolate us away from our church family, and challenge our trust in God. He points to the things of this world that seem incongruous with an all loving, all powerful God and says, "See there! I told you he couldn't be trusted!" Sunday evening I shared a "case study" of one who faced that very same temptation—the prophet Habakkuk. If you were unable to be in our assemblies I'm asking you to do two things.

- First, you can **watch/listen** to the sermons. Just go to our live streaming site and click on "Watch Video Archives." You'll be challenged by the Sunday evening message and its difficult comments and analogies. We face some similar challenges as they experienced in the time of Habakkuk and Jeremiah. But we can also be encouraged and strengthened with the same words of comfort that meant so much in their day as well. Here's the link: <http://www.christianworldmedia.com/livesite/wechurchofchrist>
- Second, you can **GIVE** online. Go to our web site, and at the top click on "Give" (pretty creative, huh...) You can make up previous missed contributions, or give ahead of time if you know you're going to be out. Or you can give online each week if you prefer! <http://www.westerwin.com/>

This Sunday we will look at the part of our spiritual armor that should be a great source of joy: the helmet of salvation. Are you happy that you're saved? I know, you're thinking, "Bill, what kind of question is that?" Okay, so let me ask it a different way.

The people who see you every day—including at church services and activities—is it obvious to them that you're happy you're saved?



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

LEARNING FROM JESUS

As Christians, we have no better example to learn from than Jesus himself. Luke 7 gives us some great insights as to what character traits we need to develop as His children. First, **we need to realize that no problem is too big for Jesus!** The centurion believed in the power of Jesus, "But say the word and let my servant be healed" (7:7). He knew Jesus could take care of the problem, he knew that Jesus could do it from a distance, and he knew that Jesus would respond to his faith. Do we have such faith today? Secondly, **we need to realize the needs of others without their asking!** "And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, 'Do not weep.'" (7:13). Jesus raised the widow's son from the dead and "gave him to his mother" (7:15). Jesus was not asked to do this; he saw the need and responded out of compassion. Thirdly, **we need to realize Jesus is still working in our world today!** In John the Baptist's moment of doubt, Jesus sent him this message, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them" (7:22). Whenever we doubt, we need to stop, look around, and seek the signs of His work. When our focus is on Him, we will see the evidence of His work. Do you have an "overcoming" faith? Does your faith soften your heart to the needs of others? How are you following the example of Jesus?



Bible Class

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Consider the following from 2 Thess. 2:13-15 "But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter."

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Kid's Korner

Marla Cannefax
Children's Coordinator

Just a reminder that we offer classes and activities for children of all ages on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, and Wednesday evenings. We would love to see your children or grandchildren during these times.

We are taking a look at the eight ways that kids are "smart." These are ways to understand kids and get them into the Bible. Last week we reviewed Word Smart.

PICTURE SMART

Children may be Picture Smart if they have these strengths: sculpting, imagination, use of metaphors, art, drawing, and painting.

To get Picture Smart kids into the Word of God, have them:

1. Choose a verse and paint a picture of it, such as "If I ride the wings of the morning" (Psalm 139:9) or "I could ask the darkness to hide me" (Psalm 139:11).
2. Create a sand sculpture about how God's thoughts toward us are more than the grains of sand (Psalm 139:18).
3. Knit a simple pattern as they meditate about God knitting us together (Psalm 139:13).

Marla
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DAVID KEEN YOUTH MINISTER



Nebraska Mission Trip 2017 is in the history books. We had a great turnout from the community with over 100 each day and 133 for the big day! On the way home we got to see "Moses" at the Sight & Sound Theater in Branson. It was a great show... you should all see it! Thanks again to all those who worked so hard on putting it together.

Middle School Mystery July 28-29 We will leave at noon on Friday and return Saturday evening. Cost is \$40. Sign up ASAP... More details in class on Sunday.

Plan on it!	July 23	Devo
	July 28-30	Middle School Mystery!
	July 30	Devo

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Thanks

Dear WECC family, Thank you so much for your prayers, calls, cards, hugs and concern. I wish more of you could've known Mark this side of Heaven. He was sweet, funny, interesting and definitely fulfilling the great commission! Blessings, Loori Allen

Dear Family, Your thoughtfulness & gestures of sympathy have comforted our hearts. Thank you for the beautiful flowers and for every expression of love for us following the loss of my father, Bill Hammond. You are very dear to us! David and Sharon Hammond

Thank you, West Erwin family, for all your cards, prayers, hugs, visits and flowers for both my mom and dad, Bobby & Patsy England. The last 2 years have been quite tough at times and knowing you are there gives me comfort. Diane Denman
Anna Nunn would also like to thank you for the love shown to her after the loss of Patsy England, her sister.

Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards sent to me for my 97th birthday! I love you all. Louise Caeky

Thank you to the West Erwin family for the lovely basket in honor of the life of Wanda Frick. The calls, cards, and food have been a blessing to help ease the burden of her loss. We have felt God's presence through the outpouring of love shown to us. In Christian love, The David Frick Family. Terry & Kim, Jerry, Jeannie & Kelly, and Mark & Melissa

Brothers and Sisters at West Erwin: Thank you for every act of kindness following my mother's passing. The phone calls, cards and flowers are examples of your love and kindness as we work through this loss. It's great to have a Christian family!! Stan Clark

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you for your loving and caring response to our family's needs during Dale's recent hospitalization. Your calls, visits, cards, hugs, and especially your prayers were very much needed and appreciated and we want you to be aware of our love and gratitude for you all. Sincerely, Dale and Dot White

I am so glad to be a part of the West Erwin family. I thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, and visits. The smiles on the faces of my brothers and sisters as they came into my room really made it seem brighter. I thank you for the flowers, and candy also. My surgery went fine and after 3 days I really had no pain. Again I thank all of you, for the expressions of love. Ruby Cliver

"Where's Your Sword?"

Introduction: The Sword of the Spirit is God's _____ in our hands. But for many of us, our sword is kept safely in its _____. (Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12-13)

A. The Sword of the Spirit—the Word of God—is our _____ inspired authority.

2 Tim. 3:14-17; 4:1-4; 2 Peter 1:16-21
 John 1:1-18; 8:31-32; 17:13-19; 18:36-38; Rom. 10:17; Heb. 5:11-6:3;
 2 Peter 3:17-18
 Psalms 19; 119; Deut. 13; Gal. 1:8-9; Rev. 22:18-19

B. The Sword of the Spirit—the Word of God—must be _____ to my _____.

Matt. 4:1-11; 7:21-27; John 13:13-17; James 1:22-25; 2:14-26; 1 John 3:16-18
 Acts 17:11; Eph. 4:1-16; 1 Peter 3:15-16

Conclusion: I must take _____ Sword of the Spirit—the Word of God— _____ of its sheath.

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Prayer & Care

Our sympathy is extended to the family of former member Fern Davis, whose services were last week.
Milburn Cook is in hospice. No visitors, please.
Wanda Cook is now in Oak Brook Nursing Home in Whitehouse.
Winona Shankle is in Providence Park.
 Sue Skipper's sister, **Mary Shirk**, who lives in Cape Coral, FL, has been undergoing treatment for cancer for several months. The treatment was ineffective and has been discontinued. She is now receiving hospice care at home.
Paula Ingram, sister-in-law of Donny and Nerene Ingram, is home.
Melinda Davis, niece of Sondra Wilkinson, is beginning radiation for cancer.
Church Family: Stan Mallory | Bud & Charlotte Cawyer | Pat Lewis | Joann Davis | Tommy Parrish | Jim Gipson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Liz Albritton | Nella Ware | Norma Durham | J.R. & Sylvia Tharpe

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Our Records	July 23
Bible Class	227
Worship a.m.	358
Worship p.m.	155
Wed. p.m.	NC
Contribution	\$18,307.72
Weekly Budget	\$24,867.00
Building Fund	\$233,586.00

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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- Ken Culpepper * 903.752.7801
- David Hammond 903.279.1055
- Gaylan Seagler 903.566.1958
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Song #222 There's Something About That Name	
Communion - Cup	
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Song #450 Give Me the Bible	
Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4:8-12	Jason Browning
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Song #705 A Common Love	
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	5:00 P.M. Assembly
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Song #4 To God Be the Glory	Michael Hurley
Song #63 I Will Call Upon The Lord	
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Song #290 Shine, Jesus, Shine	
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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

- Dannie Skipper
- James Sublette
- Marcus Turner
- Randy Turner
- Wynne Weathers
- Bill White
- David Wicks
- Michael Willis

GREETERS

Info Center:
 Ron & Jean Parish

Main Doors:

Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy

East Doors:

Scotty & Jodie Albritton

W. Erwin Doors:

Adam Montgomery

PICK UP CARDS

Cole Benson, Brayden Reeder, Ethan Stone, Logan Stone, Nathan Turner

SOUND

Terry Frick & Shaun Stamps

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Nursery:

Cathy Culpepper

Toddler:

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HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

What a blessing it has been this week to have David, Kiera, Tyler, Tucker and Emerson Keen home with us as part of our West Erwin family!! They have jumped in to our ministry and church life and have already found a place in our hearts that will only grow more special with each passing week. Continue to pray for them as they do all the tasks that come with such a big move.

Now is a good time for us to remind each other to do a few things.

- **Pray** for our church family! Each day that goes by should find every single one of us offering a prayer up to our gracious and powerful Father for West Erwin, our leaders (by name when you can!), and all our members.
- Decide yourself to **reconnect!** There are so very many wonderful ministries to be a part of and that need your help. Where are your gifts? Where's your interest?
- Where's your **Involvement Form?** Still in that drawer at home? Have no idea where it is? Lucky for you we have plenty of blank ones at the Information Booth in the foyer! Fill that out and give it to us in the office.
- Get committed to a **Bible class.** Imagine the tragic loss of missing out on that time of fellowship and interaction with God's Word! I'm not sure how many hours add up over ten, twenty or a lifetime of years, but I imagine it's at least "eleventy" million that you could have given over to the study of God's eternal Word. And think what you've traded that precious time for—something far, far less meaningful! Get that sword of the Spirit out of its sheath, sharpen it up, and use it every day against the enemy!



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

LIVING RIGHT IN A WRONG WORLD!

We are not the first people in the history of the world that had to live in a time that discouraged and alarmed them. Moses lived in a time such as this. Moses made his world better. How did he do it? Consider this, *By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible (Ex.11:23-27). Moses succeeded because he never lost faith!* He was raised by faithful parents and lived out their legacy. **Moses succeeded because he believed in the work of God!** Moses knew that whatever happened, he was in good hands with God. **Moses succeeded because he believed in the promises of God!** Moses lived for the reward he was promised. His belief fueled his faith. We can be winners in this world today. We can do great things for God in times such as these. Keep the faith and learn from the life of Moses. We should not live in fear and confusion but live with hope and promise!



Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. Our study for this quarter... His Mercy Extended, Living It Out in a World of Idols. The study will be taken from Judges & Thessalonians. Our lesson this week will be from 2 Thes. 3:1-18... **Living with Integrity.** More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from 2 Thes. 3:11-13 *"We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good."*

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KIDS' NIGHT OUT: Saturday, August 5th from 6 - 8:30. We will watch a movie, play games, and eat pizza and snack. We will be in the Children's Wing. Parents: make it a fun date night and invite your friends to join you!

We are taking a look at the eight ways that kids are "smart." These are ways to understand kids and get them into the Bible. We previously reviewed Word Smart and Picture Smart.

MUSIC SMART

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Choose any passage to put to music. Create a lullaby about how God made them (Psalm 139:13-17).

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LOST SOMETHING?
CHECK OUR LOST AND FOUND CABINET
LOCATED NEXT TO THE CRY ROOM.

The Benevolence Center is in great need of sheets that they use for rolled bandages. These bed sheets can be any size and any color, fitted or flat.

They also would welcome cloth donations used to make diaper shirts. The material needs to be cotton or a cotton-polyester blend.

Please bring them to the Benevolence Center, the Information Center or the church office.

Our first week in Tyler has been a very busy week, but a delightful one! This church is so full of loving and servant hearts that our hearts are overflowing with JOY! Moving anywhere, anytime is always a stressful thing on marriages, children, jobs, and other relationships, not to mention exhausting...so some things I would continue to ask from all of you is prayers for strength, courage, peace and patience during this transition. We can't wait to get to know more of you as each day goes by and we look forward to buying a home that we can open to you! Over the past 7-8 months many of you have stepped up to fill the youth minister void and I just want to say a special THANK YOU, you know who you are, for giving so much of yourselves for the sake of our W.E. students. Once you begin working with teens you realize how much fun it is and most people get hooked, so I want to formally invite any volunteers that would like to continue to be involved to meet with me in the LIGHTHOUSE at 6:00 pm, on Aug. 2nd. Dinner will be provided as a small THANK YOU for loving and investing in our students.

- July 30th - 5:00 Devotional at the Weathers' home. If you need transportation, contact David. Everyone bring a finger food/ appetizer to share.
- Aug. 3rd - Service Project at Benevolence Center, Meet at David's Office at 8:45
- Aug. 6th - 5:00 Youth Devotional
- Aug 16th - Back to School Prayer Night



Where we meet: 415 West Erwin St.
When we meet: Sundays at 9 a.m. & Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
Who: 6th - 12th Grades

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Thanks

Dear Friends, What a pleasant surprise to open my mail this morning to find almost a dozen birthday cards. Sending cards is not an easy matter and I do sincerely appreciate the many cards and phone calls. As I have difficulty with sight now, feel free to call and visit any time or stop by. May God bless each of you. Jo Anders

We are so grateful and blessed because of your ministry to our family during our grieving.

In Christian love, The VanBuskirk family

The Children's Ministry will be hosting

Kid's Night Out!

this Saturday, August 5th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Children's Wing of the church building.

"Communicating with Headquarters"

Introduction: As we complete this series on spiritual armor for spiritual victory, we find the call to constantly communicate with headquarters. In other words, we are told to _____. (Eph. 6:18-20)

A. The best time to pray: _____.

Psalms; Phil. 4:4-13; 1 Thess. 5:16-18

B. The best reason to pray: _____.

Matt. 4:1-11; 6:5-18; Mark 1:35; 14:32-42; Luke 5:15-16; 6:12-16; 11:1-13; John 17

C. The best people to pray and to pray for: _____.

Eph. 6:18; James 5:13-18
Rom. 1:8-10; Eph. 1:15-23; 3:14-21; Phil. 1:3-11; 1 Thess. 1:2-3
Rom. 15:30-32; Eph. 6:19-20; Phil. 1:19; Col. 4:2-4; 2 Thess. 3:1-2

Conclusion of series: The purpose of our spiritual armor is to give us spiritual victory so that _____ would be glorified. (Eph. 6:10-20) In my life; in my song; in the church; in everything—may _____ be glorified.

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Prayer & Care
 Our love and sympathy is extended to the following:
Susan Hearon in the loss of her brother, **Tony Bain**. Services were Saturday.
Jan Cook in the loss of her husband, **Milburn**. Services were Monday.
Shannon Kingsbury in the loss of her father, **David Welch**. Services were last Sunday.
Updates:
Frances McBee will have knee replacement surgery on August 15th.
Eddie Strickland had eye surgery last Tuesday for a detached retina. She is healing well. Please pray for **Jerry Savage**, preaching minister of the League Street Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs. He is suffering from cancer.
Church Family: Stan Mallory | Bud & Charlotte Cawyer | Pat Lewis | Joann Davis | Tommy Parrish | Jim Gipson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Liz Albritton | Nella Ware | Sylvia Tharpe | Winona Shankle
Friends and Family: **Stephen Pettit**, nephew of Melanie Murry | **Annette VanNess**, cousin of Davy Carter | **Amanda Jones**, friend of Jennie Ables | **Bill & Ruth Whitaker** | Sue Skipper's sister, **Mary Shirk** | **Melinda Davis**, niece of Sondra Wilkinson

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This Sunday marks the end of our series from **Eph. 6:10-20, "Spiritual Armor for Spiritual Victory."** I hope you will be mindful of this passage and the great hymns and songs we sing inspired by it, including two we'll sing this Sunday: "Soldiers of Christ, Arise!" and "The Battle Belongs to the Lord." This last lesson centers on the call to prayer and is from verses 18-20.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me..."

The apostle Paul called us to prayer as these statements from our lesson Sunday will affirm.

- **Paul prayed for others.**
- **Paul asked others to pray for him.**
- **We must pray for one another.**

And so, as we will end our service singing this Sunday morning...

**In heavenly armor we'll enter the land,
The battle belongs to the Lord.
No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand,
The battle belongs to the Lord.
And we sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord!
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Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

IDOLATRY: IT'S STILL AROUND TODAY!

Today, some of our classes are starting a four-week study on modern day idolatry. When we think of idolatry, we have this picture of half naked, painted up, costumed, and silly chanting pagans gathered together and carried away by an event instead of worshipping God. Now that I think about it, I can see that at any NFL stadium on any given Sunday during football season. My point is this; we can't dismiss the Bible's teachings on idolatry just because our idolatry today does not match the picture of what plagued mankind in the days since creation. Today, we have substituted other things for the poles, carved images, planets, and creatures they worshipped then. Idolatry is still around today. Today we put things like materialism, our pride and ego, our careers, the elevation of our knowledge, science, and the fulfillment of self as our idols today. The list can go on and on. As a society, we have put many things ahead of God, and we are suffering just as His children did then. The question is: what are you putting ahead of God in your life? What is keeping you from being the child of God that can help change a life? Does your life look just like the rest of the people in the world? *For all that is in the world-the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life-this is not from the Father but is from the world (1 Jo. 2:16).* Our loyalty belongs to God and God alone. Be careful of idolatry; it's still out there!



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Consider the following from Deut. 5:8-9 "*You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God,*"

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LOGIC SMART

Children may be Logic Smart if they have these strengths: problem-solving, skill in using computers, numbers, abstract thinking, logical reasoning, and organization.

To get Logic Smart kids into the Word of God, have them:

Discuss the importance of babies and children in light of Psalm 139.

Determine five things they'd say based on this psalm to someone who says that God is far away. Look at the developmental stages of a baby in a mother's womb and discuss how they see God's hand in the baby's development.

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This past week was an amazing week! On Wednesday night, we took the two church vans full of teens out to Camp Deer Run to visit some of our students. We enjoyed a wonderful evening of worship and fellowship. On Friday morning, our Middle School Rite of Passage Experience started. We headed to Dallas, stopped by Buc-ee's to get items for a time capsule that this group of kids will get back when they graduate H.S. Then off to an evening at Medieval Times, then back to the Anatole where the kids enjoyed some water fun. The next morning, we went to ifly where we did indoor skydiving which was AMAZING!! Everything we did had an application and related to the transition into Middle School. At our "induction ceremony" on Sunday evening, we had an official ceremony that welcomed these new students and it was an amazing experience that I would love to tell you about in person. So, please ask me!! Week 2 in Texas is in the books! Great week!

Aug. 6th - Youth Devotional at the Philpot's home. Families of Teens are welcome to attend. It begins at 5:00 pm, everyone please bring a finger food or appetizer to share!

Aug. 13th - Youth Devotional at the Lighthouse, begins at 5:00 pm.

Aug. 16th - Back to School Prayer Night at the F.L.C.



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Who: 6th - 12th Grades



Thanks

We are so grateful for all the ways you have served our family in our grief. The beautiful, wonderful lunch, the flowers, the help with the service were such a blessing to us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. In Christ's love, The VanBuskirk Family

Thank heaven for special people like you and for everything you do. Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and wishes of sympathy for our Tommy. He will be greatly missed.

Harold & Shirley Denman & Family

We want to thank everyone for expressions of concern for the passing of my father. We especially appreciated the flower arrangement the church sent for the memorial service.

Shannon Kingsbury & family

A sweet note was sent from the children of Mozelle Brown. It is in the church office if you wish to read it.

"Glorifying God the Father"

Introduction: We are commanded to _____ God, beginning with the call to glorify our great God and Father.

Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19; 1 Cor. 12:4-6; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 Thess. 1:1-6; 1 Peter 1:1-2; 3:18

A. We glorify God with _____ worship in our _____.
1 Chron. 16:8-36; Psalms 145:1-3, 21; 86; 148

B. We glorify God with _____ worship in our _____.
Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 2:20; 1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17

C. We glorify God because He alone is _____.
1 Chron. 16:23-27; Psalm 48:1; 96:1-9; 145:1-3; 148; Isaiah 6; Rev. 4

Conclusion: We _____ God every hour. And so we _____ Him.
Heb. 13:15-16; Jude 24-25; Rev. 5:13-14



We had an exciting Open House last Sunday with the Hispanic church.

As with all new beginnings, additional items are needed to complete the building. If you wish to donate money to help purchase needs for this new location, please make a check to the church of Christ and note "Hispanic congregation" and give it to an elder.

Wednesday Night Summer Series 2017

"Defining Moments for God's People"

August 16: Back to School Prayer Night - West Erwin Staff
August 23: "Return & Rebuilding" Jason Moon - Richardson
August 30: Singing with Larry Parker - Longview

Prayer & Care

Our love and sympathy is extended to Jean Mormon in the loss of her sister-in-law, Phinney Morman. She passed away last Sunday.

Updates:

Frances McBee will have knee replacement surgery on August 15th.
Taryn Tapley, daughter of Samuel and Kara Mink, got a good report from her doctor in Dallas. They will monitor her every 6 months.

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The Bulletin Board

Our Records	August 6
Bible Class	227
Worship a.m.	413
Worship p.m.	190
Wed. p.m.	NC
Contribution	\$24,221.00
Weekly Budget	\$24,867.00
Building Fund	\$234,331.00

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August 13, 2017

Order of Worship

Volume 48 - No. 33

Welcome/Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship Psalm 148:1-6

Song #74

Praise the Lord

Song #23

Our God, He is Alive

Prayer

Song

10,000 Reasons

Song #315

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Communion & Contribution

Song

Great Are You, Lord

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 86:11-12

Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Sermon:

"Glorifying God the Father"

Song #837

I Need Thee Every Hour

Song #77

Glorify Thy Name

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements

Song #578

We Will Glorify

Song #76

How Great Thou Art

Prayer

Scripture Reading:

2 Samuel 7:20-22

Song #3

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Song

How Great Is Our God

Sermon:

"Our Great God"

Song #939

O Why Not Tonight?

Song #844

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Dismiss

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

Serving Today

COMMUNION

- Fred Wingate
- Tony Wingate
- Cameron Ables
- Chris Ables
- Cody Ables
- Scott Albritton
- Jim Boyd
- Gary Broome

GREETERS

Info Center:

Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot

Main Doors:

Davy & Sonja Carter

East Doors:

Dannie & Sue Skipper

W. Erwin Doors:

Odie & Dolores Kennedy

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- Tyler Keen
- Tucker Keen
- Jude Everson
- Jett Monahan
- Koen Monahan

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Clifton Lindsey & Phil Matthews

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McKenzie Fennell

Toddler:

Kalli Huff & Abby Lindsey

Danny Snell

Wade Weathers

Gary Ables

James Sublette

Phil Marts

David Keen

Colby Chandler

Bill Allen

Donnie Carnathan

Michael Hurley

David Hammond

Dennis Kingsbury

Bill Allen

Charles Melville

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Today is the first of three Sundays focusing on praising God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- **Glorifying God the Father**
- **Celebrating Christ the Son**
- **Honoring the Holy Spirit**

Of course we should start with the Psalms, and the words of the psalmists calling us to worship and praise our great God. We'll mention some of these words of praise from the heart of David this Sunday.

Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours. All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God... I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead. (Psalm 86:8-13)

Though it sounds as if God has already blessed him (which he acknowledges), much of the psalm is David *asking* for the Lord's help and blessing. He wanted to glorify God even *before* the Lord brought that deliverance. How could he do that?

- **He was grateful for God's blessings already given.**
- **He trusted in God in the midst of the present crisis.**
- **He believed, whatever happens, God is worthy of our praise.**



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

HOW YOU PRAY THE LORD TREATS YOU

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 (II Sam.22:25-29). This is from a song David wrote to God upon his deliverance from his enemies. It gives us great insight into how we handle our relationships with others. From this passage we learn that **God rewards righteous behavior**. When we are righteous, God deals with us in a righteous manner. When we are clean in God's sight, we deal with each other in the way God desires for us. We also learn that **God is merciful to those that show mercy**. We all pray that we will face a God of mercy at judgment; so we must show mercy here on earth. We also learn that **God rewards humility and crushes the prideful**. We all want others to treat us with a spirit of humility; so why not treat others in the same way? We see that God's attitude toward men is conditioned by our attitude toward Him and others. If we deal with others with an attitude of loving-kindness, we will experience the same from God. Remember, treat others the same way you pray that God will treat you.



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Back to School Prayer Night is this week! Remember to bring your backpacks, friends, and prayer requests. We will meet in the FLC on Wednesday night at 7 pm.

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BODY SMART

Children may be Body Smart if they have these strengths: naturally athletic, like to participate in active learning processes, control over their body, learn best by moving, and comfortable on stage.

To get Body Smart kids into the Word of God, have them:

1. Create movements to Christian band MercyMe's "Psalm 139."
2. Play Hide 'n' Seek and then discuss whether they can hide from God (Psalm 139:7-12).
3. Make a complex design out of Lego bricks and compare it to the human body as far as complexity (Psalm 139:14).

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As school quickly approaches, we want to walk along side our students and their families through life. The more we know about your schedule and activities, the more others can join in on these journeys and celebrate them. Two things I would love from every family that has children at West Erwin, not just teens, everyone. 1) Please email a fall schedule for extra curricular activities for your family. This will help us and many others in attending and supporting your child as much as possible. 2). Whenever your teen or child accomplishes a special achievement, receives an award, or does something you want everyone to know about, please email David Keen; dkeen@westerwin.org

Upcoming events:

August 13th - Devotional at the Lighthouse, begins at 5:00 pm. Everyone please bring a finger food or appetizer to share.

August 16th - Back to School Prayer Night at the Family Life Center. Be sure to sign up to bring homemade ice-cream to the social afterwards.

August 20th - Packing Party for Douglas Elementary School Supplies with devotional and dinner to follow.

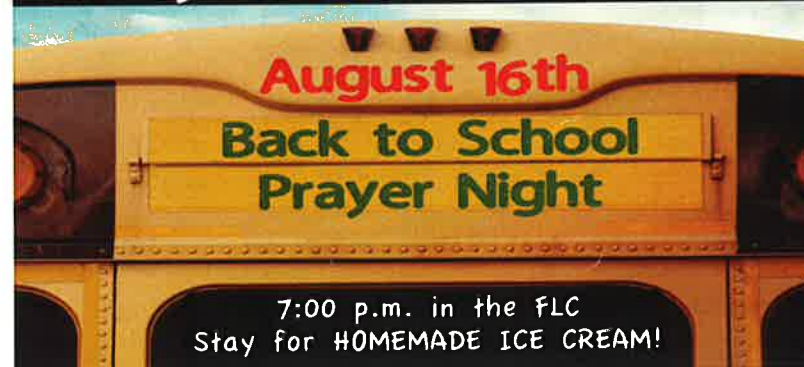


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Young at Heart meets at Shiloh Rd. Friday, August 18th at 6:00 p.m. for the Area-wide Dinner, Salute & Show 1801 Shiloh Rd, Gate 11

Put on your best country attire, overalls, or boots, jeans & a hat - maybe your gingham dress & petticoats! Join us for a salute to simpler times!



Thanks - From the family of Marlene Latham - Our many thanks to the church for the food, flowers, and cards. She was blessed by the many cards she received during her illness and we were blessed by the many expressions of sympathy and love we received. Gary & Sue Latham, Noble & Karen Johnson, Grandchildren and great grands

"Celebrating Christ the Son"

Introduction: In Christ _____ can we find salvation and guidance.

Celebrating Christ the Son means trusting in Him because He alone is _____.

John 8:24; 14:1-6; Col. 1:13-23; Rev. 5

A. Trusting in Christ for the _____ of our _____

- _____ with faith

Acts 2:36-41; 8:30-39; 22:16; 10:44-48; 16:25-34
Col. 2:6-15; Gal. 3:26-28; 1 Peter 3:18-22

- _____ with faith

Rom. 1:16-17; 3:21-26; 6:1-4ff.

B. Trusting in Christ for the _____ of our _____

- Living in _____ to Jesus and His Word

Matt. 5-7; 7:21-29; John 8:31-32; 13:1-17, 34-35; 14:15, 21, 23; 15:9-13

Conclusion: Our lives are given over to _____ Christ the Son of God, our wonderful Savior, Jesus my Lord.

Arms of Hope will be in our area the week of September 18th for a Grocery Run. We are collecting some of their current needs. Please bring these items to your Bible Class room or to the Information Center.

- Ziploc bags Kleenex facial tissues chili
- Lysol spray floor cleaner Clorox wipes

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Prayer & Care

Updates:

Frances McBee had knee replacement surgery last Tuesday. All went well.

Cris Holly will have thyroid surgery on August 22nd.

Jo Rowland's daughter, **Leslie**, had a stroke. She had a pacemaker put in.

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August 20, 2017

Order of Worship

Volume 48 - No. 34

Welcome/Announcements

Danny Snell

Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship *Colossians 1:15-20*

Jay Bynum

Song #162

Al Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

David Keen

Song

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Song

How Deep the Father's Love

Prayer

Chad Chauncey

Song #176

Lamb of God

Communion & Contribution

Bruce Bevers

Kid's Time

Bill Allen

Song #508

A Wonderful Savior

Scripture Reading:

Revelation 5:9-12

Scotty Albritton

Song

In Christ Alone

Sermon:

"Celebrating Christ the Son"

Bill Allen

Song #922

Jesus Paid It All

Song #77

Glorify Thy Name

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements

Donnie Carnathan

Song #230

Worthy Art Thou

Davy Carter

Song #288

Fairest Lord Jesus

Prayer

Bill Paschall

Scripture Reading:

John 10:9-11

Myron Granberry

Song

Above All

Song #678

More About Jesus

Sermon:

"Our Amazing Savior"

Bill Allen

Song #694

Servant Song

Song #509

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

Dismiss

Robert Lee

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- Keith Chandler
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- Tom Clark
- Chris Conder
- Tom Cook

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- Luke Metcalf
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery:

Rachel Huff

Toddler:

Debbie Jones & Bailey Hammond

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

This Sunday we continue to focus on the call to praise our great God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Today in all aspects of our worship we celebrate Christ the Son. Scripture of course is filled with passages that praise our Savior, who alone is **worthy** of that praise. Here's one.

"The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation...For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross." (Col. 1:15-20)

It is astounding that the Son of God, "the image of the invisible God," the One in whom all the fullness of God dwelt, would have to suffer and die. And yet He did, and He did it for one reason and one reason only: He loved us. He knew that there was no other way to save us. And so He gave His life for us.

Revelation 5 considers the great sacrifice that Jesus made in giving up His life and sums up Jesus' position now on this side of the cross with one word: **worthy**.

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation."

"Worthy is the Lamb."



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

A BIGGER BARN IS NOT THE ANSWER!

In Luke 12, we find what most translations call the parable of the Rich Fool. The story starts out by a man demanding that Jesus command the man's brother to divide the inheritance with him. Jesus refuses to take part in this but he relates the story of a man who had a bumper crop come in and all of a sudden he had the problem of what to do with his surplus. His solution was to tear down his old barns and build bigger ones. Then, he could relax, eat, drink, and be merry. God's response was to call him a fool and inform him that his soul would be required of him that very night. Jesus then said that the same fate awaits the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God (12:21). The man got in trouble because of his priorities. At no time was there shown any gratitude toward God for the bountiful harvest. At no time was their any regard for the poor of the area that would have benefited from the farmer's surplus. At no time was their any prayer to God for wisdom in handling the matter. Bigger barns were not what the man needed; he needed a **bigger faith!** Bigger faith comes when God is playing a bigger part in our lives. Bigger faith comes when there is regular, earnest, and sincere worship for God. Bigger faith comes from prayer time and study. Bigger faith comes from service and showing others our love for God and mankind. What's your solution for a bigger faith?



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This time of year is filled with new beginnings. New school years, new friends, and new routines. Remember to make time to pray and read God's Word together as a family. If you set this as part of your new schedules it will be a habit in a few short weeks.

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2. Try to count a container of sand and discuss how God's thoughts toward us outnumber all the sand (Psalm 139:18)
3. Discuss how darkness and light are the same to God (Psalm 139:11-12).

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This past Sunday I heard something that I have yet to hear in 12 years of full time ministry. Jane Jones and Wanda Weathers told me how they have made countless efforts to learn and practice some of the newer songs that we have been learning for our worship times. Wanda even said she got on YouTube to listen to these songs!!! To me this was a huge shot of encouragement! To see members of a generation learning new things for the benefit of generations to come! "Pay to the future the debt you owe to the past" – Sharon Hammond. If we all looked after the generation coming up after us, and made adjustments when adjustments (changes) need to be made, then everyone would always have someone else looking out for their best interest and paving the way for a bright future.

This past week we had an evening of prayer for all of our students, educators, and employees of school systems. We want to keep that spirit alive throughout the year by providing inter-generational interaction! So, be on the lookout this Fall for perhaps another opportunity to get to "look out" for our students and a chance for them to look out for you.

TAKE 2: 1). Please email Fall Schedule for extra curricular activities for your family. This will help us and many others in attending and supporting your child as much as possible. 2). Whenever your teen or child accomplishes a special achievement, receives an award, or does something you want everyone to know about, please email David Keen; dkeen@westerwin.org Example:

Upcoming events:

August 20th – Packing Party for Douglas Elementary School Supplies with small groups to follow.

August 27th – Devotional at the Lighthouse, begins at 5:00 pm. Everyone please bring a finger food or appetizer to share.



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When we meet: Sundays at 9 a.m. & Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
Who: 6th – 12th Grades

Thanks -

We want to thank our wonderful church family for all the acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown to our family in the loss of our loved one. They will always be remembered by the family of Milburn Cook.

Jan Charlie and family Christi and family

Thank you so much for the beautiful floral arrangement you sent in David's memory. It brings comfort to know you were thinking of our family, especially my daughter and her family there. I look forward to worshipping with you again soon.

In Him, Sherry Welch (mother of Shannon Kingsbury)

Thank you to my church family for all the gifts and blessings, I will not forget my church home in college. --from Ruger Stocking

**Small Groups Meet
Tonight After Services!**



"Honoring the Holy Spirit"

Introduction: It's unfortunate when we _____ a subject because we don't understand it. It's especially damaging when that subject is _____.

1. The Holy Spirit is a part of God's _____.

Matt. 3:16-17; 28:18-20; 1 Cor. 12:4-6; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 Peter 1:1-2; 3:18
Acts 5:3-4; 2 Cor. 3:15-18

2. The Holy Spirit continues the _____ of Christ.

John 14:15-21, 25-26; 15:26-27; 16:7-15
Acts 2:38; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; Eph. 1:13-14

3. The Holy Spirit is honored when we live _____.

1 Cor. 6:19-20; Gal. 5:16-26; Rom. 8

Conclusion: "May the _____ of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the _____ of God, and the _____ of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (2 Cor. 13:14)

Arms of Hope will be in our area the week of September 18th for a Grocery Run. We are collecting some of their current needs. Please bring these items to your classroom or to the Information Center.

Ziploc bags Kleenex facial tissues chili

Lysol spray floor cleaner Clorox wipes

Wednesday Night Summer Series 2017

"Defining Moments for God's People"

August 30: Singing with Larry Parker - Longview

Prayer & Care

Updates: Frances McBee is improving. She is expecting to go to rehab for a week.

Cris Holly had thyroid surgery last Tuesday. Surgery went well and she is home.

Sylvia Tharpe is home now. Jenny Price is home now.

Amanda Jones, Jennie Ables' friend, had scans done Tuesday in Dallas to determine the effectiveness of her most recent chain of treatments.

Israel Sandoval is leaving Monday for three weeks of gospel meetings in Mexico.

Lilbeth Kennedy, daughter-in-law of Odie and Dolores Kennedy, will have surgery on September 1st to remove a growth on her eye.

Jo Rowland's daughter, Leslie, had a stroke. She is now on a ventilator.

Church Family: Stan Mallory | Bud & Charlotte Cawyer | Pat Lewis | Joann Davis | Tommy Parrish | Jim Gipson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Liz Albritton | Nella Ware | Sylvia Tharpe | Winona Shankle

Friends and Family: Stephen Pettit, nephew of Melanie Murry | Annette VanNess, cousin of Davy Carter | Amanda Jones, friend of Jennie Ables | Bill & Ruth Whitaker | Sue Skipper's sister, Mary Shirk | Melinda Davis, niece of Sondra Wilkinson | Jerry Savage, preaching minister in Sulphur Springs | Jennifer Rodriguez, friend of Phil & Linda Marts | Addie Leigh Spencer, 2 year old with Acute Leukemia, friend of Jennie Ables

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Way to go CHURCH!
School supplies for every child @ Douglas Elementary.

God is good...

All the time!

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Building Fund	\$236,066.00

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August 27, 2017

Order of Worship

Volume 48 - No. 35

Welcome/Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship Revelation 4:2-8

Song #63

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Song #227

On Zion's Glorious Summit Stood

Song #66

Doxology

Song #421

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Prayer

Song #354

I Gave My Life for Thee

Communion and Contribution

Song

There's a Stirring

Scripture Reading:

John 14:15-18

Song #2

We Praise Thee, O God

Sermon:

"Honoring the Holy Spirit"

Song #15

Step by Step

Song #77

Glorify Thy Name

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements

Song #569

Sweeter Than All

Song #797

Lord, We Come Before Thee Now

Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 28:18-20

Song #578

We Will Glorify

Song #875

Home of the Soul

Sermon:

"God's Comforting Presence"

Song

Who At The Door Is Standing?

Song #613

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Dismiss

Danny Snell

Ken Culpepper

Gary Ables

Matt Haws

Greg Jones

David Keen

Will Christian

Bill Allen

Donnie Carnathan

Lance Yarema

Davy Carter

Wyatt Gruver

Bill Allen

Jim Boyd

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COMMUNION

Jason Browning

David Cannefax

Gene Chandler

Keith Chandler

Stan Clark

Tom Clark

Chris Conder

Tom Cook

GREETERS

Info Center:

Billy & Lynda Terrell

Main Doors:

Jay & Debbie Bynum

East Doors:

James & Helen Gullion

W. Erwin Doors:

Sheri Gruver

PICK UP CARDS

Aaron Browning

Chase Browning

Logan Metcalf

Luke Metcalf

Tanner Transier

SOUND

Clifton Lindsey &

Cody Mitcham

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery:

Tami Hurley

Toddler:

Shelia Lewis &

Emma Stamps

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Expectations. They can be deadly in relationships, when they are too high or too low.

But what about **our expectations of God?**

What do you expect of God? Anything? *Should* we expect anything of God?

Paul said this to the church at Philippi, and I feel the same way about our West Erwin family.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Phil. 1:3-6)

We had **421** in attendance Sunday, in a joyous, uplifting assembly celebrating Jesus Christ the Son of God, with several more at **our Benevolent Center** for worship as well. We invited **our downtown neighbors** to a showing of "The Case for Christ" movie Friday night, and had **52** there. Also, Friday a great group of our **"Young At Heart"** members shared a fun night with other brethren from Tyler. We prepared **570 backpacks** with school supplies for **Douglas Elementary School** Sunday afternoon. Several **small groups** met over the weekend for fellowship and encouragement.

Do you sense that **God is doing amazing things here at West Erwin?** Are you expecting Him to do great things **through us and in us** in the years ahead?

Will you pray that our gracious God will carry on to completion the good work He has begun in us? *In you?* I for one am expecting our great God to do exactly that!



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

GOD'S GLORY "ECLIPSES" EVERYTHING!

As I write this, it is Monday, August 21, 2017, and everyone is waiting on the great eclipse of 2017. The key buzzword is the "totality path" or the exact path the moon's shadow creates over the earth while blocking out the sun. This path will cover a distance across our country starting at Madras, Oregon and ending in Columbia, South Carolina; a distance of some 2,700 miles in about 1 1/2 hours, a speed of roughly 1,800 mph! Our next opportunity to view something like this will come April 8, 2024. It will start in Mexico and end in Canada. We should be in the path of totality then. All these things are impressive facts. We have learned some amazing things about space, yet there is so much about this universe that we don't have a clue. I am amazed that in this vast area that we call space, it is only on our planet that we have found life and our little world is only a speck in the vastness of "known space". Consider this from God, *The heavens declare the glory of God and the sky above proclaims his handiwork (Psa.19:1)*. People of science have worked for years to increase their knowledge of our world and of the human race; they have made amazing progress. Yet science does not acknowledge the glory of God and His role in our world. What's more important, knowing the date of the next eclipse, or knowing that a day is coming when *"every tongue will confess and every knee shall bow"*? Why is it that science and Christianity have to be in such conflict?



Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. Our study for this quarter... His Mercy Extended, Living It Out in a World of Idols. The study will be taken from Judges & Thessalonians. Our lesson this week will be from James 4:1-4; Luke 14:26-27; Acts 12:20-23; Matthew 22:34-40... *Totally Devoted*. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Matt. 22:36-39 *"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself."*

Summer Speaker Series 2017

Join us on Wednesday nights for our final Summer Speaker Series. Our theme this year is "Defining Moments for God's People." Our series will focus on some of the turning points for God's people in the Old Testament. Join us Wednesday night @ 7:00. Aug 30 - Larry Parker... Special night of singing.

Kindergarten promotion is this Sunday. Please take your child to their regular preschool class and we will move them to the upstairs class during class time. We are so proud of all of our new Kindergarteners starting school!

We continue to learn about different ways our children can learn. We previously reviewed Word Smart, Picture Smart, Music Smart, Logic Smart, Body Smart, and Nature Smart as from the article "24 Smart Ways to Get Kids into the Bible" at www.childrensministry.com/articles/24-smart-ways-to-get-kids-into-the-bible.

Self Smart: Children may be self smart if they have these strengths: self-understanding, reflective, meditative, self-motivated, desire alone time, aware of own feelings, and aware of own strength and weaknesses.

To get Self-Smart kids into the Word of God, have them spend time in silent prayer asking God to examine their hearts and know everything about them (Psalm 139:1) and test them and know their anxious thoughts (Psalm 139:23). Have them pray about anything God reveals that they need to confess. Have them write each thing on a piece of paper and then destroy it as a sign of God's forgiveness. Glue five grains of sand to a piece of paper. For each grain of sand, have them write a thought that God has about them (Psalm 139:17).

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This past month has been an amazing and exciting month for me and my family! Moving, unpacking, house searching, house finding, school searching, school finding, friend searching, friend finding, lots and lots of cool stuff! Just want to take another opportunity to thank all of you who have encouraged and loved on us, you truly are amazing people!!

This fall, will our Elders' blessings, we will meet at the Lighthouse or in someone's home on the first two Sunday evenings of the month at 5:00 pm and have a time of worship, study, and fellowship. We are always looking for guest speakers that would like to share their story of how Christ has changed their life, so if you have any questions about these devotionals or would like to be involved please come and find me or one of our youth leaders and we would love to talk!

TAKE 3: 1). Email or Text dkeen@westerwin.org your teen's fall extracurricular activities and schedules. 2). Weekly reminders of special games are always helpful. 3). Let us know when your child does something special or extraordinary in school or outside of school.

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New Members
Please welcome Meagan Gray and her son, Trent Paape to our West Erwin family.

Also Freddie Williams was baptized Thursday morning. Let us be an encouragement to him as he begins his walk with Christ. Addresses are available in the church office.

Thanks

Thank you for all the beautiful birthday cards. I miss getting to go to church and seeing all of you. Please keep me in your prayers! Love you, Winnie Bell
We have Winnie's new mailing address in the church office.

Responses:

Rita Sitton and Anna Nunn have each come requesting the prayers of our congregation.



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"Adult Children of Legal or Emotional Divorce"-Marla Cannefax & Danny Snell-Rm 402

"God's Great Work"

Introduction: God's great work is the _____ sound we have heard: Jesus Saves!

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

A. God's great work is the _____ of His Son.

2 Cor. 5:14-15, 21

Rom. 3:21-26; Matt. 20:28; Luke 19:10; John 3:14-17; 10:7-18

B. God's great work makes possible our _____ of faith.

2 Cor. 5:16-18, 21

Rom. 6:1-4; Col. 2:6-15; Acts 2:36-41; 8:30-39; 22:16; 16:13-15, 25-34

C. God's great work gives us _____ and _____.

2 Cor. 5:18-21

Rom. 1:14-17; Col. 1:28-29; Matt. 20:20-28; 28:18-20; Acts 1:8

Conclusion: _____ great work makes us the righteousness of _____.

2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 1:16-17; Phil. 3:7-9

The Douglas Project



Douglas Elementary needs YOU! One of the biggest needs is for mentors. This is an opportunity for you to just spend some time with an individual child... just being you... encouraging, helping them with life, helping them make good decisions, helping them do better in school. Contact Danny Snell if you are interested in becoming a mentor.

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The Bulletin Board

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September 3, 2017

Order of Worship

Volume 48 – No. 36

Welcome/Announcements

Danny Snell

Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

Gaylan Seagler

Song #167

Hosanna

Gary Ables

Song

Above All

Prayer

Song #325

Boundless Love v. 1

Communion - Bread

Song #325

Boundless Love v. 3

Communion - Cup

Song #273

More Precious Than Silver

Contribution

Song #635

Freely, Freely

Scripture Reading:

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

Song #652

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound

Eastern European Mission Update

Sermon:

God's Great Work

Song #903

There is Power in the Blood

Song #650

Send the Light

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements

Donnie Carnathan

Song

You're Worthy of My Praise

Michael Hurley

Song #619

A New Creature

Prayer

Larry Murphey

Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:58

Jimmie Philpot

Song

I Want to Be a Worker

Song #429

O To Be Like Thee

Sermon:

It's Okay to Do Good Works

Bill Allen

Song #674

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Song #634

We'll Work Till Jesus Comes

Dismiss

Fred Wingate

Our Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY	
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Harold Denman
Don Durham
Rick Fedell
Myron Granberry
James Gullion
Ralph Henderson
Jeff Horton

GREETERS

Frank & Gail Debenport

Main Doors:

Cody & Cayla Ables

East Doors:

Scotty & Darlene Rouse

W. Erwin Doors:

Marcus & Sheryl Turner

PICK UP CARDS

Owen Ables
Liam Harbuck
Jackson Parker
Talon Parker
Wyatt Parker

SOUND

Terry Frick & Phil Matthews

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery:

Mary Lee

Toddler:

Marsha Richardson &
Jazmin Romero

You are invited to attend a bridal shower honoring Allie Bowers.

Daughter of Allen & Jan Bowers and granddaughter of James & Helen Gullion.

September 10th 3:00 pm. - 4:30 pm.
Family Life Center Parlor

Allie is the bride-elect of Mark Phillippi.
Selections at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.

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Prayer & Care

Please pray for fellow Texans who are suffering from the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey.

Updates: Sean Sillavan has a tumor that is pressing on his spinal cord in his neck causing a great deal of pain. As a result he has total loss of his right arm and difficulty with his right leg. Waiting on neurologist at UT Southwestern to discuss best treatment plan with oncologists and radiologists.

Frances McBee is in Providence Park.

Wyatt Gruver will have surgery on September 6th to remove polyps from his nasal cavity.

Former member, Bettye Price, was in the hospital in Denton being tested for pancreatic cancer. All results were benign!

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THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY FOR LABOR DAY.

Our hearts have been saddened and concerned because of the destruction that Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey has wreaked upon Southeast Texas. Almost all of our families have loved ones and friends in the affected areas. Continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones and property, and are now trying to move forward. And ask God's blessings on all who have helped and will be helping.

Which brings us of course to our own disaster relief efforts that West Erwin has provided and will continue to provide. Danny Snell and Ken Culpepper have already made a trip down there, and will be coordinating our efforts to help. Be prepared to write that check and to help in other ways as you are able.

We have seen the power and the beauty of God's creation.

The amazing design from the intelligent Designer was experienced by almost everyone in America as we anticipated and appreciated the recent eclipse.

And this past week we have been reminded of nature's power through a dangerous storm that will be remembered and talked about as long as this land exists.

Only One can calm the storms. Only One can take away an even more devastating threat.

Only the Designer Himself can free us from the threat of sin and death.

**"God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us,
so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Cor. 5:21)**



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

HELPING HANDS WHEN NEEDED THE MOST!

I am writing this Monday morning; just a few days after Harvey hit the coast of Texas. Homes and businesses have been leveled. Flood waters are rising and many are still trapped due to the flooding. The end of the rain is still a few days away. I have seen many images of help being offered by concerned citizens. One of the most vivid pictures I have seen was a flotilla of boats headed down a flooded highway, all manned by volunteers! We will see many acts of kindness and sacrifice like that over the coming days and weeks. *For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock (Psa.27:5).* If He chooses, God can use a miracle to save someone, or He can just use a good heart with a boat to save someone. He can even use someone that will buy a case of water for someone to drink or help clean up a mess. These events are tragic to witness and it hurts us to the core to see the devastation; but we always see the hearts of man pulling together during the bad times. Along with their sinful nature, most people have a heart to reach out to help someone who is hurting. There will be plenty of opportunities to help the Gulf Coast area before this thing is over. Be ready; that opportunity will come and your heart will call you to respond. Then, you will show *that you were created in Christ Jesus for good works (Eph.2:10)* Let God shine through you!



Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. Our study for this quarter... Women of Faith, Practicing Integrity & Living In Christ. The study will be taken from Ruth, 1 Corinthians & Old Testament passages. Our lesson this week will be from Ruth 1:1-22... *Royal Love*. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Ruth 1:16-17 *"But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me."*

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- Special Focus Class - "Adult Children of Legal or Emotional Divorce" - Marla Cannefax & Danny Snell

Hurricane Harvey

West Erwin is involved in assisting the recovery efforts for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. You can help! See our Facebook page for more information on what you can do.

We are taking a look at the eight ways that kids are "smart." These are ways to understand kids and get them into the Bible. We previously reviewed Word Smart, Picture Smart, Music Smart, Logic Smart, Nature Smart, and Self Smart adapted from the article 24 Smart Ways to Get Kids into the Bible at www.childrensministry.com/articles/24-smart-ways-to-get-kids-into-the-bible.

PEOPLE SMART

Children may be People Smart if they have these strengths: cooperative, intuitive of others' needs, friendly, enjoy people, social understanding, good at negotiating, and good at communicating.

To get People Smart kids into the Word of God, have them:

1. Share with one another times they've felt that God was far away and times they've felt that God was as close as this psalm reveals.
2. With a partner, try to "go before me and follow me" (Psalm 139:5). Then talk about what that was like—and how God is able to do both.
3. Bring in a baby picture and share the story of their wondrous birth.

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Also don't forget to check out our teens at their extra curricular events throughout the year. A schedule to be posted as soon as we get everyone's info.

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- Sept 10th – Church Family Movie Night in the Family Life Center.
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- Sept 24th – Devotional at the Lighthouse.

In the month of **October** we are going to have some new things for those who can participate. For example: every other week Bible studies for guys and girls; the biggest Fall Festival ever at West Erwin; and some other surprises yet to be finalized!! Every Wednesday the Lighthouse will open at 5:00 pm for any students who would like to come hang out early or work on homework. Dinners will begin on Sept. 13th.

How to get communications: download the **REMIND app** on your phone. Search for class **West Erwin Youth Ministry**, and our code is **@westerwi**.



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**West Erwin's CONNECTION SUNDAY
September 17, 2017**



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"Adult Children of Legal or Emotional Divorce"- Marla Cannefax & Danny Snell-Room 402

"Working It Out"

Introduction: We have "blessed _____" of our salvation in Jesus Christ. We must not, however, use that assurance as an _____ to live selfishly.

Rom. 3:3-8; 6:1-4ff; 8; Gal. 5:13-26; Eph. 4:17-24; Col. 3:12-17; James 2:14-26

Philippians 2:12-13

- Working out your salvation means bringing it to _____.
James 2:20-26; Heb. 5:11-6:12; 10:19-12:3; Rev. 2:10
- Working out your salvation means letting _____ work in your life.
John 13:1-17; Titus 3:8; Eph. 2:10; 1 Peter 2:11-17
- Working out your salvation means loving your _____ as yourself.
Phil. 2:1-11; Luke 10:25-37; Acts 10:37-38; Heb. 3:6-19; 10:19-25; 1 Cor. 14
- Working out your salvation means _____ the prayer, "Not what I will, but what you will."
Mark 14:32-42; Heb. 10:5-10

Conclusion: Biblical assurance leads to obedience and service out of _____.
Phil. 2:1-11; Titus 3:3-7; Eph. 2:1-9; 5:1-2

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Worship a.m.	396
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September 10, 2017

Order of Worship

Volume 48 - No. 37

Welcome/Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship: Psalm 107:21-22

Song #54

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

Song

Here I Am to Worship

Song #779

I Love You, Lord

Prayer

Song #324

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

Communion & Contribution

Kid's Time

Song #578

We Will Glorify

Scripture Reading:

Galatians 5:13-14

Song #480

Blessed Assurance

Sermon:

"Working It Out"

Song #453

Love Lifted Me

Song #452

Standing on the Promises

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Announcements/Prayer

Song #886

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Song #860

There is a Habitation

Song #497

Whispering Hope

Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 6:19-20

Song #467

We Have an Anchor

Sermon:

"Believing Enough to..."

Song #915

Trust and Obey

Song #679

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Dismiss

Danny Snell

David Hammond

David Keen

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W. Erwin Doors:
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HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

We continue to keep in our hearts and prayers those most devastated by the destruction that Hurricane Harvey left in his wake. From everything we've seen and heard it is devastation on a scale like nothing we've experienced. Thank you for your desire to help. West Erwin is committed to being a part of the immediate and long-term recovery. With that in mind, here's what you can do to help now.

- Continue to pray.
- Give checks/cash/gift cards marked for Disaster Relief to one of the elders or staff.
- Go down to help with our team or with another group or on your own.
- Bring needed items to the classroom foyer next to the offices.

When the disciples thought they were about to be overpowered by the storm, they cried out to the Lord. His Presence is the same today in the midst of the storms we face as it was for them. And our response of amazement, gratitude and worship is the same as well.

Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!" (Matt. 8:26-27)



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

CONNECTED!

Last Sunday, you heard us talk about being connected with each other. We are talking about our upcoming Connection Sunday on September 17. We are looking for a way to connect people that normally do not get the chance to on Sundays. We decided the best way to do this is in a "small group" setting and also to do it away from the church building. We are encouraging you to take a look at our existing small groups listed in the foyer. If you see a group that interests you, sign up to attend their meeting and get to know them better. We are also encouraging the existing members of each small group to look around and find out who is not part of this effort and invite them to join you for the evening. What is so important about making these connections? It is a **mark of our faith**. *I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all saints (Eph.1:15)*. It makes an impression on our visitors when they see us engaged with each other. It is also a **mark of our bond with each other**. *So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God (Eph.2:19)*. Lastly, it is a **mark of our strength**. *That you may have the strength to comprehend the breadth, length, height, depth, and to know the love of Christ (Eph.3:18-19)*. We are stronger when we are together. That is why it is important for each of us to be connected with the body. Will you try?



Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. Our study for this quarter... Women of Faith, Practicing Integrity & Living In Christ. The study will be taken from Ruth, 1 Corinthians & Old Testament passages. Our lesson this week will be from Ruth 2:1-23... *A Good Name*. More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Ruth 2:20 *"The Lord bless him!" Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. "He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead." She added, "That man is our close relative; he is one of our guardian-redeemers."*

Wednesday Night Class Lineup...

- Auditorium Class - Bill Allen Men's Class - Special Study
- Ladies Class - "Those Who Wait" - Emily Taylor
- Special Focus Class - "Adult Children of Legal or Emotional Divorce" - Marla Cannefax & Danny Snell

Hurricane Harvey

We are putting a team together to go back to the Rockport area to help people who have been affected by Hurricane Harvey. Rockport received the full impact of the hurricane as it made landfall. There is substantial damage. Our work will primarily be moving debris to the street but may be involved in other areas as well.

We are leaving Tuesday morning, Sept. 12 & returning Saturday, Sept. 16. We will be working Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. We will be staying @ the North Bay Church of Christ in Portland & working with the Churches of Christ Disaster Response Team (DRT).

All levels of help are needed Chainsaw operators, limb pullers, cooks, friendly faces to visit with the victims, supply deliverers, etc. If you are interested in going with us, contact me directly @ 903-521-6864.

Next Kids' Night Out: October 7th from 5:30 - 8pm in the Children's Wing. Make plans to attend and invite friends! Hurricane Harvey has caused a huge aftermath of damage. Often, we do not know how to talk to our children about these tragedies. We are tempted to not address it with them or to minimize the damage it caused. This can cause more confusion for children as they see and hear glimpses of what happened and know that it must be a big ordeal. A few years ago, I heard the importance of teaching children to look for the helpers. I love this idea and I think we can do more to add to this. Let your children feel and express their feelings about these events. Limit the amount of exposure to the news during this time. Take time to find kid-appropriate pictures and talk about what happened. Let them express their fears. This is a great time to teach them empathy by asking - How do you think it would feel to have this happen to your family? What would we do if this happened to us? Who could we turn to for help? Let them draw pictures about what they have seen or heard about it. Share scripture with them such as Psalm 121:2. Pray with them for the victims and thank God for keeping them safe. Finally, find a way for them to do something to help - make cards, shop for supplies, pray for them, or find a way to do something for the victims. Doing these things allow your child to process what they have seen and heard and feel actively involved in doing something positive to help.

Marla

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If you are reading this story. STOP, and just for a second, consider this thought; reflect on the moment your children were born, until the day they no longer live on this earth. You...their parent...their guardian...are the most influential person in their lives. This sometimes can be a great thing, and sometimes not so great. Our hope at West Erwin, is to ensure your influence on your child is a great thing! So, everything we do is going to be done with that purpose in mind. We want to encourage you, equip you, support you, and enable you to be the best "Christ-like" version of you that you can be. Because whether you realize it yet or not, next to Jesus, you are absolutely the most important person in their lives. -David-

Upcoming events:

- Sept 10th** - Church Family Movie Night in the Family Life Center.
- Sept. 17th** - Connection Sunday - see sign-up sheet in the foyer.
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West Erwin's CONNECTION SUNDAY September 17, 2017

All-Church Luncheon Afternoon Devotional Small Groups in the Evening

Take this opportunity to connect with others at West Erwin by joining our small group program.

5:30 p.m. **The Family Table**

September 13
FLC
Bar-B-Q

\$6 Adults \$3 Children

The following men were placed before the congregation for consideration as deacons:
Cody Ables
Bruce Bevers
Chad Chauncey
Shaun Stamps

- New Wednesday Night Class Options**
- Auditorium Class:** Bill Allen-"Hebrews: Jesus is Better"
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WEST ERWIN PRESENTS
SUNDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES
"THE CASE FOR CHRIST"
SEPT. 10TH FLC 6:15 PM

Thanks

It's hard to put words to the emotion I feel. I don't know exactly how to describe how wonderful you have been to Wayne and me for eight months. But I want you to know that I am thankful to God for His mercy and grace for giving me healing and to you for all the prayers, visits, cards, calls, flowers, food, and tremendous support while I have been recovering. To see you in person at worship has been an answer to my prayers and to yours also I think. Bless you and thank you from the bottom of my heart. --Betsy Berryman

“Connected to Serve”

Deacons are special _____ appointed for special _____

1 Tim. 3:8-13; Phil. 1:1-2
Acts 6:1-7

1. Deacons are appointed by the _____.
2. Deacons respond in _____ ways to _____ needs.
3. Deacons are _____ servants who _____ serve the Lord and the church.

_____ are called to connect. _____ are called to serve.

Matt. 20:20-28

W.E.'re Proud of You!

Jim “Coach” Armstrong was mentioned in an article written in ACU Today, an Abilene Christian publication. Jim was on the football team when the last game was played on campus in 1958 in ACC Stadium. Jim even caught a touchdown pass that day. He returned this last week to Abilene as ACU football games returned to the campus in the brand new Wildcat Stadium. Jim was expecting to enjoy reuniting with his former teammates during a major day of ceremonial events surrounding the unveiling of the new stadium.

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Song #2

We Praise Thee, O God

Song

How Great is Our God

Song

Surround Us, O Lord

Prayer

Deacon Installation Service

Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:25-28

Song #694

Servant Song

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 3:8-13

Elder's Prayer

Song #309

In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified

Song #381

Years I Spent in Vanity

Communion & Contribution

Song #414

Anywhere With Jesus

Sermon:

"Connected to Serve - Acts 6:1-7"

Song

Light the Fire

Prayer

Song #290

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Danny Snell

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Shannon Snell &
Abby Lindsey

Join us for lunch in the Family Life Center.

We will have a short afternoon devotional

then be dismissed for the day.

Meet this evening with a few others for Connection Sunday.

There will be no P.M. service held at the building.

THIS IS C-O-N-N-E-C-T-I-O-N SUNDAY!

Today is our **Connection Sunday**. I hope you will take advantage of the reminders and opportunities throughout the day to connect or reconnect! But be connected to what?

• **Connected to the Lord**

"I pray...that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." (John 17:20-21)

• **Connected to the Word**

"Accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. (James 1:21-22)

• **Connected to the Church**

"For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body...and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. (1 Cor. 12:13-14)

Are you connected?



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

A PRAYING SPIRIT!

One of the most comforting passages of scripture that many have taken to heart is *the prayers of a righteous man availeth much* or as the ESV says, *has great power as it is working* (James 5:16). I have seen many people take comfort in who is praying for them and it is easy to understand that. The preceding verses seems to back that thought up, *And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick* (James 4:15). We also know that God heard the prayers of Cornelius even before he was baptized (Acts 10). So, I believe God hears all prayers, yet there have to be some conditions in the one who prays in order for it to be effective. In addition to praying in harmony with God's will (1 Jo.5:14), we need to **pray for good things**. Jesus said, *how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him?* (Matt.7:11) We need to take comfort in the fact that God knows what is good even if we don't. Answered prayer does not depend on what we want; it is a matter of what God wants for us! We also need to **pray for what is needful**. *And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus* (Phil.4:19). Our priority in prayer should be for what is best for God's kingdom (Matt.6:33). The promise is that God will supply what we need, not what we want. Today's times call for men and women with a praying spirit. We will continue our look into effective prayer next week.



Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

Some pictures of our Disaster Relief Team working in Rockport, Texas serving those affected by Hurricane Harvey



Marla Cannefax
Children's Coordinator

UPDATE: we need to change the date for the next Kids' Night Out. It will now be October 14th from 5:30 - 8:00 pm in the Children's Wing. Please make plans to attend and invite your friends. We will provide dinner, games, and a movie for the kids that night for FREE.

Last week during BLAST, our children made cards for the victims of Hurricane Harvey and we sent them with our Disaster Relief group this past week.

We plan to make care packages for all of our college students soon. If your child is in college, please email me their address so we can get these packs to them.

Our elementary children continue to work on learning the books of the Bible. Please work with them on this at home as well so we can master this!

Thank you for letting me work with your children - they are precious!

Marla

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I just want to praise and thank the students in our youth ministry. Without asking, hinting or anything, several of them went out of their way, on their own doing to make sure Tyler (my oldest) felt loved on his birthday. They showered him with gifts and love. I made a promise to all of the parents here at W.E. when we arrived that I would go to almost any extreme to love and lift up your child so that their faith may thrive, but to see it reciprocated, in the ways that this church has embraced my family....are priceless. And I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Upcoming events:

- TODAY** - Connection Sunday: be sure to meet with a group!
- Sept 24th** - Quarterly Parent/Volunteer Meeting @ Lighthouse, 9:00 am. We have lots to plan and to discuss, hope at least one parent from each family can attend.
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Thanks

Bitsy and I thank you for all your prayers and expressions of sympathy concerning my sister's death. The plant sent by the church to her funeral was beautiful and greatly appreciated by all the family -Wayne & Bitsy Berryman

Words do not come close to describe our appreciation for the wedding shower given for Allie last Sunday. The love, participation and words of congratulations were overwhelming. It could not have been more beautiful nor more appreciated. Thank you again. Jan & Allen Bowers / Helen & James Gullion

"Here I Am to Worship"

Introduction: Here I am to _____.

- A. We present _____ of who and what we are to worship God.
Rom. 12:1-2
- B. We worship God in _____ and _____ ways.
Heb. 13:15-16; Col. 3:12-17
- C. We worship God because He alone is _____ of our worship.
John 20:24-31; Isaiah 6:1-8

Conclusion: Here I am to worship—out of _____.

Rom. 12:1; Isaiah 6; Exodus 20:1-2; Eph. 2:1-10; 5:1-2

Back by Popular Demand ...



Shake Rattle & Roll

will return to the stage at Young at Heart's
Annual Area Wide Supper!
October 12th 6:00 pm Family Life Center
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The Bulletin Board

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September 24, 2017

Order of Worship

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Welcome/Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-3, 5, 9

Song #40

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts

Song #47

Holy, Holy, Holy

Song #64

I Worship You, Almighty God

Prayer

Song #337

Hallelujah! What a Savior

Communion & Contribution

Song #538

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Scripture Reading:

Colossians 3:16-17

Song

Here I Am to Worship

Sermon:

"Here I Am to Worship"

Song #924

Just As I Am

Song #853

When We All Get to Heaven

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements

Song #43

All Things Praise Thee

Song #202

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Song

How Deep the Father's Love

Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Revelation 22:8-9

Song

Ancient Words

Song #577

We Bow Down

Sermon:

"Here I Am to Worship -- God"

Song #945

Kneel at the Cross

Song #885

How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

Dismiss

Danny Snell

David Wicks

David Keen

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Have a blessed day!

It's one of the most important parts of our lives: **Worship.**

Yet, how do you *feel* about your worship of God? Do you *feel* anything at all? Or is it just some box you check occasionally because you *think* that you're supposed to?

What **questions** do you have about worship? Do you want to know more?

Sunday we begin a series of lessons on Worship. The thrust of the messages throughout is the same as the title of the series and the first lesson: **"Here I Am to Worship."**

We'll begin by looking at two men in the Bible who had the ultimate worship renewal experience. What was it that **Isaiah** in the 8th Century B.C. and **Thomas** in the time of Christ have in common? What experience did they share that impacted their worship? Is that something that can impact our worship as well?

And how **significant** is worship in our lives anyway?

Well, that question is easy. **Worshipping God is vital.**

In fact you could even say that the first statement in this article is incorrect.

Worship is **not** just *one* of the most important parts of our lives.

Worshipping God is our lives.



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

A PRAYING SPIRIT! Pt. 2

Last week we started looking at what it takes to have an effective prayer life. Last week, we looked at two things we need to pray for. Today, I want to look at three things we need to pray from. We need to **pray from a righteous heart.** *Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water (Heb.10:22). If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened (Psa.66:18).* We started this discussion last week with reference to the prayers of a righteous man. God pays attention to those with sincere motives and love for Him. We also need to **pray from a grateful heart.** *Do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God (Phil.4:6).* Christians should not have any trouble being grateful. We look to the cross and the blessings offered there every Sunday. All our spiritual blessings come from the love shown at the cross. All our physical blessings come from the love shown at the cross. We also need to **pray from a humble heart.** *God, be merciful to me, a sinner (Luke 18:13).* This was the prayer of the tax collector in Jesus' parable. It is a great example of the humility we need in when we approach God. Effective prayer starts with a good heart, gratitude, and humility. It ends with God's will being shown.



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Consider 1 Samuel 1:6-7: "Because the LORD had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat."

Hurricane Harvey

Thanks to all who have participated in helping those who have been affected by Hurricane Harvey. Many of you have given funds, sent supplies, and volunteered your time & energy. You have blessed many! Until you see it... you cannot believe how much there is still left to do. We will be planning another trip soon and will get details out as we finalize some plans.

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Marla Cannefax
Children's Coordinator

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For over 25 years, **See You at the Pole** has been about one simple act—prayer. SYATP is still about students uniting themselves in prayer before God interceding for their generation. There are two opportunities to unite in prayer with your friends: Adults/Parents, show up and support your students.

DAY: SEE YOU AT THE POLE day is on Wednesday, September 27, at 7:00 a.m. local time. All around the globe, in every time zone, students will be gathering at their flagpoles, praying for their school, friends, families, churches, and communities. SEE YOU AT THE POLE is a day committed to global unity in Christ and prayer for your generation.

WEEK: The GLOBAL WEEK OF STUDENT PRAYER (Sunday, September 24 through Saturday, September 30) encourages students to find new and unique ways, places, and times to pray throughout the week. Whether you attend PUBLIC SCHOOL, PRIVATE SCHOOL, or HOME SCHOOL, gather your friends wherever and whenever and pray! The GLOBAL WEEK OF STUDENT PRAYER is dedicated to prayer and launching your on-campus Bible clubs, prayer strategies, and student ministries.

Upcoming events:

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September 27
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W.E.'re Proud of You!

Last Friday, Barrett Carter, son of Davy and Sonja Carter, was inducted into Rho Chi for being in the top 20% of his pharmacy class at Harding University School of Pharmacy. This award is for 3rd year pharmacy students. Eleven students from Barrett's class will be inducted this year.

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Thanks

Thanks to everyone who had a part in the preparation or cleanup for last Sunday's all-church dinner. We can always count on you! --David Hammond

Why Worship God?

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

Col. 3:1-17; Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 13:15-16; Col. 3-4; Rom. 12-16; Eph. 4-6; etc.

A. Some _____ Reasons to Worship God

- 1) He will _____ those who reject Him. (John 8:24; 14:6; 2 Thess. 1:5-10)
- 2) He will _____ us. (Deut. 5:32-33; 4-6; 8; 11; 28)
- 3) He will bless _____ because of our worship. (2 Cor. 8:1-7; 9:12-15)
- 4) He _____ blessed us. (Rom. 12:1; Eph. 2:1-10; 5:1-2 Titus 3:3-8)
- 5) He has _____ us to worship Him. (Ex. 20:1-3; Matt. 6:24, 33; 22:34-40)

B. The _____ Reason to Worship God

- We _____ our Lord, and we _____ to worship Him.
- He is _____.

Rev. 4:8-11; 5:1-14; Job; Habakkuk; Isaiah 6; John 20:24-31

Rom. 1:1-4; 3:19-26; Eph. 1:3-23; 2:1-10; Col. 1:13-23; Titus 3:3-8; Heb. 1:1-4

Conclusion: We gratefully, willingly, joyfully—worship the God we _____. He alone is _____ of our worship.

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Prayer & Care

Sympathy: Our love and sympathy is extended to Stacey Moseley in the loss of her grandmother, Ernestine Smitheran. Services were last Monday in Kansas.

Updates: **Tommy Price** had day surgery September 20 and was to have another special procedure last Wednesday at Health South Rehab. Nerve and muscle and rogue bone growth in hip. Needle injections. Surgery not tolerated now.

Betty Bray had minor back surgery last week. She is home and doing well.

Tommy and LaMerle Cox, parents of Shae Wingate, are in need of prayer. LaMerle is recovering from knee replacement surgery on September 18th. Shae's father, Tommy, has a heart condition. He saw a cardiac surgeon last Friday to see what his surgical options are.

Nancy Lunceford's granddaughter, **Morgan Evans**, had oral cancer and treatment 3 years ago. She now has a suspicious lump on her jaw and will see the doctor next week.

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Thanks

We want to thank the ladies for the great meal they prepared for us after Esther's funeral last Monday. Also for all the love you have shown to Esther and Ira over the last few years. You all were a blessing to them.

The Harris Family

We thank you for your contribution to the North Bay Church of Christ toward the disaster relief effort. It is appreciated by many. Our Sunday worship and Wednesday meetings have benefitted. The song service has been wonderful. We believe God is pleased. Thank you again for your kind consideration.

The North Bay Church of Christ
Portland, Texas

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Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship Revelation 4:9-11

Song #74 Praise the Lord

Song #359 I Love the Lord

Song #797 Lord, We Come Before Thee Now

Prayer

Song #779 I Love You, Lord

Song In Christ Alone

Communion & Contribution

Song #230 Worthy Art Thou

Scripture Reading: Revelation 5:11-13

Song #18 Faithful Love

Sermon: "Why Worship God?"

Song #454 Rock of Ages

Song #578 We Will Glorify

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements

Song Mighty to Save

Song #709 How Sweet, How Heavenly

Song #639 Rescue the Perishing

Prayer

Scripture Reading: James 2:14-17

Song Open the Eyes of My Heart

Sermon: "Three Great Rules of Life"

Song #694 Servant Song

Song #876 Where He Leads I'll Follow

Dismiss

Danny Snell

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Have a blessed day!

Why do you worship God?

That's my sermon topic for this Sunday morning. As you notice from my outline in this bulletin, I've listed some reasons.

And yes, we'll fill in the blanks on Sunday! I doubt that you'll be much surprised by what goes in them, however.

So what would *you* put in those blanks?

More importantly, **what would be on your list** of reasons why *you* worship God?

And after you've made your list, I'd like to ask you to do one more thing.

Look through that list, and ask yourself if there's anything **selfish** about each reason. Even just a little bit selfish.

Because here's the bigger question: **Am I worshiping God for what I can get from Him?**

Would I worship God if there were nothing in it for me?

You see that's the question that Job ultimately had to answer. And it was a question asked not by Job. Nor by a prophet. Not even by God Himself. It was asked by the Adversary.

"Does Job serve God for nothing?" (Job 1:9) *Would you?*



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Benevolence Minister

A FAR COUNTRY!

The term "a far country" was used by Luke to describe where the prodigal son went after he collected his share of his father's property. While he was there, Luke says he squandered his property on reckless living. When I think of that "far country", I just see someone lost. It makes me think of people that I have seen walk away from the safety of the church. The son's decline from a protected child to the pigsty is similar to their situation. First, **he was selfish**. *Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me (Lk.15:12)*. People leave God for selfish reasons. They don't want the control of the Spirit in their lives and they don't want to submit to God's will. Secondly, **he was alone**. *And when he had spent everything...he began to be in need (Lk.15:14)*. We put ourselves in a dangerous place when we leave the people that love us the most and care for us spiritually. Thirdly, **he became a slave**. *So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens...who sent him into his fields to feed pigs (Lk.15:15)*. Once we leave God, pride keeps us from admitting our mistake and we become slaves to a life without Him; something that we once thought we would never do. Luke shows us the dangers of selfishness and what it can lead to. We can see why a church needs to care for all members; there is danger in being alone. Guarding ourselves from the influence of the world is so important. Beware of that "far country"!



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This past week I saw several of your families attend SYAP and this made my heart full of joy. Two reasons why:
1) The commitment level of our W.E. Families to rearing their children and teen's faith is so high it blows my mind!
2). When everyone else in the country is so focused on "other things" you made sure that you stood with Christ and for Christ at your schools.

Faith At Home

Here are some follow up discussion questions that will help you encounter your kids on a more spiritual level based on our Wednesday night series *Rescue*.

1. If someone asked you how or when you became a Christian, how would you respond?
2. If you had to give your testimony, what would you say?
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"One Another and the Assembly"

Introduction: Why are we here today? Yes, we are here to worship God. But that is only _____ correct.

A. The early church began immediately to assemble together _____. Acts 2:42-47; 20:7-12

B. _____ was an extremely important aspect of first century assemblies. 1 Cor. 14 (note 4,5,12,17,26); 11:17-31

C. Believers _____ to assembly together in order to remain faithful. Heb. 3:7-19; 10:19-25

Conclusion: The _____ of the assembly is upon **God** (vertical). The _____ of the assembly is to encourage and edify **one another** (horizontal). We are here to worship God—

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 50; Isaiah 1:10-20; 6:1-8; 29:13; Jer. 7:1-15; Hosea 6:1-6; Amos 5:21-24; Micah 6:6-8; Matt. 5:21-24; 9:1-13; 15:1-9; Mark 12:28-34; John 4; Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 5:1-2; Col. 3:12-17; Heb. 13:15-16; 1 Peter 1:13-16; 1 John 3:16; 4:7-21



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October 8, 2017

Order of Worship

Volume 48 – No. 41

Welcome/Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship *Philippians 2:9-11*

Song #162

Song

Song

Song #66

Prayer

Song #365

Communion & Contribution

Song

Scripture Reading:

Sermon:

Song #790

Song #704

Welcome/Announcements

Song #144

Song #143

Song #64

Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Song #74

Song

Sermon:

Song #186

Song #578

Dismiss

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Shout Hallelujah

There's a Stirring

Doxology

How Beautiful

We Are the Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 14:26

"One Another and the Assembly"

Lord Take Control

Bind Us Together

5:00 P.M. Assembly

O Worship the King

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

I Worship You, Almighty God

James 1:26-27

Praise the Lord

Ancient Words

"Worship Words"

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

We Will Glorify

Danny Snell

Ken Culpepper

David Keen

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Lisa Snell

Toddler:
Jodie Albritton & Jazmin Romero

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Have a blessed day!

I heard about the shooting in Las Vegas while I was at Oklahoma Christian University for their annual Lectureship. Whether such a horrific act of violence occurs at a church in Tennessee or a casino in Vegas our hearts ache for this broken and hurting and lost world.

At chapel that morning the worship leaders acknowledged the horrible news. Yet they did so with a sense of God's presence, even in the most difficult—and confusing—of times.

Psalms 130 was read, including these statements.

Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; Lord, hear my voice.

I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

That assurance of faith and trust in the sovereign God was reinforced as we sang these now familiar words from the great worship song, "In Christ Alone."

*No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns, or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand."*



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

EVE OF DESTRUCTION!

In 1965, Barry McGuire came out with a song of protest titled Eve of Destruction. Look at some of the lyrics of that song. *The eastern world, it is exploding, violence flaring, bullets loading. Can't you feel the fears I'm feeling today? If the button is pushed, there's no running away. There'll be no one to save with the world in a grave.* So here is a song written over 50 years ago, and as I sit here on Monday morning writing this article, I woke up to a mass shooting in Las Vegas that injured hundreds and killed fifty. I can't tell you how many people have lost their lives to terrorist attacks in the last 5 years. My president is tweeting about his disagreement with a dictator in North Korea and because of this many are worried about a nuclear war breaking out. We are still fighting and losing soldiers in the Middle East. I have never lived in a time where so many people are living in fear. Social injustice and protests are ruling the news. When you get down to it, man has not changed much in the last 50 years. To me the problem started when we as a society and as a world decided to take God out of the fabric of our lives. Consider God's words through His prophet Micah; *He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?* These words are still timely today. More justice, more kindness, and more humility would be a big help!



Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. Our study for this quarter... Women of Faith, Practicing Integrity & Living In Christ. The study will be taken from Ruth, 1 Corinthians & Old Testament passages. Our lesson this week will be from Gen. 5:32-6:22 ... *Noah, the Blameless Man Who Needed Grace...* More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Gen. 6:21-24 *"Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God."*

Douglas Project

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Next Kids' Night Out: October 14th from 5:30 until 8:00 pm in the Children's Wing. Please make plans to attend and invite your friends. We will provide dinner, games, and a movie for the kids that night for FREE.

Our elementary children continue to work on learning the books of the Bible. We practice by singing songs, playing games, and putting them in order. Ask your child to sing the books of the Bible to you and see if you can help them learn them.

Looking for ways to connect more with your child? Do you ever experience asking them how their day was and the answer is almost always "good" with little or no details? Try asking for examples of ways they were brave, mistakes they made during the day and how they handled them, what they were proud of accomplishing, and how they showed kindness to others. Make this a routine and you will learn more of what is happening in your child's world and build a stronger connection.

Marla

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<https://3plus3equals7.org/>

This past Saturday with the help of many of you, we moved into our new home! Well...our new "old" home. This has truly brought a new level of excitement to my already high level of excitement about being here at W.E. (sorry Danny ☺) Then on Sunday night we had 57 folks at our first devotional at our home, and this absolutely melted my heart! People are what make home feel like more than just a place, and you all have made Tyler feel like home to us.

Faith At Home

Here are some follow up discussion questions that will help you encounter your kids on a more spiritual level based on our Wednesday night series *Rescue*.

1. What is the absolute, most important thing to you?
2. What are some core values or beliefs you can't compromise?
3. What is a key Bible verse that you find yourself coming back to?
4. What type of impact do you want to have on the world before you die?

Upcoming events:

- Oct 8th - Devotional at the Lighthouse at 5:00 pm. Bring food to share!!
- Quarterly Parent/Volunteer Meeting @ Lighthouse, 9:00 am.
At least one parent or guardian needs to attend.
- Oct. 29th - Fall Festival: See sign up sheets in the foyer!
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Who: 6th - 12th Grades

A big "Frances thank you" for all the love and care shown me during my surgery and its events. Thanks to the S.O.F.A. group for the basket, for prayers, calls, cards, flowers, food, and lawn care. Continue praying for me as I try to regain my strength from the blood clots. Great to be back in the office! Love, Frances

The Jeff Fennell family would like to thank you for the food, flowers, cards, phone calls, and text messages we received after the death of Jeff's father. Your prompt response of kindness and generosity was greatly appreciated. We covet your continued prayers as we start to heal from this family's loss. We thank God for our West Erwin family as we cannot fathom going through something like this without your love and support. Jeff, Pam & McKenzie Fennell

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Thank you for all the beautiful birthday cards. It is truly a blessing to be a member of such a caring church as West Erwin. Christian love, Nettie Potts

Kids' Night Out This Saturday!
West Erwin's Children's Wing
5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

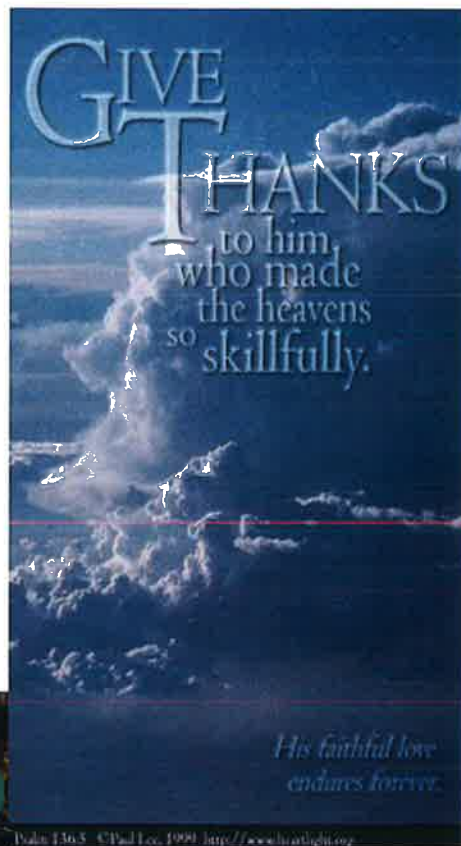
5:30 p.m. **The Family Table**
October 11
FLC
Fish Fry
\$6 Adults \$3 Children

“So Do We Have to Go to Church?”

Introduction: The Biblical teaching that the purpose of the worship assembly is to encourage one another only serves to _____, not lessen, its importance and uniqueness.

- A. We have to go to church because we value the _____.
Col. 1:15-20
- B. We have to go to church because we value the _____.
Heb. 10:19-25; 12:18-29
- C. We have to go to church because we value the _____.
Eph. 5:25-30; Acts 20:28

Conclusion: “Do we have to go to church?” is the _____ question. The right question is, “Do I love God’s _____?”



Psalm 136:5 CPDed. Dec. 1999 <http://www.light.org>



Our Records	October 8
Bible Class	225
Worship a.m.	NC
Worship p.m.	154
Wed. p.m.	175
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Order of Worship

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Welcome/Announcements
 Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship Hebrews 12:22-24
 Song #718 We Shall Assemble
 Song #167 Hosanna
 Song #448 The Greatest Commands
 Prayer
 Song #315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
 Communion & Contribution
 Song #705 A Common Love
 Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:23-25
 Song How Great is Our God
 Sermon: "So Do We Have to Go to Church?"
 Song #744 God's Family
 Song #752 God Bless You, Go With God

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements
 Song #54 We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise
 Song Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord
 Song #508 A Wonderful Savior
 Prayer
 Scripture Reading: Hebrews 7:22-25
 Song Thank You for the Cross, Lord
 Song 10,000 Reasons
 Sermon: "Better Covenant, Better Worship"
 Song #390 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
 Song #238 You Are the Song That I Sing
 Dismiss

Danny Snell
 David Hammond
 Gary Ables
 Will Christian
 Wayne Berryman
 Myron Granberry
 Bill Allen

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Donnie Carnathan
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 Fred Wingate
 Odie Kennedy
 Bill Allen
 Robert Lee

Have a blessed day!

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SEE GOD'S POWER PROCLAIMED AS YOU FAITHFULLY SOW THE SEED. Hebrews 4:12

While the evil one sows seeds of war and godlessness across Eastern Europe, our God continues to disseminate hope and love through a wide variety of unique opportunities.

God is inviting us to get in on what He is doing! Million Dollar Sunday is a chance for you and your church to partner with us in sowing God's Word in 2017.

visit www.milliondollarsunday.org

Special Contribution Sunday
Nov. 5, 2017

THE BIBLE.
MILLION DOLLAR SUNDAY
 WE WANT EVERYONE TO GET IT.
 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Prayer & Care

Our love and sympathy is extended to the family of Tommy Parrish. Tommy passed away last Saturday. Services were Wednesday.

- Gail Debenport** will not be receiving a liver transplant.
- Jordan Snell** is having issues with her blood pressure.
- Pat Lewis** had carotid artery surgery last Wednesday.
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Keaton Conder will have a CT Scan and a Stress Test in Dallas on October 24th. Please keep Sean, Elizabeth and Colton Sillavan in prayer. **Sean** is now at the William P. Clements Hospital in Dallas. His cancer has spread to his spinal fluid.

Church Family: Stan Mallory | Bud & Charlotte Cawyer | Pat Lewis | Joann Davis | Jim Gipson | Liz Albritton | Nella Ware | Sylvia Tharpe | Fred & Sara Powell | Blanca Ortiz

Friends and Family: **Stephen Pettit**, nephew of Melanie Murry | **Annette VanNess**, cousin of Davy Carter | **Amanda Jones**, friend of Jennie Ables | **Melinda Davis**, niece of Sondra Wilkinson | **Jennifer Rodriguez**, friend of Phil & Linda Marts | **Addie Leigh Spencer**, 2 year old with Acute Leukemia, friend of Jennie Ables | **Edith Blanco**, friend of Harold & Shirley Denman

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We are reminding ourselves of the importance of our love for one another as it relates to our worship. This Sunday we speak specifically of the importance of the worship assembly as we ask the question, "So do we have to go to church?"

Can you imagine anyone asking that question that can be a part of this "joyful assembly" as it's described in Hebrews 12:22-24?

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Together in sunshine, together in rain.

Together in victory.

God's family.



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

How many times have you heard the question, "How can David be a man after God's own heart and be as sinful as he was"? Just as you can't deny David's sin, you also can't deny the sincerity and depth of his repentance (Psa. 51). I want to point out some of David's other traits that endeared him to God, and maybe help us to become a "people after God's own heart". **David loved God.** *I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy (Psa.116:1). I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer (Psa.18:1-2).* David knew who to count on in his life. God was David's source of strength in beating his weaknesses. **David loved the word of God.** *Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandments make me wiser... (Psa.119:97-98).* David knew the value of God's word in his life. **David loved the people of God.** *I am a friend of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts (Psa. 119:63).* If God loves His children, how can we not? **David loved to worship God.** *My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart sings for joy to the living God (Psa.84:2).* Our joyful worship to God will help lead us to peace and security in a troubled world. These are basic building blocks of our faith, and they are so important to ensure strength and growth in our lives. Will those you leave behind say you were a person after God's own heart?



Danny Snell

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. Our study for this quarter... *Women of Faith, Practicing Integrity & Living In Christ.* The study will be taken from Ruth, 1 Corinthians & Old Testament passages. Our lesson this week will be from Daniel 1:1-21 ... **Daniel, The Faithful Servant Whom God Greatly Loved...** More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from Dan. 6:3-4 "Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent."

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Christian Homes & Family Services hopes you will make plans to join us for Dinner with the Benham Brothers on Tuesday evening, October 24th at 6:30 pm, at the GABC Crosswalk. Identical twins and former professional baseball players, David and Jason will be our featured guests. These brothers, now serial entrepreneurs and international business leaders, have created and developed several profitable businesses around the world. The same timing, skill, and determination that once benefited them on the baseball field catapulted them to the top of the business world in just a few short years. Hitting a home run with their first company, which grew to 100 locations in 35 states, they have been recognized by dozens of publications including: Inc. Magazine, Entrepreneur Magazine, Wall Street Journal, Business Leader Media, and others. David and Jason were also named Ernst & Young Entrepreneurs of the Year Finalists in 2012 and, in 2014, attracted the attention of TV networks and pro-family advocates. Then the media firestorm hit, and the Benhams chose to die to their dreams and stay true to their faith. Come hear their story of staying faithful whatever the cost.

For ticket information ctrl-click on:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stand-boldly-tyler-dinner-with-the-benham-brothers-tickets-37856416561> or email Kay Binkley at KBinkley@christianhomes.com. You can also call our office at (903) 509-0558. Proceeds will help Christian Homes pursue its vision of a Christian home for every child.

5:30 p.m. **The Family Table**

October 18
FLC
Bar-B-Q

\$6 Adults \$3 Children

Two things that are important in the world we live in today, especially for teenagers are Spiritual and Physical Self-Defense. On Wednesday nights we are going to begin a new series on IDENTITY; covering topics such as: Who are we and whose are we? Why do I matter? What are my gifts and how should I use them? How do we know God's mission for our lives? What do I do when I'm tempted? These are areas where being able to defend who we are spiritually is vital. We are also going to include in this series brief but real encounters on the PHYSICAL DEFENSE level that will apply to each week's lesson. This series could change your student's life in more than one way. See you at the Lighthouse on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

Faith At Home

Here are some follow up discussion questions that will help you encounter your kids on a more spiritual level based on our Wednesday night series **IDENTITY**

1. High school can be a hard time living with who you really are. It's so easy to try to be like everyone else. Do you struggle with that?
2. Do you know that your identity does not come from the world but from God?

Upcoming events:

There's more than just this list, check with David for other weekly activities.

Oct. 22nd – Devotional at the Keen's Home

Oct. 29th - Fall Festival: See sign up sheets in the foyer!

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Fall Festival

West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center

CANDY
CHILI COOK-OFF
BOUNCE HOUSE
OBSTACLE COURSE
GAMES FOR ALL AGES
COSTUME CONTESTS

OCTOBER 29, 2017
12 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Thank You

From the family of Tommy Parrish:
 "Thank you" does not seem adequate enough to show our appreciation for all the cards, visits, flowers, phone calls, hugs and the meal provided by the church after the service. The encouragement you have provided to our family has meant so much and we are blessed by the many prayers offered up on our behalf. Dad loved his West Erwin family and we are thankful to each of you for the love shown to him over these last few years and also to us during our time of loss. May God bless each of you.

Love,
 Jeff & Melissa Parrish & Family
 James & Shara Wehunt



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Bible Class	249
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Wed. p.m.	173
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Welcome/Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship *Psalm 25:1-7*

Song #794

Unto Thee, O Lord

Song #608

He Gave Me a Song

Song #745

Humble Yourself

Prayer

Song

How Deep the Father's Love

Communion & Contribution

Song #214

Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?

Scripture Reading:

John 15:9-17

Song #490

It is Well With My Soul

Sermon:

"Our First Ninety Days"

Song #902

Nothing But the Blood

Song #867

To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements

Song #77

Glorify Thy Name

Song #450

Give Me the Bible

Song #800

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 55:10-11

Song

Salvation Belongs to Our God

Song #622

Ring Out the Message

Sermon:

EEM Update

Song #639

Rescue the Perishing

Song #290

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Dismiss

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- Marcus Turner
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Special Contribution Sunday
Nov. 5, 2017

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Prayer & Care

Jean Parish will have knee surgery this Monday morning at Spine and Joint. After a brief stay there Jean will have rehab at Providence Park.

Tommy Price is going through testing leading up to a heart valve replacement soon.

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Have a blessed day!

I am excited that our David Keen is presenting the sermon this Sunday morning. David and Kiera and their family have been such a huge blessing to our West Erwin family already, and will continue to lead and serve in countless ways. Ever since they moved here in July we have been talking about him having the opportunity to share with their new church family during the morning sermon time, and I'm glad that he will be doing exactly that this Sunday.

Sunday evening Lanny Tucker from Eastern European Mission will have the sermon time. He will share an exciting message about the amazing things God is doing through EEM and their work with refugees and schools and in other aspects of this great ministry. This Nov. 5th all monies given above our regular contribution will go to EEM. For decades this group more than any other I know of has been getting the Word of God into the hands of the lost in areas where that Word is not otherwise to be found. I hope you are planning to be a part of that contribution, and of this great work that God is doing.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:10-11)



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

LIVING A HOLY LIFE!

In your lifetime, do you have any idea of the number of sermons, lessons, devotional thoughts, prayers, and encouragements from a worship service that you have received? If you're like me, it is probably staggering. God has constantly put His word and commands before me most of my life. But if I don't put them into action, I can't live a holy life. Peter gives us some ideas of how to accomplish that. Living a holy life calls for **right thinking**. Therefore preparing your mind for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Pet.1:13). What we spend our time thinking about usually results in how we act. What are you doing to prepare your mind for holy living? Living a holy life calls for a **right conformity**. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance (1 Pet. 1:14). Once we surrender to Christ, we leave the influence of our former lives behind. With Christ, we act, think, and desire something different! Living a holy life calls for the **right imitation**. Just as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in your conduct (1 Pet.2:16). Jesus is the one we copy. We strive to become more like Him every day. Living a holy life calls for **right behavior**. As you call on Him, as Father who judges...each one's deeds,, conduct yourselves with fear...(1 Pet.1:17). Regardless of what the world wants us to believe, it matters how we act toward one another. Are you living a holy life?



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Family Life Minister

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Consider the following from Job 1:10-22

"At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised." In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing."

Douglas Project

Douglas Elementary needs YOU! One of the biggest needs is for Mentors. This is an opportunity for you to just spend some time with an individual child... just being you... encouraging, helping them with life, helping them make good decisions, helping them do better in school. Contact me if you are interested in becoming a mentor.

Marla Cannefax
Children's Coordinator

Thank you to Kelly and Heather Monahan for running our Kids' Night Out last weekend. The kids (and parents) had a blast!

We continue to learn about Judges in BLAST and on Wednesday nights with elementary students.

We are looking for volunteers for Sunday morning during Bible class for 2 year olds and 3 year olds, BLAST (K-3rd) on Sunday mornings during worship, Children's Worship (3 yo - 5 yo) during worship, and Wednesday night teachers for elementary as well as Wednesday night assistant for preschool. If you are willing to help us and build relationships with our precious children, let me know.

Marla

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Faith At Home

Here are some follow up discussion questions that will help you encounter your teens on a more spiritual level based on our Wednesday night series *IDENTITY*. Seriously!!! Just try it!
Why were we made, who are we as God's children, and what gives us value?
Mark 5:24-34

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Oct. 22nd - Fall Festival Decorating at 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center, then Wednesday night at 5:00 pm we will continue decorating and getting everything ready for the Fall Festival. If you are wanting to help, please sign up on the sign-up sheets by **TODAY** and **CONTACT David Keen** and let him know where you want to help. We are also in need of lots of candy and small prizes for the game booths. Feel free to drop these off at the office during the week.

Oct. 23rd - H.S. Seniors and Juniors, Fill-Up (Food: Spiritual and Physical) at the Keen's home from 6:00-8:30 pm. R.S.V.P by Sunday PM.

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5:30 p.m. **The Family Table**

October 25
FLC
Tacos

\$6 Adults \$3 Children

Welcome Our Newest Members!

Gene & Lowdean Greer



The Davis Family

Grant, Donna, Will, Ben & Eden



Fall Festival

West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center

OCTOBER 29, 2017
12 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

CANDY
CHILI COOK-OFF
BOUNCE HOUSE
OBSTACLE COURSE
GAMES FOR ALL AGES
COSTUME CONTESTS

"Worship and Joy"

Introduction: Is your worship _____?

A. Our joyful worship is not threatened by _____.

Matt. 5:10-12; James 1:2-18; 1 Peter 1:6

B. Our joyful worship stems from our Savior and the hope of _____.

Matt. 28:1-8; Luke 24:36-42, 50-53

1 Peter 1:3-9; 1 Cor. 15; 2 Cor. 5:1-10; Phil. 1:12-26

C. Our joyful worship begins when we are _____ into Christ.

Acts 8:29-39; 16:25-34

Conclusion: If our _____ is upon God and our _____ is to encourage others, then nothing can smother our worship or take away our joy.



**BOLES HOME
FAMILY
SERVICE
PROJECT
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 26TH**



Our Records	October 22
Bible Class	220
Worship a.m.	357
Worship p.m.	145
Wed. p.m.	161
Contribution	17,367.71
Weekly Budget	\$24,867.00
Building Fund	\$236,916.00

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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October 29, 2017

Order of Worship

Volume 48 – No. 44

Welcome/Announcements

David Keen

Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship *Psalm 100*

Gaylan Seagler

Song #103

He Has Made me Glad

Gary Ables

Song

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Prayer

Larry Murphey

Song #147

I Stand Amazed

Song #344

Low in the Grave He Lay

Communion & Contribution

Greg Jones

Song #226

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Scripture Reading:

1 Peter 1:8-9

Song #346

He Lives

Sermon:

"Worship and Joy"

Song #76

How Great Thou Art

Song

How Great is Our God

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements

Donnie Carnathan

Song #611

Heavenly Sunlight

Lance Yarema

Song #202

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Prayer

Tom Clark

Scripture Reading:

John 8:12

Song #559

The Joy of the Lord

Song #587

Sing and Be Happy

Sermon:

"Walking in Sunlight"

Bill Allen

Song #939

O Why Not Tonight?

Song #878

Sweet By and By

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

James Sublette
Randy Turner
Marcus Turner
Wynne Weathers
Bill White
David Wicks
Michael Willis
Fred Wingate

GREETERS

Info Center:
Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy
Main Doors:
Wynne & Kristi Weathers
East Doors:
Jeff & Robyn Horton
W. Erwin Doors:
Dannie & Sue Skipper

PICK UP CARDS

Liam Harbuck
Logan Metcalf
Luke Metcalf
Clay Mitcham
Tanner Transier

SOUND

Clifton Lindsey &
Philip Matthews

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery:
Helen Strotman
Toddler:
Shirley Chandler &
Abby Lindsey

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2017 GOAL: \$2.3M

Special Contribution Sunday
Nov. 5, 2017

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WE WANT EVERYONE TO GET IT.
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Prayer & Care

Jean Parish had knee replacement surgery last Monday. She is in rehab at Providence Park.

Tommy Price is going through testing leading up to a heart valve replacement soon.

Jordan Snell is having issues with her blood pressure.

James Hardin had surgery in Dallas last Thursday. Surgery went well.

Sylvia Tharpe did not have heart stents put in last Wednesday. She will have a heart ablation procedure on November 27th.

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Krystal Ables' mother, Stacey Davis, had outpatient surgery last Wednesday. She is home.

Rachel Reed, step-granddaughter of Janice Hardaway is suffering from a brain disease.

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Join us in the FLC for our Fall Festival following this morning's services!

"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them."

These words of Jesus are found in John 17:13. Hours before His betrayal, abandonment and death, our Lord's concern was for others. His disciples. Us.

What was the purpose behind what Jesus said?

- Our survival? Nope.
- Our faithfulness? Kind of, but even more than that.
- Our joy.

He was about to suffer a horribly painful, unjust death. Yet His heart was filled with joy. It didn't take away the hurt, or the pain, or the sense of loss. But those things couldn't take away His joy. And He prayed for us to have that same lasting, all-encompassing joy.

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." (Heb. 12:2-3)



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

THAT'S CAUSE I'M SO BIG!

Beau (my youngest grandson) is always telling me how he is getting to be a big boy. When I ask him how he was able to do something, he replies "That's cause I'm so big!" It is a good thing for him to want to grow up, it's normal. Do we have that same desire to grow as Christians? Here are three things we can do to help us grow spiritually. First, **we need to be better disciples.** "A disciple continues in the Word, loves others, bears fruit, and puts Christ first." This was a quote from a minister who lived during the days of Adolph Hitler. He was executed during that war. He took Jesus' words to heart, *If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me (Matt.16:24).* Secondly, **we need to accept the role of the Holy Spirit within our lives.** God gives us His spirit to empower us to overcome our own sinful nature. *For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control (2 Tim. 2:7).* Embracing His spirit will help us become more like Him! Third, **we need to grow stronger from trials, not weaker.** *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing (James 1:2-4).* With God, testing works for us, not against us! Are you doing your best to grow?



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Consider the following from Genesis 39:20-23 "But while Joseph was there in the prison, the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.."

Wednesday Night Classes

In addition to the Men's Class, Ladies Class & Auditorium Class, we will have a new Bible Class option beginning Nov. 1. Jim Boyd will begin a class in the Library entitled: **Christianity 101** This class will be focused on studying various subjects to answer the question 'What does the Bible teach on...?'. (Baptism, Singing, First Day of the Week Worship).

OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD AS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FROM DEATH TO LIFE; AND OFFER EVERY PART OF YOURSELF TO HIM AS AN INSTRUMENT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.



Faith At Home

This past week, I preached on the essence of remaining close (abiding) to Christ throughout our lives to be able to experience all of the benefits that come with that amazing relationship. This week, recount the sermon and at dinner one night sit and talk about as a family what are we doing individually and collectively to remain close to Christ in our daily lives. For sure, this will be hard at first because in all honesty most of us (myself included) are consumed and distracted by all the things that the world throws at us. Some of these things that we get thrown off by sometimes even come across as unavoidable or mandatory; but trust me they're not, and they're not nearly as important as a family focusing on Christ as its center. Over the next few months, I want to encounter each of our Youth Families and do a follow up on these questions, because we are here for you and want to help in any way that we can to draw you close to the One who gives us life, meaning, and purpose.

John 15

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November 1
FLC
Bruno's

\$6 Adults \$3 Children

There will be a table shower for Colby and Anna Chandler November 5th and 12th. Bring your gifts to the foyer. Diapers, wipes and gift cards are appreciated!

West Erwin's new name tags are ready! Pick yours up in the foyer!

Fall Festival

West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center

CANDY CHILI COOK-OFF BOUNCE HOUSE OBSTACLE COURSE GAMES FOR ALL AGES COSTUME CONTESTS

OCTOBER 29, 2017
12 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

"Worship: Mercy and/or/not Sacrifice?"

Introduction: There are some common areas of _____ in NT Christianity.

- Faith or Works?
- Grace or Knowledge?
- Mercy or Sacrifice?

Obviously _____ are important and essential.

But what to emphasize is based on what is most _____ in the lives of the hearers.

Hosea 6:1-6
 Matt. 5:23-24; 9:1-13; 12:1-14; 15:1-9; 23:16-28
 Luke 10:25-37; James 2:8-26

Conclusion: What is most needed in _____ life?
 2 Peter 3:17-18; Eph. 4:1-16; John 1:14-17

Thank you
 Thank you to our West Erwin family for the cards, calls and good thoughts after the loss of my mother. We would appreciate your continued prayers. In Christian love,
 Israel Sandoval and Family

BOLES HOME FAMILY SERVICE PROJECT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

The Bulletin Board

Our Records	October 29
Bible Class	258
Worship a.m.	428
Worship p.m.	113
Wed. p.m.	NC
Contribution	\$69,910.70*
Weekly Budget	\$24,867.00
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*Contribution total for 10/15 was not available until this week.
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Welcome/Announcements		David Keen	SUNDAY Bible Class 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10 a.m. Evening Worship 5 p.m.
Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship	Micah 6:6-8	David Wicks	MONDAY Karing Kitchen 6 p.m.
Song #15	Step by Step	David Keen	TUESDAY Tuesday Lunch Bunch 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Clothing Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Song	Shout Hallelujah		WEDNESDAY Food Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m. Evening Bible Study 7 p.m. Food Distribution 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Song #684	Nearer, My God, to Thee	Tom Hale	THURSDAY Clothing Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Prayer			Serving Today
Song #325	Boundless Love	Kelly Monahan Stan Clark	COMMUNION
Communion			Tony Wingate Cameron Ables Cody Ables Wayne Berryman Jim Boyd Gary Broome Jason Browning Tom Clark
Song #555	Seek Ye First		GREETERS
Contribution			Info Center: Sheri Gruver & Konni Tharp
Kid's Time		Bill Allen	Main Doors: Suzanne Braly & Rachel Huff
Song	Mighty to Save		East Doors: Suzie Roden & Burney Wilson
Scripture Reading:	Matthew 23:23-24	Colby Chandler	W. Erwin Doors: Phil & Linda Marts
Song #346	He Lives		PICK UP CARDS
Sermon:	"Worship: Mercy and/or/not Sacrifice?"	Bill Allen	Aaron Browning Chase Browning Jackson Parker Talon Parker Wyatt Parker
Song	Just As I Am / I Come Broken		SOUND
Song #989	Soon and Very Soon		Terry Frick & Philip Matthews
	5:00 P.M. Assembly		CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
Welcome/Announcements		Donnie Carnathan	Nursery: Connie Sublette
Song #570	Each Day I'll Do	Davy Carter	Toddler: Cathy Culpepper & Bailey Hammond
Song #605	I Will Serve You		
Song #636	To Love Someone More Dearly		
Prayer		David Cannefax	
Scripture Reading:	Deuteronomy 10:12-13	Bill White	
Song #634	We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes		
Sermon:	"Scripture's Consistent Call"	Bill Allen	
Song #909	There's a Fountain Free		
Song #694	Servant Song		
Dismiss		James Sublette	

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Prayer & Care

Sandra Wingate fell Wednesday and broke her hip. She had surgery Wednesday evening. Surgery went well. No visitors at this time.

Sherry Osborn developed a serious infection following surgery and is in ETMC. She is expected to be in the hospital for about four to six weeks.

Ralph Henderson had neck surgery last Wednesday. Surgery went well. He is home.

Dale White got a good report from a heart cath Wednesday. He will not need a valve replacement.

Tommy Price will have an aortic valve replacement Wednesday morning, November 8th at ETMC.

Sylvia Tharpe will have a heart ablation procedure on November 27th. Please keep Sean, Elizabeth and Colton Sillavan in prayer. Sean is now at Zale-Lipshy Hospital in Dallas for therapy.

Jean Parish is home now. She is having some slight complications from her knee replacement and will have to stay off of her feet for a while.

Logan Charles Martinez, newborn son of Melanie Goodson Martinez, is home now.

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It's Million Dollar Sunday! Be prayerful about your giving.

This Sunday is our special day to contribute to **Eastern European Mission** and their Million Dollar Sunday campaign. All contributions above our regular weekly budgeted amount will be sent to this incredible and important ministry. **Every five dollars means one more Bible for someone!**

A couple weeks ago Lanny Tucker was here to tell our church family about some of the amazing opportunities to spread the Word of God. The Lord has opened doors to provide **Bibles for refugees** from several countries as well as **Bibles, books and curriculum for public schools and libraries.**

Here are a few highlights on the great history West Erwin has with EEM.

- EEM has been in our regular budget since 1993, including \$1000/month now.
- Additionally we have participated in each of the eleven previous Million Dollar Sundays.
- Our extra gift has ranged from \$6,953 the first MDS in 1998 to \$34,720 in 2008.
- The last two years West Erwin has contributed \$20,000 to the MDS campaign.
- Our total West Erwin contribution over the years to EEM is **\$481,400!!**

As you can see if we can match our two previous years of \$20,000 we will go over half a million dollars contributed toward providing the Word of God to **children and adults** who desperately want and need to read and hear about **the love of Jesus.** I would love to see us do exactly that and more. Give prayerfully, cheerfully, and generously this Sunday.



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

WINNING THREE GAMES IS HARD TO DO!

As I am writing this, the Houston Astros kept me up late with their extra inning heroics for their 3rd win of the series. Like most Astro fans, I wanted them to win all three games at Minute Maid and end this thing. As I was lamenting about this, a friend told me, "Winning three games in a row is a hard thing to do". He was right. As Christians we face some hard things too. Here are some of them. Jesus said, *For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few (Matt.7:14).* Jesus calls us to a higher standard in our lives. His message was that following after Him would not be easy. That is why He always told people to "count the cost". Paul wrote, *But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed (Ro.2:5).* It is hard to confess and repent of our sins, but when we experience the pain and shame of our mistakes, we can grow from it. Paul also wrote, *For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two (Phil.1:21, 22b, 23a).* The choice of life on earth or to be with the Lord is difficult for many. Paul knew that being with the Lord was better, but he also knew the church needed him too. Do we value our kingdom work that much? Are we so involved in people's lives that we feel they truly need us? Take the hard road, it's worth it!



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Family Life Minister

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John 4:14 & 7:39

"The water that I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life ... rivers of living water will flow from within them."

Faith At Home

This past Sunday we had an amazing turnout at our Fall Festival and it was only a success because so many of you made it happen!! A special THANK YOU to all who helped before, during, and after; our teens and their families, **Cathy Hallman**, Steve Jones, Wendy Nelson, Burney Wilson, the Snells, the Philpots, my beautiful bride, and all of the Elders, their wives, Deacons and their wives...then, of course, all of the folks I missed on here, forgive me.

It's not every day you get to have a party like we had at our Fall Festival, so I hope the excitement and energy carries on to our next big event! The winners of the chili cook-off were Lee Mink and Donnie Carnathan. The winners of the Young at Heart washer tournament were, Lydia Gibson, Myron Granberry, and Dannie Skipper. And the big winner of the day was our church! In Bible classes we had 102 kids from the ages of 0-18, which resulted in me being dunked 4 times in the ice-filled dunking booth. Love and thanks to all for a great day!!

A Disciple's Mission: How do you know God's mission for your life? Students will learn about a unique formula (Burden + Passion + Vision = Mission) to look at clues God has given them along the way to discover how God is leading them. Bible Passage: Matthew 9:35-10:42 Talk about as a family what is "our" mission?

Upcoming events: There's more than just this list, check with David for other weekly activities. And if you're wanting to be connected to our Youth Ministry, please email dkeen@westerwin.org and send me your and your students info. Also be sure to stay on the Remind app, for this is where lots of last minute announcements come from.

Nov. 6th – High School Fill-Up (Food: Spiritual and Physical) at the Keen's home from 6:00-8:30 pm. R.S.V.P by Sunday PM.

Nov. 12th – Hosting Area-Wide – needing lots of helpers for this, meet at the Lighthouse on Wed. the 8th at 6:30 pm to discuss plans.

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West Erwin's new name tags are ready!
Pick yours up in the foyer!

Last Wednesday night we began a new class entitled **"Christianity 101"**. Jim Boyd teaches this class in the church library. The class focuses on studying various subjects by asking the question: **"What does the Bible teach on _____?"** (Baptism, Singing, First Day of the Week Worship, etc.).



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"The Lord's Supper: The Church's Family Meal"

Introduction: The _____ of the worship assembly is upon God, and the _____ of the assembly is to encourage one another. The Lord's Supper, the central part of our worship assembly, is consistent with this idea.

1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (Gen. 18; Exodus 12; 24:9-11; Psalm 23; Matt. 9:9-13; 26:17-30; Luke 24; John 2:1-11; Acts 2:42-47; 20:7-12; 1 Cor. 5:6-8; 10:14-22; 2 Peter 2:13; Jude 12)

Listed below are some important aspects of the Lord's Supper.

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| 1) _____ | 4) _____ | 7) _____ |
| 2) _____ | 5) _____ | 8) _____ |
| 3) _____ | 6) _____ | 9) _____ |

Conclusion: We may have special devotional times in our lives where we try to isolate ourselves and put everything but our Lord out of our minds, but the Communion, the church's family meal, is _____ one of those times. The Lord's Supper, like the Christian worship assembly, _____ the purpose of encouraging and building up the church by focusing together on the death, burial, resurrection, and coming of Jesus Christ.



Welcome
Our
Newest
Members!

Danny & Dawn Dobbs
& Bonnie Tessyman



Scot & Anita
Moore

Prayer & Care

Our love and sympathy is extended to Sue Skipper in the loss of her sister, Mary Shirk. Private services were in Cape Coral, Florida.

Edith Blanco, friend of Harold & Shirley Denman has been on our prayer list for some time. Sadly, Edith passed away. Our sympathy is extended to her family and to the Denmans. They appreciate all our prayers that were made on Edith's behalf.

Sandra Wingate is now in Health South. She can have visitors after 3:30 p.m.

Jon Sorrells has an infection and is being watched closely so the infection does not go to his heart.

Sherry Osborn developed a serious infection following surgery and is in ETMC. She is expected to be in the hospital for about four to six weeks.

Ralph Henderson is improving in his recovery from double pneumonia. He is in ETMC.

Tommy Price had an aortic valve replacement Wednesday morning at ETMC. She was expected to go home Saturday, the 11th.

Sylvia Tharpe will have a heart ablation procedure on November 27th.

Please keep Sean, Elizabeth and Colton Sillavan in prayer. Sean has been sent home under hospice care. They are in Texarkana staying with their parents.

Jean Parish is having slight complications from her knee replacement and will have to stay off of her feet for a while.

Faye Kennard has moved to Garden Estates Assisted Living on W. Grande. Address is in church office.

J.D. Evers, friend of Nate and Julie VanBuskirk, is fighting an aggressive cancer.

Church Family: Stan Mallory | Bud & Charlotte Caywer | Pat Lewis | Joann Davis | Jim Gipson | Liz Albritton | Nella Ware | Sylvia Tharpe | Fred & Sara Powell | James Hardin | Gail Debenport

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The Sillavan Family

Sean is in Texarkana under home hospice care. In an effort to help, the Elders would like to give them \$20,000 toward their medical and living expenses. If you would be able to make a donation to this fund make your check out to "West Erwin Church of Christ" and include Sean Sillavan's name in the memo line and give it to an Elder or Minister.

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Our Records	November 5
Bible Class	225
Worship a.m.	397
Worship p.m.	138
Wed. p.m.	126
Contribution	\$40,293.73 *
Weekly Budget	\$24,867.00
Building Fund	\$236,916.00

***Contribution for
EEM Million Dollar Sunday from
West Erwin was \$20,000 !**

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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November 12, 2017

Order of Worship

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Welcome/Announcements	David Keen
Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship <i>Colossians 1:15-20</i>	Jay Bynum
Song #162 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	Gary Ables
Song 10,000 Reasons	Pete Leung
Prayer	
[Kids dismiss to Children's Worship and BLAST]	
Song #324 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?	
Song How Deep the Father's Love	
Scripture Reading: <i>Matthew 26:26-28</i>	Bruce Bevers
Song #364 Come, Share the Lord	
Sermon: "The Church's Family Meal"	Bill Allen
Song We Are the Body of Christ	David Keen
Song #382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?	
Communion & Contribution	Bill Allen
Song #538 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	
Prayer	Eric Moseley
5:00 P.M. Assembly	
Welcome/Announcements	Donnie Carnathan
Song #590 Jesus is All the World to Me	Michael Hurley
Song #791 On Bended Knee	
Prayer	Ernie Gordon
Scripture Reading: <i>Luke 24:28-31</i>	Dennis Kingsbury
Song Ancient Words	
Song #431 Break Thou the Bread of Life	
Sermon: "Jesus and Food: More Than Just a Meal"	Bill Allen
Song #943 Do You Know My Jesus?	
Song #449 Thy Word	
Dismiss	Lee Mink

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- Tony Wingate
- Cameron Ables
- Cody Ables
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- Jim Boyd
- Gary Broome
- Jason Browning
- Tom Clark

GREETERS

Info Center:
Michael & Charity Etchelecu

Main Doors:

- Jeff Bullock & Helen Strotman

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- Tim & Gayle Holt

W. Erwin Doors:

- James & Sue Hughes

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- Chase Browning
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- Talon Parker
- Wyatt Parker

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- McKenzie Fennell & Jazmin Romero

Our hearts go out to our neighbors to the south at Sutherland Springs First Baptist Church, their families and their community. It seems impossible to imagine what happened as their church gathered to worship this past Sunday. It will never, never make sense to us.

And so we turn to the only places we can turn for true help and comfort: to our God; to our own church family; to God's Word. And we turn to our calling, to continue to do the good we can do, wherever and whenever we have the opportunity to share God's love and Word.

- **We pray**—for Sean and Elizabeth Sillavan and their family; for all those who are hurting and suffering; for our land; for our world.
- **We serve**—those around we see every day and others with special needs.
- **We give**—as seen in the \$20,000 special contribution for EEM.
- **We worship**—the One who is Lord of all, who will one day return to set everything right, and who in the meantime calls us to be the light of the world.

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."
Romans 8:37



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

CALLED TO BE SAINTS TOGETHER!

Last week in Bible class we looked at church unity. This passage came up and it has stuck with me all week. *To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...* (1 Co.1:2). How does God expect us, with our sinful nature, to be saints together? Let's look at a few verses that I think address that. *Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you* (Eph.4:32). No church will ever be a blessing to the world if they cannot or will not learn to forgive. We cannot expect forgiveness from God if we don't extend it to our fellow man! *Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth* (3 Jo.1:8). This verse paints the picture of men and women working side by side, with purpose, unity, and love for the lost as they carry God's message of love to any who are without it! *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace* (1 Pet.4:10). Each of us has made friends within the church that nobody else has. We need to use what God has graciously given us to serve and know each other better. *For the body does not consist of one member but of many* (1 Cor.12:14). West Erwin is not supported by just one person; it takes all of us. Our strongest times come when we are truly "saints together"!



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Consider the following from 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 *"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies."*

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"You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you."
Psalm 86:5

Richard Foster writes, "God, who is faithful and just - and also full of mercy - will forgive and will cleanse. Like the father of a prodigal, he rushes to us at the first sign of our turning home."

We live in a lost and dying world, spiritually corrupt, in need of God's mercy and grace. West Erwin is charged with a wonderful work to spread the good news of Jesus. Can we depend on you?

Jesus himself reminds us, "The fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few."

I leave with mixed emotions. This church has been and will be a Bible-based church. After 35 plus years, funeralized a wife of 43 years, raised a daughter in Christ here, I will miss each one of you as I move on to Dallas, Texas.

Alan W. Fisher
6715 Sawmill Road
Dallas, TX 75252

Faith At Home

How do you and your friends talk about sin and temptation? Does it come up much? Why or why not? What do you do when you are feeling tempted to sin? *This is a great opportunity to lavish love and encouragement on your child. Let them know that you not only love them—you like them. They are at their best when they are comfortable in their own skin, living like God intended them to be.*

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Every year special West Erwin members enjoy delivering poinsettias to our widows and shut-ins. This year we will deliver them on Saturday morning, December 9th from the FLC. Sign up at the Information Center if you would like to help with our annual poinsettia delivery! It's a great event for young families.

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"Living, Grateful Sacrifices"

Introduction: As we complete this series, "Here I Am to Worship," here are a few reminders going forward in our _____ of worship.

- 1) We worship God because **He alone** is _____ of our worship.
Isaiah 6; Rev. 4-5; John 4; Heb. 12:18-29
- 2) Acceptable worship **must** include both _____ and _____ worship.
Heb. 13:15-16; Col. 3:17
Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 50; Isaiah 1:10-20; 29:13; Jer. 7:1-15; Hosea 6:1-6; Amos 5:21-24; Micah 6:6-8; Matt. 5:23-24; 9:1-13; 15:1-9; Mark 12:28-34; John 4:20-24; Eph. 5:1-2; Col. 3:1-17; 1 Peter 1:13-16; 1 John 3:16; 4:7-21
- 3) The worship assembly is a _____ time when the church gathers **together** to partake of the Lord's Supper, the church's family meal. While the _____ of our assembly is upon our great God and merciful Savior, the _____ of our assembling **together** is to encourage one another.
Heb. 10:19-25; 3:12-14; 1 Cor. 11:17-34; 14; 16:1-4; Acts 2:42-47; 20:7-12
- 4) We _____ offer up our worship to God with _____ in **response** to His love.
Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 5:1-2

Welcome Our Newest Members!

*Jonathan and Christina Ramirez
Meredith and Emma*

Christina grew up at West Erwin and is the daughter of Steve and Diane Denman and the granddaughter of Harold and Shirley Denman.



Prayer & Care

Our Congratulations to Danny and Lisa Snell on the arrival of their new grandbaby. Elisia Joy Lyons was born Tuesday morning, November 14th. She weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long. Proud parents are Jordan "Bubba" and April Lyons. Proud aunts are Shannon, Jordan Snell and Peggy Ratliff. Great grandparents are Harvey and Edie Strickland.
Sandra Wingate is home where she continues her rehab.
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Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed **Wed., November 22, at noon and will remain closed until Mon., November 27.**

The **Benevolence Center** will be closed for food and clothing distribution all week.

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The Bulletin Board

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Order of Worship

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Welcome/Announcements David Keen
Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship Psalm 145:1-3 Gaylan Seagler
Song You're Worthy of My Praise David Keen
Song #264 O Come, Let Us Adore Him
Song #797 Lord, We Come Before Thee Now
Song #144 O Worship the King
Prayer Michael Hurley
Song #379 If That Isn't Love
Song #474 Thank You, Lord
Communion & Contribution Bill Paschall
Song Here I Am to Worship
Song Blessed Be Your Name
Scripture Reading: *Job 1:20-21* Jimmie Philpot
Sermon: **"Living, Grateful Sacrifices"** Bill Allen
Song #129 Amazing Grace
Song #290 Shine, Jesus, Shine

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements Donnie Carnathan
Song #544 Without Him Wayne Berryman
Song #554 O Jesus, I Have Promised
Song #546 Til the Storm Passes By
Prayer Charles Melville
Scripture Reading: *Luke 7:41-43* Gene Greer
Song #606 Remind Me, Dear Lord
Sermon: **"The Fruit of Gratitude and Ingratitude"** Bill Allen
Song #912 Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary
Song #604 I Want to Be Ready to Meet Him Don Durham
Dismiss

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God bless you! Have a great Thanksgiving holiday!

Scripture is filled with wonderful reminders of the blessing and Presence of the Lord. The inspired Word calls us to live our lives in genuine worship of our God—seen in our special, corporate assemblies such as we have each Lord’s Day; seen also in our everyday lives as we seek to faithfully obey and share His gracious love and Word with others.

As we end our sermon series, “Here I Am to Worship,” consider these statements of blessing and calling from 1 Thess. 5:23-24.

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

God has sanctified us—set us apart—to be His children and to do His will.
Because of that we are called to live our lives blamelessly. Not without sin—none of us has reached that standard. But through the love and sacrifice of Christ we can be blameless.
And our great God is faithful and is able to fulfill all His promises. Praise Him!



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

HOW DID THEY DO THAT PAPA?

As I was getting ready for work this morning, Beau came in and wanted to discuss the World Series and the Astros victory. He asked me, “How did they do that PaPaw?” I tried to explain about the best 4 out of 7, the fact they never gave up, timely home runs, and clutch pitching, but that did not seem to satisfy him. I finally just said that what they did was really hard! He looked up and said, “OK, but the Texas Rangers really won the World Series”. I know he got that from his Dad. My conversation with that 4 year old started me thinking of “hard things” we have to do in life. It was a hard thing to lose my Dad from complications due to his stroke. It was a hard thing to see my Mom suffer from Dementia. It took me to the verse where after hearing Jesus teach, some of Jesus’ disciples said, *This is a hard saying, who can listen to it? (Jo.6:60)*. After this exchange, some of His disciples left him. It’s not always easy to follow Jesus. All you have to do is look through the Sermon on the Mount as recorded in Matthew 5-7 and see what He expects of us. Controlling our anger and lust, helping the needy, and dealing with anxiety are just a few topics He covers. It is no wonder that when He finished his sermon, the people were astonished. They felt that Jesus was teaching them *as one who had authority (Matt. 7:29)*. What does Jesus expect of us? Next week we will look at some of these hard teachings and find out.



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Consider the following from 1 Cor. 7:24

“Brothers and sisters, each person, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation they were in when God called them.”

Family Service Day @ Boles Home - Sun., Nov. 26

Mark your calendar for our Family Service Day @ Boles Home. We will leave right after church Sunday morning and spend the afternoon decorating the campus for Christmas. We will finish the day with a short devotional & dinner with the children & staff of Boles Home. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are planning to go.

Disaster Response Team

We have a group this week in Beaumont hanging sheetrock for folks who need help. Thanks for your continued support and prayers.

“Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.” (Psalm 23:6)

“As white snowflakes fall quietly and thickly on a winter’s day, answers to prayer will settle down upon you at every step you take...The story of your life will be the story of prayer and answers to prayer.” - Ole Hallesby

I continually see and experience God’s goodness and mercy extended to me. The power of prayer, and God answering those petitions to Him, have blessed me greatly and strengthened my faith. Your many prayers for me, through some very dark and difficult times, will never be forgotten and will always be much appreciated.

I encourage you to “draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” (James 4:8) Prayer will aid greatly in building the relationship with God that He desires to have with you.

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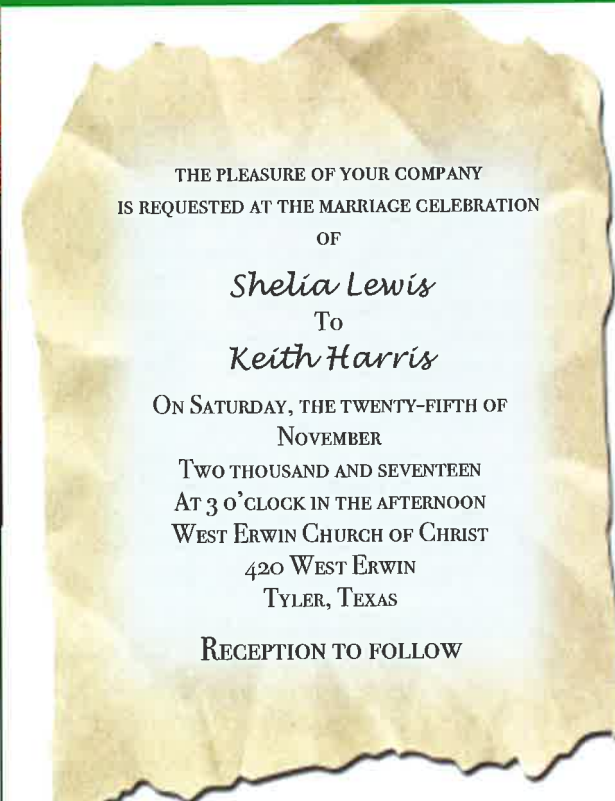
Holiday Banquet



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THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY IS REQUESTED AT THE MARRIAGE CELEBRATION OF

Shelia Lewis
To
Keith Harris

ON SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-FIFTH OF NOVEMBER

TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN AT 3 O’CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST 420 WEST ERWIN TYLER, TEXAS

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Sermon Notes

Welcome Our Newest Sister!

*Misti Ford
We rejoice with Misti as she
was baptized
last Sunday morning.*

BOLES HOME FAMILY SERVICE PROJECT

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Order of Worship

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Welcome/Announcements

Danny Snell

Shepherd's Prayer/Call to Worship *Lamentations 3:22-24*

Wade Weathers

Song #123

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Gary Ables

Song #180

Jesus is Lord

Prayer

Howard Dickson

Song #176

Lamb of God

Communion & Contribution

Phil Marts

Song #96

I Stand in Awe

Scripture Reading:

Philippians 2:1-4

Bill White

Song #266

Majesty

Sermon:

"Thanksgiving"

David Keen

Song #625

Zion's Call

Song #608

He Gave Me a Song

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements

Stan Clark

Song #860

There is a Habitation

Bryce Murry

Song #134

The Lord's My Shepherd

Prayer

Jim Boyd

Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 3:14-19

Ernie Gordon

Song #578

We Will Glorify

Song #121

Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing

Sermon:

"Thanksgiving Wish for West Erwin"

Davy Carter

Song #904

Have You Been to Jesus?

Song #76

How Great Thou Art

Dismiss

Dannie Skipper

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Harold Denman
Rick Fedell
Myron Granberry
Wyatt Gruver
James Gullion
Jeff Horton
James Hughes

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W. Erwin Doors:

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Kalli Huff &
Cate Kimball

Thank You

Thank you for all your prayers, food, cards, transportation & special needs. I could not have made it without you and our God. In His Love, Tommy & Jenny Price

Thank you for your support and caring as my parents changed their home from Tyler to heaven. Mom and Dad loved all the people at West Erwin and as their son I appreciate how they were loved by the family there. Steve Rachui

Prayer & Care

Our love and concern and sympathy is extended to Elizabeth Sillavan in the loss of Sean. Sean passed away last Monday night. Please pray for his family. As of last Tuesday **Jon Sorrells** was in UT Southwestern Hospital in Dallas. He was there for a heart procedure concerning the wiring for his pacemaker. The 4-hour surgery went well. He was expecting to be back in ETMC after just a few days in Dallas. **Abram Stewart** will be having another stent put in his pulmonary vein on December 5th in Plano Legacy Hospital. Please pray for a successful procedure and quick recovery. **Ralph Henderson** is now in Olympic Plaza for rehab. **Sherry Osborn** is in ETMC. **Sylvia Tharpe** will have a heart ablation procedure on November 27th. **Christopher Kindred**, son of Cathy Hallman, will have major back surgery in Houston on November 28th.
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God bless you! Have a great week!

A couple weeks ago we gave special emphasis and focus to the Lord's Supper. One aspect of our daily lives of worship, including our "participation" or "communion" (*koinonia*—1 Cor. 10:16; also the word many times translated "fellowship") in the Lord's Supper is the **thankfulness** with which we come before God. The giving of thanks—our English term *eucharist* is a transliteration of that term—is a significant part of the NT teaching on the Lord's Supper (Matt. 26:27; 1 Cor. 11:24; etc.)

It is such a great blessing that every year at this time there is a special call in our nation to pause and give thanks! Joyce and I are especially thankful for you, our West Erwin family.

1 Thess. 5:16-18 states it brilliantly and calls us to live this way every day.

Rejoice always.
Pray continually.
Give thanks in all circumstances.
For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

JESUS' HARD TEACHINGS - 2

There is no doubt that when we follow Jesus, He will call us to a higher standard. What He expects of us goes entirely against our nature. Let's take a look at some of these teachings and see how we are doing. *Love your enemy and pray for those that persecute you (Matt.5:44)*. Who teaches this in this world today? We live in a world that kills on a whim. Many say that war is the only way to peace. Jesus knew that the world would be better off with the peace He offers. *But do not resist the one who is evil. But as anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also (Matt.5:39)*. It is a difficult thing to turn down the chance to retaliate. We all have seen the harm of taking vengeance on someone. Look at the example of Jesus on the cross. *No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money (Matt.6:24)*. Jesus makes it plain here. You serve either God or money; you choose. *Do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or drink... what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you (Matt. 6:25, 33)*. We do like to worry. Jesus says that the most important thing to worry about is His kingdom and its work. Following Jesus is a challenge, but He gives us power to succeed.



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Consider the following from 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 *"Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."*

Family Service Day @ Boles Home-Sun., Nov. 26
We are leaving right after church this Sunday morning for our service project @ Boles home. We will stop in Lindale for lunch and return about 7:30.

"My heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt beautifully with me." (Psalm 135:6)

Joseph Marmion shares this wonderful thought, "Joy is the echo of God's life within us."

I can remember, as a young boy, standing on the banks of the North Canadian River late at night in Oklahoma, yelling to my heart's content and quietly listening for the echo of my voice.

The joy we have in Christ, and the joy we reflect to others as we honor and praise Him in our singing, is an echo of God's majestic love shown and heard through us. We sing often of the blessing of our salvation in Christ. The very assurance of salvation is so uplifting and encouraging.

We must always remember, "there is salvation in no other name but Jesus Christ." (Acts 4:12)



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DECEMBER 7TH WE WILL BE OFF AGAIN TO ENJOY SEEING THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN MARSHALL. THE BUS WILL LEAVE AT 4 P.M. WE'LL STOP AND EAT BEFORE WE GET TO MARSHALL. SIGN UP AT THE INFORMATION CENTER.

CHRISTMAS DINNER IS DECEMBER 14TH. WE'LL ENJOY TRICKY SANTA'S GIFT EXCHANGE. EACH PERSON NEEDS TO BRING A WRAPPED \$10.00 GIFT.



"We Needed a Savior"

Introduction: Why did my Savior come to earth? Because we _____ Him.

- We needed a Savior because we've _____.
Rom. 1-3; 3:1-20, 23; 6:23a
Isaiah 59; Eph. 2:1-3
- We needed a Savior because we couldn't _____.
Rom. 4; 5; 7
- We needed a Savior because we needed a _____ start, a _____ life.
Rom. 6:1-4, 23
John 3:3-5; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2:4-10; 2 Cor. 5:17

Conclusion: God refused to let our _____ have the last word. Instead, His _____ has the last word. Rom. 3:21-26; 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY ERIC MOSELEY (SR. & JR.) AND EAMOND MCAULEY

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Sunday, December 3rd
After Evening Services

Great food & a little *surprise* from our staff



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Cathy Hallman is looking for volunteers who would like to help her on December 11th and 12th when she puts on the **Mostyn Moreno Special Needs Kids' Luncheon**. Please contact Cathy if you can help her either or both days.

KING OF MY HEART

LTC Sign-up for 3rd through 12th graders and their families will be next Sunday, December 10th in the FLC at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served. Watch your mail this week for your LTC info

The Bulletin Board

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Shepherd's Prayer

Song #23

Song #508

Song #768

Prayer

Song

Communion & Contribution

Song

Scripture Reading:

Sermon:

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Song #710

Welcome/Announcements

Song #112

Song #659

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Song #230

Song

Sermon:

Song #619

Song #705

Dismiss

Order of Worship

Our God, He is Alive

A Wonderful Savior

Jesus, Let Us Come To Know You

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

There's A Stirring

Ephesians 2:4-10

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Love Lifted Me

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

I Love to Tell the Story

Galatians 2:20-21

Worthy Art Thou

Salvation Belongs to Our God

"We Still Need a Savior"

A New Creature

A Common Love

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Philip Matthews
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This is a very special time of year. I was kind of tempted to say, "It's the most wonderful time of the year." But since you have to sing that, and you have to sing it (apparently) with a bit of a British accent, I'll just move on...

The blessings God gives us—including the call to be thankful—are great and the most important blessings of family and health and joy and salvation are brought to a special awareness and emphasis during the holiday season.

We are of course mindful of those in need, all around us in our communities, and even in our own West Erwin family. So please know that God loves you, and so do we, and that in spite of our failings and our sins, He loves us so much He gave the greatest gift He could give to save us: the gift of His own Son.

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)



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

JESUS' HARD TEACHINGS - 3

We have been looking at some of Jesus' teachings from the Sermon on the Mount. While they go against our nature to follow them, Jesus gives us His spirit to help us be the children He desires and needs us to be. *Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction (Matt.7:13).* Eternal judgment is always a difficult subject to discuss with those we love. The wide gate is just easier, it seems better, and few find the narrow gate. Jesus said it; don't be ashamed of the truth. *And he said to all, If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me (Luke 9:23).* There is a reason for the order that Jesus gave these steps. If we never deny ourselves for the cause of Christ, we will never take up our own cross. If we never take up our cross, we can never follow Him! *If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple (Luke 14:26).* While Jesus is exaggerating with the word "hate" here, He does demand our loyalty and wants to be first in our lives. *If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you (Jo.15:20).* Fellowship with Jesus will lead us to three things: bearing fruit, loving people, and persecution. It is why the world will not accept Jesus and it is why we must not accept the world. Remember the words to that great song that we sing, "Jesus is **all** the world to me"! It was true then, it's true now.



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Consider the following from 1 Corinthians 11:33-34 *"So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together. Anyone who is hungry should eat something at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment."*

Thanks!

Thanks to all who went with us Sunday to decorate the Boles Home campus. We had a great time! See other photos elsewhere in the bulletin.



Helen Keller is remembered for saying, "I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; I will not refuse to do the something I can do."

There are so many opportunities "to do" great things for our church family. No one person is asked to do it all. But, as a church (family) member, each one is encouraged to do what he/she can do.

There are calls and visits to be made. There are cards to send, meals to prepare, classes to be taught, scriptures to be read, prayers to be led, and the list continues on.

The church is composed of eyes, mouths, ears, hands, and feet. Be like Helen Keller. She couldn't see, speak, or hear, but she refused to allow those disabilities to prevent her from being useful.

"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts, and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ."(1 Cor. 12:12.)



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Dec. 8-10th - Z.E.W. Retreat - a spiritual weekend get-a-way for our middle and high school teens. Located at the Timberline Retreat Center in Lonestar, TX; combined with other youth from other churches of Christ in East Texas. Cost is \$50 per person, and scholarships are always available to prevent anyone from not coming due to financial restraints. Please email dkeen@westerwin.org for any questions. We will leave the church at 3:30 pm.

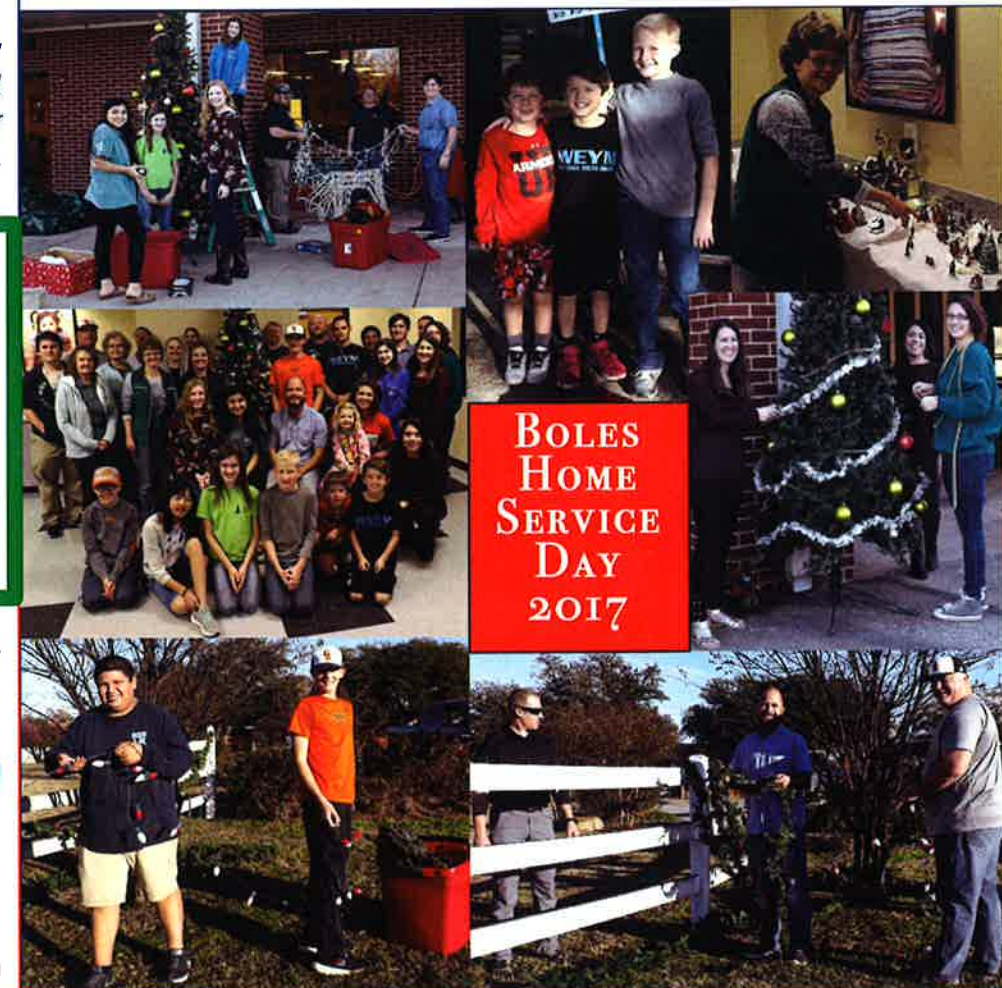
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"Getting the Word Out"

Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8-11

- Baptizing people is not our mission—that's not _____ enough.
- Making _____ is our mission.
- Being His _____ is our method.
- After commissioning us Jesus promised us His _____.
- One day Jesus will _____.

Cathy Hallman is looking for volunteers who would like to help her on December 11th and 12th when she puts on the **Mostyn Moreno Special Needs Kids' Luncheon**. Please contact Cathy if you can help her either or both days.



LTC Sign-up for 3rd through 12th graders and their families will be this Sunday, December 10th in the FLC at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served. Watch your mail this week for your LTC info packet.

The Bulletin Board

Our Records	December 3
Bible Class	251
Worship a.m.	421
Worship p.m.	218
Wed. p.m.	165
Contribution	\$25,496.43 *
Weekly Budget	\$24,867.00
Building Fund	\$236,946.00

*includes November's online giving total of \$2597.46

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December 10, 2017

Order of Worship

Volume 48 – No. 50

Welcome/Announcements

Danny Snell

Shepherd's Prayer - Year End Contribution

Wade Weathers

Song #162

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Gary Ables

Song #490

It is Well With My Soul

Song #448

The Greatest Commands

Prayer

Matt Haws

Song #364

Come Share the Lord

Communion & Contribution

David Cannefax

Song

Ancient Words

Scripture Reading:

Acts 1:8-11

Sermon:

"Getting the Word Out"

Will Christian

Song #484

You Are My All in All

Bill Allen

Song #1018

Joy to the World

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements

Donnie Carnathan

Song #1016

This Little Light of Mine

Michael Hurley

Song

Thy Word

Prayer

Stan Clark

Scripture Reading:

John 14:6-9

Phil Marts

Song #77

Glorify Thy Name

Song #290

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Sermon:

"And the Word Was God"

Bill Allen

Song #791

On Bended Knee

Song #3

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Dismiss

James Sublette

Our Weekly Schedule

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COMMUNION

Lee Kellenberger
Dennis Kingsbury
Pete Leung
Phil Marts
Philip Matthews
Jim McDonald
Vance Metcalf
Lee Mink

GREETERS

Info Center:
James & Helen Gullion
Main Doors:
Keith & Shirley Chandler
East Doors:
Samuel & Kara Mink
W. Erwin Doors:
Marcus & Sheryl Turner

PICK UP CARDS

Jude Everson
Jett Monahan
Koen Monahan
Tucker Keen
Tyler Keen

SOUND

Clifton Lindsey &
Phil Matthews

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery:
Cathy Culpepper

Toddler:

Marsha Richardson &
Jazmin Romero

A look back at our Holiday Banquet on Sunday, Dec. 3rd



Prayer & Care

Jon Murry will have a heart procedure on Thursday, Dec. 14 at ETMC.

Jon Sorrells is in ETMC Extended Care.

Abram Stewart is home and doing well.

Sherry Osborn is in ETMC.

Don Reynolds, uncle of Linda Marts, has lung cancer. He had a biopsy this last week.

Helen Strotman's mother, Margaret Line, will have hip replacement surgery on Dec. 15.

Church Family: Stan Mallory | Bud & Charlotte Cawyer | Pat Lewis | Joann Davis | Jim Gipson | Liz Albritton | Nella Ware | Sylvia Tharpe | Fred & Sara Powell | James Hardin | Gail Debenport | Jean Parish | Sandra Wingate

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God Bless you! Have a great week!

Sunday was a very special day that I think everyone will look back on and recognize what a blessing it was to all. If you were not able to hear my lesson, "We Needed a Savior," including my thoughts on suicide that I shared during the lesson, or if you would like to go through that message again or possibly share it with someone, you can access the video or audio presentation online or you can call the church office or sign up at the Information Center in the foyer and request an audio CD. I would also be glad to send you a Word document of that message; just send me an email or call the office.

We are super appreciative of all that Marla Cannefax has done with our children's ministry, and are just as excited as we look to its future under the leadership of Donni Cook. Praise our gracious and loving God who continues to bless and provide for us!

And thanks to all who made our evening dinner so special and fun!

This Sunday in our Bible classes we will be in 1 Cor. 12 and will share practical considerations and concerns about "the body of Christ," the church. The body has many members, with many skills and interests, gifts and ministries. All of that is by design. These words are forever true:

As it is, there are many parts, but one body...Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Cor. 12: 20, 27)



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

NOT MY WILL BUT YOURS

Father, if you are willing remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will but yours, be done (Luke 22:42). Of course, these are the words of Jesus in the garden as He was facing the cross. Does this make you think of a time where you had to decide who to follow, the crowd or the Father? We can take courage from the choice of Jesus, but what did it take for Jesus to do the Father's will? First, **it took great faith.** Jesus once said, *My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work (Jo.4:34).* Jesus never let that purpose leave him. Doing the will of the Father was a way of life for him. Secondly, **it took great love for the Father.** Jesus said, *I do as the Father commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father (Jo.14:31).* Love for God and love for our fellow man will motivate us to do great things for each other. Lastly, **it took belief in the promises of the Father.** Jesus knew the greatness of God's plan for mankind through the church. Before his ascension, Jesus said, *I am sending the promise of my Father upon you (Luke 24:49).* Like Jesus, we need to stand on the promises that God has given us. Just as Jesus faced the agony of the cross, we too will face difficult situations in life. And just as Jesus lived to do his Father's will, we can too. We need to have that same mind of Christ; we need his faith, his love, and his belief. Are you willing to do the Father's will?



Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

Bible Class

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Consider the following from 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 *"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by[c] one Spirit so as to form one body – whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many."*

Karing Kitchen

West Erwin will be hosting the Karing Kitchen on Monday, Dec. 11. This is a great opportunity to serve our community. We prepare @ 5:00, Serve @ 6:00 & finish cleaning up by 7:00. Join us!

"The greatest ignorance is to reject something you know nothing about." These words should be a great encouragement for every child of God to carefully study and examine the scriptures daily. Paul exhorted the Bereans for being students of the Word.

With the new year approaching soon, I want to admonish our West Erwin family to commit to a daily reading and study of God's Word. I can assure you that you will be drawn closer to Jesus, you'll grow in faith and understanding, and you'll come to fully depend on the Spirit's presence in your life.

Hosea warned Israel with these words found in Hosea 4:6: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children."

Peter says we, too, are a spiritual priesthood (I Peter 2:5). Let's not be destroyed because we lack knowledge of God's eternal Word. "Study to show yourself approved unto the Lord, and do not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Tim. 2:15)

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Dec. 8-10th - Z.E.W. Retreat –

This weekend most of our teens are away at the Lonestar Retreat Center focusing on their walks with Christ. My prayer is that while we are away you will cover them and their families with prayers of hope, peace, courage, and faith. And may this weekend be a weekend where they can "Re-Charge" and come back full and ready to walk with Christ. Thank you church family for enabling us to do great things like this retreat!

Dec. 10th – L.T.C. sign-ups and dinner! 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center

Dec. 16th – Youth Christmas Spectacular - Details coming this week!

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Welcome to our New Members!

Kim Ellis placed membership with us last Sunday. She attends with her 6 year old granddaughter, Sunnie.

Samuel Estes was baptized last Wednesday night by his dad, Danny. We rejoice with these additions to our West Erwin number.

Thanks

There aren't any words that express how grateful we are to have a church family such as West Erwin Church of Christ. Thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits, calls and food. All was so appreciated. In Christian Love, Ron & Jean Parish

Thank you so much for all of the calls, texts, donations and prayers for us during Sean's sickness. We were comforted by love from our church family. Words can't express how much each and every one of you meant to Sean, Colt and me. We will forever be grateful for our family at West Erwin. Love Always, Elizabeth & Colt Sillavan

Dear West Erwin Family, Thank you for all your kind words, cards, and the prayers. They meant a great deal to Dannie and myself as we dealt with the loss of my sister, Mary. We love all of you, Sue Skipper



Our Young At Heart Christmas Dinner will be 6 p.m. on Dec. 14th. We will again have our Tricky Santa GIFT Exchange. Each person brings a \$10.00 wrapped gift.

5:30 p.m. **The Family Table**
December 13th
FLC
FAJITAS
\$6 Adults \$3 Children

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

“Jesus: The Lord Saves”

When the Lord is to born into the world, He is given _____ very significant names.

A. Matthew and Luke introduce us to the Savior’s name: _____.

Matt. 1:18-25
Luke 1:26-38; 2:21

B. John pays tribute to the name, Jesus, but in a less _____ way.

John 3:14-17
Numbers 21:4-9; 2 Kings 18:4

C. What we celebrate with the birth of Christ is found in the significance of the name, Jesus: _____.

- Christmas and the Christmas season can be a _____.
- It can be an _____.
- It can be a _____.

From the Elders

We have come a long way as a church body since Bill Allen became our pulpit minister. In the past six months, we have added David Keen as our Youth Minister and most recently Donni Cook as our Children's Director. All of our staff positions are now filled on a permanent basis with highly talented and dedicated people. We are poised for success and prepared for the future.

This Sunday, Dec. 17th will be our Special Contribution Sunday for 2017. As I detailed this past year and especially last Sunday, we have many things that we need to address regarding our facilities. The plan that we have put together with the Building Committee is a comprehensive solution to address many of these problems, many of which we have dealt with for 25+ years. Please consider these needs and help us as we move forward. Our target balance in the Building Fund before beginning construction is \$500,000.00 and the target start date is June 1, 2018.

-Wade Weathers for the Elders

Prayer and Care

Our love and sympathy is extended to Barbara Caskey in the loss of her mother and our sister, Louise Caskey. Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at West Erwin. The family will be available from 1:30 until 2 p.m. in the foyer to visit.

Suzanne Braly had outpatient surgery on her hand last Monday.

Linda Dickson and **Norma Durham** both had successful cataract surgery last Monday.

Jon Murry had a heart procedure last Thursday. It went well.

Jon Sorrells is in ETMC Extended Care. He is improving.

Sherry Osborn is home now.

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Order of Worship

Volume 48 – No. 51

Welcome/Announcements

Danny Snell

Shepherd's Prayer

David Wicks

Song #538

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

David Keen

Song #718

We Shall Assemble

Song

In Christ Alone

Prayer

Dannie Skipper

Song #383

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Communion & Contribution

David Hammond

Song #221/222

Jesus, Name Above All Names

There's Just Something About That Name

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 1:20-21

Sermon:

“Jesus: The Lord Saves”

Song #683

I Am Mine No More

Song #752

God Bless You, Go With God

Closing Prayer

Wayne Berryman
Wade Weathers

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements

Donnie Carnathan

Song #569

Sweeter Than All

Song

Where Could I Go?

Prayer

Gene Greer

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 1:22-23

Song #376

He Paid a Debt

Song #550

I Walk with the King

Sermon:

“Behind that Name, ‘God With Us’”

Bill Allen

Song #778

Be With Me, Lord

Song

Do All in the Name of the Lord

Dismiss

Howard Dickson

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- Samuel Mink
- Cody Mitcham
- Kelly Monahan
- Adam Montgomery
- Eric Moseley
- Kenneth Muncy
- Larry Murphey
- Bill Paschall

GREETERS

- Info Center:**
Robert & Mary Lee
- Main Doors:**
Scotty & Jodie Albritton
- East Doors:**
Odie & Dolores Kennedy
- W. Erwin Doors:**
Lynda & Billy Terrell

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- Cole Benson
- Liam Harbuck
- Clay Mitcham
- Tyson Tapley
- Tanner Transier

SOUND

- Clifton Lindsey & Phil Matthews

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- Nursery:**
Shirley Denman
- Toddler:**
Danielle Rousseau & Jaci Philpot

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Our special year-end contribution is today.

Our Bible classes this week are discussing 1 Cor. 13. No, it's not because the lesson is on wedding ceremonies...

As you know, though used in countless weddings, and certainly critical to the relationship between a husband and wife, the words of 1 Cor. 13 are given to members of the body of Christ to inform and impact the way we relate to one another. One of the points in our lesson states it well.

“Love is demonstrated by attitudes and actions.”

Hear these familiar words again, and ask yourself, “Does this describe how I treat others?”

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. (1 Cor. 13:4-8a)



Donnie Carnathan
Benevolence Minister

THE WRONG SIDE OF JESUS

In Matt. 23, we find Jesus offering some criticism about the scribes and Pharisees. Because of their lack of understanding, they found themselves on the wrong side of Jesus. It was not a pleasant experience. Let's look at their mistakes with the hope of avoiding them ourselves. First, **they were wrong about their righteousness.** *The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice (23:1-2).* They were more concerned with how they sounded than how they looked. Our actions do speak louder than our words. Be careful when we get to quick to criticize. Secondly, **they were wrong about their ministry.** *They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger (23:4).* We are guilty of demanding more of someone else than we are willing to give ourselves. Jesus came to lighten the burdens of others (Matt.11:28-30). We need to be more like Jesus. Thirdly, **they were wrong about their greatness.** *They do all their deeds to be seen by others... they love the place of honor...and greetings in the market places and being called rabbi by others (23:5-7).* They thought that success was recognition and praise from man. Success in God's eyes comes from humility, love, and service. Are you on the right side of Jesus?



Danny Snell
Family Life Minister

Bible Class

Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00. Our study for the new quarter... **Benefits of Belief, A Heart Like His & Faith Family & Discipleship.** The study will be taken from 1 Cor. 11-15, 1 & 2 Samuel & others. Our lesson this week will be from 1 Corinthians 13:1-13... **Love: The Greatest of All...** More on this in class this Sunday morning!

Consider the following from 1 Corinthians 13:13 *"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."*

Think on this...

As many of you will be with your families over the next few weeks... Think about this...

"A Cornell University study found that shared experiences produce greater happiness than buying or receiving products. In the immediate aftermath of either receiving a gift or sharing time together, happiness levels were about the same, but as time went on, satisfaction with the object decreased while memories of the experience increased happiness."

Have a Merry Christmas... and make the most of these holidays with your family and friends.

Davy's
Diary

Davy Carter
Outreach Minister



DAVID KEEN
YOUTH MINISTER

"When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life in such a manner that when you die the world cries and you rejoice."
--Old Indian saying

The Christian, one who truly knows God and knows that He judges the works of all His children fairly, will respect God and His evaluation of his life and long to honor his heavenly Father.

We are to live our lives in service to God and our fellowman. We read in Eccl. 3:12, "There is nothing better for men to do than to rejoice and to do good in their lives." We are told of Jesus, "He went about doing good."

We do good when we choose to live at peace with others, when we show kindness, when we forgive, when we love our enemies, and a host of many other things. May we all live in such a manner that no one has a reason to speak evil of us, and when God calls us home we will be missed although we will have every reason to rejoice. Heaven will surely be worth it all.

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Dec. 24th – L.T.C. sign-ups deadline, if you have questions regarding this ministry please contact Danny Snell or David Keen.

Dec. 25th – Merry Christmas to all of our Youth Parents! We will launch a great new parenting resource that will be up on our website under Youth Ministry (Family Experiences) for ages 0-18. Don't miss out on this!

January 6th – Holiday in the Park at Six Flags – Sign-Up in Foyer

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Who: 6th - 12th Grades

5:30 p.m. **The Family Table**

December 20th
FLC
Grilled Chicken

Our next meal together will be January 10th.

\$6 Adults \$3 Children

Our congratulations to **Calley Waggoner** as she graduated from TJC Friday with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She has accepted a nursing position with ETMC beginning in January. **Way to go, Calley!**

Thanks

Rex Power would like for the congregation to know how much he appreciates cards he has received and prayers made on his behalf.

Holiday Schedule for West Erwin
Sunday Services on 12/24 and 12/31!

9:00 a.m. Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Worship
There will be no evening service.

Wednesday Night Bible Classes:
No classes will meet on 12/27 and no meal will be served.

POT LUCK Luncheon
For our Benevolence Center Volunteers will be Thursday, December 21st 11:00 a.m.



Congratulations to Tom and Allene Clark who were married Monday, December 11th.