

Sunday Evenings at 5 p.m.  
1/1/23



No Evening Service

January 1, 2023  
Volume 54, Number 1

# Welcome to West Erwin Church of Christ

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## Order of Worship

Welcome		Eric Thornton
Song #2	We Praise Thee, O God	Rusty Lay
Song #47	Holy, Holy, Holy	
Shepherd's Prayer		David Hammond
Song #350	When My Love to Christ Grows Weak	
Communion—the bread		Davy Carter
Song #350	When My Love to Christ Grows Weak	
Communion—the cup		
Song #38	Awesome God	
Contribution		
Song #470	Victory in Jesus	
Sermon	"The God of Starting Over"	Bill Allen
Song #674	I Have Decided to Follow Jesus	
Song #3	Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah	
Closing Prayer		David Beard

### "The God of Starting Over"

Happy New Year!

Today, make one New Year's resolution—to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

A. Some \_\_\_\_\_

Matt. 9:9-13; 19:16-22; 26:31-35; Luke 19:1-10; 23:39-43;  
John 8:2-11; 21:15-19; 1 Tim. 1:12-17

B. Some \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

It's never too \_\_\_\_\_. It's never too \_\_\_\_\_. It's never too \_\_\_\_\_.

### Holiday Schedule

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

9:00 a.m. Bible Classes

10:00 a.m. Worship

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### West Erwin Records

#### 12/25/22 Attendance

Bible Class NA

Worship 209

Online Sites 52

#### 12/18/22 Special Year-end Contribution

\$307,231.58

### Serving Today

#### Communion Servers for 1/1

Phil Matthews Jim McDonald

Lee Mink Samuel Mink

Jude Everson Koen Monahan

Kelly Monahan Eric Moseley

#### Sound for January

John Shaw Eric Moseley Tim Holt, Jr.

### Our Elders

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**UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD.**

**(SHILOH ROAD WILL SERVE KARING KITCHEN ON MON., JAN. 2.)**

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1/8	5 pm Chapel & Singing Classes
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**Young At Heart January Meeting**  
**Thursday, 1/12/23 at FLC**  
**Potluck and Bingo!**

### Thank You

*I want to thank West Erwin for my recent retirement party. Thank you for those that helped put it on and for the love, support, and appreciation that was shown to us. The gift cards, the money tree, the fellowship and many acts of love were so special to Suzie and I. Thank you to the Elders for their confidence and support they have given me for the last 10 years. Love you all, Donnie Carnathan*

*During the short time I was privileged to worship there I was so impressed by the genuine love and kindness of that family. I will pray for you all and always remember you all with love and kindness! Betty Mathis (Betty has moved to South Dakota.)*

### Baptism

**We rejoice with Kailyn Mark as she was baptized by Chandler Cook Saturday, December 24th. Please pray for her new walk with Christ.**

### Prayer and Care (Updated Wednesday, 12/28/22)

Ruby Cliver was treated by EMS for a fall on Tuesday.

Dot White is in Hospice of East Texas.

Betty Holt is recovering from Covid.

Jane Posey is improving.

Jane's son-in-law, Jeff Ingram, received good test results.

Fay Mink, mother of Lee Mink, fell Tuesday morning and fractured her femur. She was to have surgery Tuesday.

Suzanne Transier is requesting prayer for her grandparents, Jim and Nina Colter. Jim has dementia that is progressing rapidly. He has been treated for some lacerations following recent falls. Suzanne has had to have him placed in hospice. It's upsetting to Suzanne and to Nina. Please pray for the family to gain acceptance and peace.

Aiden O'Donnell, grandson of Jo Ann Wilkinson, had successful kidney transplant surgery December 21st in Colorado. His mother, Angie Neff, was his donor. They are both home and doing well.

Carroll Henry, brother of Donna Wright, suffered a stroke Saturday morning. He has been admitted to a hospital in Austin. He lives in Wimberley.

Eli Hodges' heart surgery has been moved up to Wednesday, January 4, 2023. Please pray that Eli can stay healthy and strong. Thank you all for your continued prayers.

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If you would like a friend or relative added to the prayer list send an email to: [office@westerwin.org](mailto:office@westerwin.org)



## Sunday Evenings

### at West Erwin

January 8, 2023 5-6 p.m.

Reflections Class in #403

Singing Class in #402

January 8, 2023

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Worship 235

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Welcome

Tucker Sullivan

Song #797

Lord, We Come Before Thee Now

Davy Carter

Song #484

You Are My All in All

Shepherd's Prayer

Ken Culpepper

Song #337

Hallelujah! What a Savior

Communion—the bread

Chad Chauncey

Song #337

Hallelujah! What a Savior

Communion—the cup

Song #337

Hallelujah! What a Savior

Contribution

Song #957

This World is Not My Home

Sermon

"Jesus, the Justice-Mercy Warrior"

Bill Allen

Song #524

I Know Whom I Have Believed

Song #469

Faith is the Victory

Closing Prayer

John Stevens

Eastern European Mission (EEM) reached their 2022 Million Dollar Sunday Campaign goal of \$3.5 million! This means 700,000 more people will have access to God's Word. "THANK YOU for your prayers, your donations, and your support. Lives will be changed forever because you decided to give."

## “Jesus, the Justice-Mercy Warrior”

“All around me, I see a world going \_\_\_\_\_.” Culture is the \_\_\_\_\_ that is all around us.

The goal of this series is to help us be better prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Eph. 4:15; John 16:33)

“The \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel means that Christ’s words \_\_\_\_\_ have authority to tell us how to live.”

- 1) The gospel changes our life purpose. (Matt. 6:19-21; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 9:21-26; Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 13:15-16; 1 Peter 2:9-12)
- 2) The gospel designates a source for morality. (Rom. 1:18-32; 3:10-26; 1 Cor. 6:9-11)
- 3) The gospel defines truth. (John 1:14-18; 8:31-32; 14:6)
- 4) The gospel reorders our priorities. (Matt. 6:19-34)
- 5) The gospel realigns our authorities. (Mark 12:13-17; John 18:36-37; Acts 5:27-32)
- 6) The gospel infuses our hearts with hope. (John 14:1-6; 16:22, 33; Rom. 8:18-25; Heb. 6:16-20; 11:1; 12:1-3; Rev. 21:1-5)

Our Options:

1. We can follow our own \_\_\_\_\_ desires and the values of our \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We can \_\_\_\_\_ with our culture, following the Bible when it’s not uncomfortable—when it doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_ us anything.
3. We can \_\_\_\_\_ the culture and \_\_\_\_\_ live and uphold the Word of God.

Resources: Stand Up, Stand Strong (Introduction; chapter 1) by Sara Barratt (2022)

Christ and Culture by H. Richard Niebuhr (1951)

Resident Aliens by Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon (1989)



## The Lighthouse

– Be the **light** in someone else’s storm.

– Tucker Sullivan WE Youth Minister [tsullivan@westerwin.org](mailto:tsullivan@westerwin.org)



Please be in prayer for our youth group next weekend, Jan. 13-15, as they travel to Arlington for the annual churches of Christ Winterfest conference. May their lives be drawn closer to Christ and challenged to live for Him in this world!



## WE YOUTH FAMILY SKI TRIP



# STAND UP, STAND STRONG

Topical Series Covering Issues Current to Our Culture Today

Sermon and Selected Bible Classes Series starting Jan. 8, 2023

Resource—*Stand Up, Stand Strong: A Call to Bold Faith in a Confused Culture*

Youth, College/Young Adult, WE Connected, and 24/7

Bible Classes will use these studies as the focus

of their Bible Class discussion each week.

Topics include Worldview; Media/Social Media;

Sexual Purity; Transgender Questions;

Abortion; Addiction; and more.



## The Family Table



The Family Table will be served one Wednesday a month beginning Jan. 18th in the FLC at 5:00 p.m.

**IN TWO WEEKS! JANUARY 18TH!**

**~ BREAKFAST ~**

**WILL BE SERVED IN THE FLC 5:00 – 6:30 P.M.**

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH**

INDICATE ON YOUR ATTENDANCE CARD OR CALL THE OFFICE BY TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH.

**COST: STUDENTS – \$3 ADULTS – \$6**

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## SEASONS OF LIFE



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**WEST ERWIN**

**FEBRUARY 25TH, 2023**

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**New Member !**

**Jean E. Stover**  
has asked to be identified  
as a member of the  
West Erwin family.  
Please make her feel welcome.

**Prayer & Care (As Of 1/4/23)** Check the WE Mobile APP for updates.

If you want your loved one on the prayer list please contact the church office or email us at [office@westerwin.org](mailto:office@westerwin.org).

Our love and sympathy is extended to the family of Dot White who passed away December 29th. No services are being planned.

Our sympathy is also extended to Ginger Pippin in the loss of her grandmother in Longview. Services were Monday. Please keep Ginger's mother, Gloria Gilmore, in prayer.

Willa Wicks, David's Mom, had hip surgery requiring placement of pins Tuesday afternoon, Jan 3, due to a fracture. She is at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital.

Fay Mink, mother of Lee Mink, is in Christus TMF Rehab Hospital on Troup Highway following a recent fall which fractured her femur.

Suzanne Transier is requesting prayer for her grandparents, Jim and Nina Colter. Jim has dementia that is progressing rapidly. He has been treated for some lacerations following recent falls. Suzanne has had to have him placed in hospice. It's upsetting to Suzanne and to Nina. Please pray for the family to gain acceptance and peace.

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January 15, 2023  
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Small Groups**

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Song #23 Our God, He is Alive Rusty Lay  
Song #695 None of Self and All of Thee  
Shepherd's Prayer Grant Knight  
Song #324 Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed?  
Communion—the bread Danny Dobbs  
Song #324 Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed?  
Communion—the cup  
Song #324 Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed?  
Contribution  
Kid's Time Bill Allen  
Song #991 This is My Father's World  
Sermon "How You View You—and the World" Bill Allen  
Song #452 Standing on the Promises  
Song #578 We Will Glorify  
Closing Prayer Jim Soop

**Service Schedule**

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**West Erwin Records**

**1/8/23 Attendance**

Bible Class 219  
Worship 301  
Online Sites 45

**Serving Today**

**Communion Servers for 1/15**

David Rhodes Tanner Rutledge  
Jim Soop Ethan Stone  
Jonathan Stone Logan Stone  
Jerry Trollinger Nathan Turner

**Sound for 1/15**

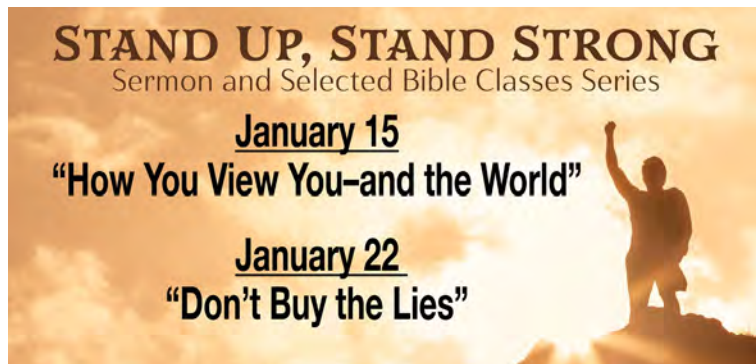
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## “How You View You—and the World”

Our worldview is the \_\_\_\_\_ through which we view the world around us. “Worldview is your built-in \_\_\_\_\_.” Not all worldviews are created \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Some Key \_\_\_\_\_ of a Biblical Worldview

- There is a Creator God. (Gen. 1-2; Psalms 8; 139; John 1:1-5; Col. 1:15-17)
- The Bible is God’s inspired Word. (Psalm 119; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:16-21)
- Humanity is created in the image of God. (Gen. 1:26-31)
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God and Savior of mankind. (John 1:1-18; 3:14-17; 8:12-59; Col. 1:15-23; 2 Cor. 5:11-21)
- There will be a final judgment. (John 5:24-30; 2 Cor. 5:1-10; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:1-11; 2 Peter 3:3-14)

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that indicate and shape our worldview should be taken seriously. Rom. 7-8; 10:17; 12:1-2; Gal. 5:13-26; Eph. 4:17-24; Col. 2:6-10; 3:12-17

C. We must \_\_\_\_\_ cultivate a Biblical worldview.

- For most people, their worldview is “caught rather than taught.”
- What do you believe about God and the Bible?
- How do those beliefs impact your daily life? (Luke 9:22-26; Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 4:25-5:21; Col. 3:17; Heb. 4:12-13; 13:15-16; James 1:19-27; 2:14-26; 4:13-17)

To view the world \_\_\_\_\_, we must view it through the filter of God’s Word.

Resource: Stand Up, Stand Strong (Chapter 2) by Sara Barratt (2022)



## The Lighthouse

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# BIBLE HOUR SUPER BOWL PARTY

**Honoring K-3rd Grade WE Kids & Families**

-  **Hot Dog Supper**
-  **Special Presentation**
-  **Awards Given to Bible Hour Students**

**All WE Members are Invited!**  
**Sunday, January 29th, 2023**  
**Family Life Center 5:00 P.M.**

Our friends,

You have meant so much to us over the last 27 years. We thank you for the role you've had in our lives and in our daughters' lives. They are strong Christian women partly because of you. Thank you for being our family.

Love, David & Sharon Hammond



## The Family Table



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**Karing  
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SEASONS OF LIFE



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### **Thank you!**

We would like to thank each one of you for your love and concern for our family during the loss of our son, Donald. All the calls, cards, food and prayers were very uplifting and appreciated.  
Howard, Linda & Brenda Dickson & Sandy Blalock



# BUNGO!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31ST

6:00 P.M. FLC

DINNER PROVIDED.

SIGN UP IN THE FOYER TO BRING YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT!

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Camille Mink had tests recently showing she has a mass. She has an appointment on January 18th for consultation. Please pray for Camille as she learns more about her condition and treatment options.

Billy Terrell was hospitalized recently with a blood clot in his lung. The clot was removed by surgery. He received a pacemaker Tuesday and he is improving greatly. He was expected to go home as early as last Thursday or Friday.

Karin Glass, frequent visitor and University church member, requests our church to pray for her and her upcoming cancer surgery on 2/27/23. Her son Todd Glass and his wife, Kenda, and family are regular attenders at WE.

Our sympathy is extended to Kenda Glass, regular WE attender, and her family in the sudden loss of her uncle, Randall Padgett, who passed away January 5th. Services were Wednesday.

Fay Mink, mother of Lee Mink, expected to be dismissed from rehab last Friday.

Samuel Mink, father of Lee Mink, is home.

Phyllis Davis, sister of Norma Sorrells, is having health problems.

Jean Rutherford requests prayers for her brother, Jack Paul. He is not doing well.

Eli Hodges' heart surgery will be delayed 6 more week from 1/2/23. Please pray that Eli can stay healthy and strong and that the Wicks family will have peace while waiting on God's timing. Thank you all for your continued prayers. A new surgery date has not been set.

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Welcome	Tucker Sullivan
Song #647	Soldiers of Christ, Arise Kelly Ross
Song # 648	Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
Shepherd's Prayer	Gaylan Seagler
Song	Surround Us, Lord (v.1)
Communion—the bread	
Song	Surround Us, Lord (v.2 with reprise)
Communion—the cup	
Song #694	Servant Song (one time through)
Contribution	
Song #749	The Battle Belongs to the Lord
Sermon	“Don't Buy the Lies” Bill Allen
Song #915	Trust and Obey
Song #449	Thy Word
Closing Prayer	Grant Steele

## "Don't Buy the Lies" 1/22/23 AM

To be \_\_\_\_\_ the world but not \_\_\_\_\_ the world is a constant battle.

A. Be aware of the \_\_\_\_\_ battle surrounding you. (Dan. 1; 3; 6)  
John 16:1-4, 33; 17:13-19; Rom. 12:1-2; 1 John 2: 15-17  
Matt. 5:13-16; John 13:34-35; 17:20-23; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 2:9-17

- The Battlegrounds
- Our Defense and Counterattack (Eph. 6:10-20; 1 Peter 5:8)

B. Don't buy the lies of a " \_\_\_\_\_ " world.

- Objective v. Subjective Truth (Gen 3:1-5; Prov. 14:12; 16:2, 25; John 1:14-17; 8:31-59; 14:6; 17:17; 18:33-38)
- Tolerance -- Even in disagreement v. required to agree and affirm
- The Sources of Post-truth
- The Source of Truth (John 1:1-17; 14:6; Psalms 19; 119; 2 Tim. 3:14-4: 4; 2 Peter 1)

Instead of trying to \_\_\_\_\_ their new life in Babylon, Daniel and his friends sought to live a faithful life \_\_\_\_\_ Babylon. We must do the same in our Babylon. Just as He was then, our God is \_\_\_\_\_. (Dan.3:17-18)

Resource: Stand Up, Stand Strong (Chapter 2) by Sara Barratt (2022)



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### WEST ERWIN YOUTH BIG EVENTS

WEEK OF MARCH 13-17TH SPRING BREAK CAMPING TRIP (EXACT DATES TBD)

APRIL 7-9TH LTC CONVENTION

JUNE 11-17TH LARIAT CREEK JUNIOR SESSION

JULY 2-6TH IMPACT HOUSTON MISSION TRIP

JULY 16-22ND LARIAT CREEK SENIOR SESSION

#### NEWS FROM TUCKER:

"OUR YOUTH GROUP HAD AN INCREDIBLE TIME AT WINTERFEST IN ARLINGTON THIS PAST WEEKEND. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR THE PRAYERS OVER OUR GROUP. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THESE STUDENTS THROUGHOUT 2023!"

SPRING AND SUMMER CALENDAR COMING SOON!

**NEXT WEEK DON'T FORGET!**



**BIBLE HOUR  
SUPER BOWL  
PARTY**

**Honoring K-3rd Grade WE Kids & Families**

- Hot Dog Supper
- Special Presentation
- Awards Given to Bible Hour Students

**All WE Members are Invited!**  
**Sunday, January 29th, 2023**  
**Family Life Center 5:00 P.M.**

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**7TH ANNUAL FOREST SONG**

**FREE ADMISSION**

Shiloh Road Church of Christ  
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**FEATURING**  
Gary Moyers, DJ Bulls, Randy Gill,  
Sam Souder, and Chuck Munoz.

**SPECIAL EVENT**  
Worship Concert featuring  
OneCityWorship (Lubbock, TX) &  
Sanctuary (Lipscomb University)  
7:00 p.m. on Saturday evening.

**REGISTER AT FORESTSONGTX.ORG**

**SEASONS OF LIFE**



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**LADIES INSPIRATION DAY**  
**WEST ERWIN**  
**FEBRUARY 25TH, 2023**

ATTENTION ALL INDIVIDUALS 55+

THERE WILL BE A VALENTINE'S BANQUET ON 2/9/2023 AT THE FLC. A SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE PLACED THE IN FOYER OF THE AUDITORIUM.

MORE INFORMATION IN NEXT WEEKS BULLETIN

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Update on Ryleigh Martinez: Johnny and Melanie took her back to Children's. The swelling has gone down and her leg had shifted. They inserted a wedge to bring back into alignment. All things considering...Ryleigh is doing well. Please continue your prayers.

Camille Mink had tests recently showing she has a mass. She had an appointment on January 18th for consultation. Please pray for Camille as she learns more about her condition and treatment options.

Billy Terrell is now home and doing well. Karin Glass, frequent visitor and University church member, requests our church to pray for her and her upcoming cancer surgery on 2/27/23. Her son Todd Glass and his wife, Kenda, and family are regular attenders at WE.

Phyllis Davis, sister of Norma Sorrells, is having health problems.

Jean Rutherford requests prayers for her brother, Jack Paul. He is not doing well.

Eli Hodges' heart surgery will be delayed 6 more weeks from 1/2/23. Please pray that Eli can stay healthy and strong and that the Wicks family will have peace while waiting on God's timing. Thank you all for your continued prayers. A new surgery date has not been set.

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Volume 54, Number 5

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Song #429 Oh, to Be Like Thee Rusty Lay

Song #552 Have Thine Own Way

Shepherd's Prayer Wade Weathers

Song #922 Jesus Paid it All (v.1)

Communion—the bread Cameron Williams

Song #922 Jesus Paid it All (v.2)

Communion—the cup

Song #922 Jesus Paid it All (v.3)

Contribution

Song #524 I Know Whom I Have Believed (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

Sermon "Don't 'Be Yourself'—Be Who Jesus Wants You to Be" Eric Thornton

Song #417 Where He Leads I'll Follow (vs. 1 & 3)

Song #414 Anywhere with Jesus (v.1)

Prayer

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Worship 311

Online 24

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Sunday morning worship service will NOT be held in the main auditorium. It has been relocated to the Family Life Center.

## "Be Who/What I Feel – Or Be Who Jesus Says I Already Am

How Current Culture Defines Identity.

Be \_\_\_\_\_.

Follow your \_\_\_\_\_.

Live \_\_\_\_\_ truth.

You are what you \_\_\_\_\_.

Connect with your \_\_\_\_\_ self.

"We are constantly searching for insight into \_\_\_\_\_ we are. And not only \_\_\_\_\_ we are, but more importantly, \_\_\_\_\_."

Where does wisdom begin? The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. (Prov. 9:10)

What about understanding or good judgment? The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy One. (Prov. 9:10)

imago Dei – latin, meaning "the image of God"

- The symbolical relation between God and humanity. That gives humanity distinct \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Who is God?

- He is of absolute love (1 John 4:7-19, Rom. 8:37-39)
- He cares so intensely for us (Ps. 56:8, Ps. 55:17, 116:1-2)
- He punishes evil but has mercy on the repentant (2 Thess. 1:8-9, 1 John 1:8-)
- He is our Shepherd and strong tower (Ps. 23:1, 61:3)
- He is the only one with the power/ability to save us from our sins (Acts 4:12)
- He is unchanging (Heb. 13:8)
- He is omnipotent, omnipresent and all knowing. (Col 1:16-17, Ps. 139:7-10, 1 John 3:20, Rom. 11:33-35)

Because I know \_\_\_\_\_ God is, I can trust the \_\_\_\_\_ He says about me.

So Who Am I?

1. Get back to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's character.
2. Seek truth over \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Trust that God has \_\_\_\_\_ you for a purpose.
4. Ask God to give you \_\_\_\_\_ for His will in your life.
5. Get out of \_\_\_\_\_.

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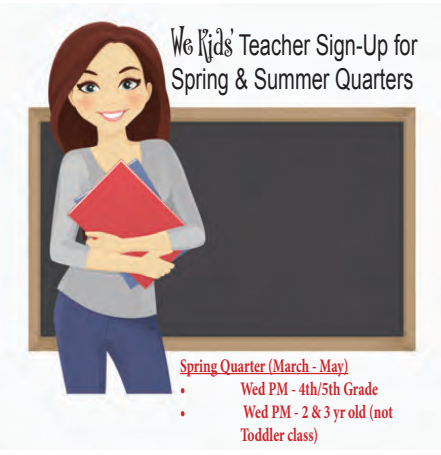


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the hospital. Thank you for  
the prayers, calls and cards.  
They were greatly appreciated.  
Billy & Lynda*



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February 5, 2023  
Volume 54, Number 6

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5 pm Chapel & Singing Classes

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Welcome		Eric Thornton
Song #250	The Great Redeemer	Gary Ables
Song	You're Worthy of My Praise	
Shepherd's Prayer		David Wicks
Song #635	Freely, Freely (v.1)	
Communion—the bread		James Sublette
Song #635	Freely, Freely (v.2)	
Communion—the cup		
Song #398	Surely the Presence of the Lord (v.1)	
Contribution		
Song #134	The Lord's My Shepherd	
Sermon	"Purity in Heart and Life"	Bill Allen
Song #915	Trust and Obey	
Song #57	Great is Thy Faithfulness	
Prayer		Drew Nunn

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## “Purity in Heart and Life”

“We’re sexually \_\_\_\_\_. But desperately \_\_\_\_\_.” (Sara Barratt, p. 79)

A. Sexual Immorality: God’s \_\_\_\_\_

Gen. 19:1-29; Ex. 20:14; Lev. 18:22; 20:10-13; Job 31:1  
Matt. 5:27-32; 15:19-20; Rom. 1:24-32; 13:11-14; 1 Cor. 5; 7; 10:1-12; 2 Cor. 10:3-5  
Eph. 4:17-19; 5:1-20; Col. 3:1-11; 1 John 2:15-17; Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Thess. 4:3-8; 1 Tim. 1:8-11

B. Sexual Morality: God’s \_\_\_\_\_

Heb. 13:4; 1 Cor. 7:1-5; Matt. 19:1-12  
Gen. 1:26-31; 2:4-25; Eph. 4:20-24; 5:21-33; Col. 3:12-21; 1 Peter 3:1-7

C. Forgiveness: God’s \_\_\_\_\_

1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Tim. 1:12-17; Rom. 3:9-26; 5:6-10; 6:22-23

D. Faithfulness: God’s \_\_\_\_\_

1 Cor. 10:13; Eph. 3:20-21; Gen. 39; Rom. 8; Gal. 2:20; 5:13-26

E. Compassion: God’s \_\_\_\_\_

John 3:16-17; 4; 8:1-11; Heb. 4:14-16  
John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:11-18; 4:7-21; Eph. 4:15

Resources: Stand Up, Stand Strong (Chapter 6; resource list at end of chapter) by Sara Barratt (2022)

<https://thefederalist.com/2019/12/02/most-americans-think-cohabitation-is-fine-but-thats-not-what-social-science-says/>

<https://www.patheos.com/blogs/askshaunti/2016/02/the-case-against-cohabitation/>

Shaunti Feldhahn, The Good News About Marriage: Debunking Discouraging Myths About Marriage and Divorce  
Ed and Gaye Wheat, Intended for Pleasure

Steve Holladay, Ultimate Escape ministry, <http://www.ultimatescape.org/>

“Does Culture Override Scripture?”—7/31/22 AM sermon, [https://www.christianworldmedia.com/watch?v=p83LpNxt\\_rn4](https://www.christianworldmedia.com/watch?v=p83LpNxt_rn4)

Mosaic Counseling Centers of East Texas, <https://werelisteningeasttexas.org/>

GraceWorks counseling ministry, <https://www.gabc.org/graceworks/>



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Sunday, Feb. 5th directly  
following Church Service

# MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH DEVO

- Middle Schoolers, head straight to the Lighthouse following service
- Lunch will be provided
- Pick up from Lighthouse by 1pm

## LTC Practice

### Sunday, Feb. 5th

**Puppets**  
2:30 - 3:15

**Drama**  
3:30 - 4:15

**Chorus**  
4:30 - 5:15

**Bible Quiz**  
5:15 - 6:15

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- Wed PM - 4th/5th Grade
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Susan Womack requests prayers for her father, Tommy Lawrence. He is going downhill fast and they are making transitions for him right now with his living situation. She and her sister are taking care of him at his home until certain he can cope again. He's been in the hospital for 2 weeks and recently got released.

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LIVE SIMULCAST EVENT

parenting today's teens presents

# ENGAGE

EQUIPPING AND EMPOWERING PARENTS TO RAISE TEENS IN A CONTRARY CULTURE

with Mark Gregston and special guest Kirk Cameron



## February 18, 2023

8:00am - 4:30pm

Shiloh Road Church of Christ  
1801 Shiloh Road Tyler 75703

To find out more information & register:  
[ShilohRoad.com](http://ShilohRoad.com)



February 12, 2023  
Volume 54, Number 7

February 12th

at West Erwin

Small Group

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Song #63

I Will Call Upon the Lord Kelly Ross

Song#810

Listen to Our Hearts

Shepherd's Prayer

Jay Bynum

Song #176

Lamb of God (v.1)

Communion—the bread

Chris Conder

Song #176

Lamb of God (v.2)

Communion—the cup

Song #176

Lamb of God (v.3)

Contribution

Song #4

To God Be the Glory (all verses)

Sermon

"Sexuality-God's Design" Bill Allen

Song #480

Blessed Assurance (vs. 1 & 3)

Song #577

We Bow Down (v.1)

Prayer

Nathan Turner

### Upcoming Sundays 5 p.m. Schedule

2/19 Church-wide Singing

2/26 Chapel & Singing Classes

# “SEXUALITY—GOD’S DESIGN”

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE ACRONYM \_\_\_\_\_ STANDS FOR?

- A. TWO \_\_\_\_\_  
B. THE \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHING
- 1) HOMOSEXUALITY IS A \_\_\_\_\_.  
GEN. 1:26-31; 2:4-25; MATT. 19:1-12; HEB. 13:4; 1 COR. 7:1-9  
GEN. 19:1-29; LEV. 18:22; 20:13; ROM. 1:24-32; 1 COR. 6:9-10; 1 TIM. 1:8-11
  - 2) WE ARE \_\_\_\_\_ SINNERS.  
ROM. 1-3; 3:23; 5:6-8; 1 COR. 6:9-11; 1 JOHN 1:5-2:2
  - 3) THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4) AS THE OLD SAYING GOES, WE MUST \_\_\_\_\_ THE SINNER BUT \_\_\_\_\_ THE SIN.

OUR TASK IS TO BE A CHURCH THAT \_\_\_\_\_ SINNERS WITHOUT \_\_\_\_\_ HOLINESS.  
JOHN 1:14-17; EPH. 4:15; 2 PETER 3:18

1. DON'T \_\_\_\_\_ THEM.
2. “SEEK FIRST TO \_\_\_\_\_, THEN TO BE \_\_\_\_\_.”
3. ASK SINCERE, NON-JUDGMENTAL \_\_\_\_\_.
4. LET THE \_\_\_\_\_ SPEAK.
5. ASSURE THEM OF GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THEM—AND YOURS.

RESOURCES: *STAND UP, STAND STRONG* (CHAPTER 7; RESOURCE LIST AT END OF CHAPTER) BY SARA BARRATT (2022)  
*THE 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PEOPLE* BY STEPHEN COVEY



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CHORUS TEAM PRACTICING

**2023 Summer Camp**  
**Lariat Creek Christian Camp**

**Junior Session** June 11th-17th  
(Incoming 5th-7th Grades)

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March 16-18  
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Eagle Rock Loop // Langley, Arkansas

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**Sunday, Feb. 12th**

**Bible Quiz**  
Directly following service until 1pm

Meet in Lighthouse  
(Lunch will be provided!)



SAVE THE DATE!  
LADIES INSPIRATION DAY  
WEST ERWIN  
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THANKS,  
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# CAMP DEER RUN

## 2023 PEE WEE CAMP

JUNE 26TH - 29TH

**REGISTRATION FEB. 13TH**

**PICK UP IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION AT THE CHILDREN'S CHECK-IN DESK TODAY**



THANKS FOR THE FEEDBACK ALLOWING ME TO BETTER SERVE YOU. KEEP THE COMMENTS COMING. PLEASE SEND THEM TO:

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## FAMILY TABLE

AT THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH  
COST FOR ADULT IS \$6 AND CHILD \$3

PLEASE RSVP ON YOU ATTENDANCE CARD  
THE MENU FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS:

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Janice Erickson's service is later this week in Dallas. Please pray for the family.

Lori Rhodes has been having some bleeding from her eye. She will be talking to surgeon Thursday, Feb. 9th.

Ranae Bone, watches services online at the moment in preparation for total knee replacement on Wed., Feb. 8th at 3:00 pm. She will be doing rehabilitation at The Centre on New Grande for 20 days or less. Please pray for her surgery and rehab.

Ranae also requests prayers for her dad, Robert Bone (he attends Broadway Church of Christ) as he is still recovering from pneumonia since December. He is 89 and is slowly getting stronger so he will be able to go home from her brother's house.

Dawn Dobbs has requested prayers for Clay. He is facing many challenges. When he is released from the hospital, he will be admitted to a rehab hospital.

Amy Tindell, Bill and Joyce Allen's daughter, went home on Wednesday. She had a bacterial/fungal infection and will be on antibiotics for another week or so.

Odie and Delores Kennedy's daughter, Renee, had surgery on Monday. She is doing well and is at home recovering.

Susan Womack requests prayers for her father, Tommy Lawrence. He is going downhill fast and they are making transitions for him right now with his living situation. She and her sister are taking care of him at his home until certain he can cope again. He's been in the hospital for 2 weeks and recently got released.

Heart surgery for Eli Hodges is scheduled for Monday, February 13th. Thank you for your continued prayers. If you would like to send a note of encouragement to the Hodges family their address is: 303 Deepwood Dr., Georgetown, TX 78628.

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Song #96 I Stand in Awe Rusty Lay

Song #97 I Sing Praises

Song #449 Thy Word

Shepherd's Prayer Ken Culpepper

Song #376 He Paid a Debt (v.1)

Communion—the bread Tucker Sullivan

Song #376 He Paid a Debt (v.2)

Communion—the cup

Song #376 He Paid a Debt (v.3)

Contribution

Song #524 I Know Whom I Have Believed (vs. 1,2 & 4)

Sermon "Gender-God's Design" Bill Allen

Song #589 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (vs. 1 & 3)

Song #574 Oh, How I Love Jesus (v.1)

Prayer Ethan Stone

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## “GENDER—GOD’S DESIGN”

WHAT WOULD CAUSE INTELLIGENT PEOPLE TO AFFIRM OBVIOUSLY \_\_\_\_\_ STATEMENTS?  
FEELINGS OVER TRUTH; EMOTIONS OVER REALITY

A. SOME \_\_\_\_\_ FOUNDATION

- CREATED BY GOD IN HIS IMAGE—GEN. 1:1; 1:26-31; 2:15-25; MATT. 19:1-12
- THE FALL OF HUMANITY INTO SIN—GEN. 3; ROM. 7:14-25; 8:18-25
- “FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE”—PSALM 139:1-18

B. GENDER IN THE EYES OF \_\_\_\_\_

- ASSIGNED SEX
- GENDER IDENTITY
- GENDER EXPRESSION

C. GENDER BY \_\_\_\_\_ DESIGN

- GOD CREATED AND DESIGNED US PURPOSEFULLY.
- SEX-CHANGE SURGERIES, HORMONE TREATMENT, ETC., DO NOT CHANGE A PERSON’S SEX OR GENDER, NOR DO THEY BRING FULFILLMENT AND PEACE.
- PERSONALITY AND CHARACTER TRAITS ARE VARIED.

D. HOW DO WE RESPOND IN THE MIDST OF THIS GENDER \_\_\_\_\_?

1. PRACTICALLY AND RESPECTFULLY AFFIRM \_\_\_\_\_.
2. LOVINGLY \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THOSE STRUGGLING.
3. LIVE OUT AND AFFIRM BIBLICAL \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_.

Resources: *Stand Up, Stand Strong* (Chapter 8; resource list at end of chapter) by Sara Barratt (2022)

Family Policy Institute video, <https://www.Youtube.Com/watch?V=xfo1vefs6ho> (posted 4/13/2016)

NY Times Article (1/22/23), “When Students Change Gender Identity, and Parents Don’t Know”—[https://www.Nytimes.Com/2023/01/22/us/gender-identity-students-parents.Html?Utm\\_campaign=likeshopme&utm\\_medium=instagram&utm\\_source=dash%20hudson&utm\\_content=ig-nytimes](https://www.Nytimes.Com/2023/01/22/us/gender-identity-students-parents.Html?Utm_campaign=likeshopme&utm_medium=instagram&utm_source=dash%20hudson&utm_content=ig-nytimes); also can be accessed here: <https://www.Seattletimes.Com/nation-world/when-students-change-gender-identity-and-parents-dont-know/>

Church & Culture Article (1/30/23), “Parental Rights”—<https://www.Churchandculture.Org/blog/2023/1/30/parental-rights>

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## SEASONS OF LIFE



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-----DAVY CARTER

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The latest news from Kelsi is Eli currently is on a temporary pacemaker for all his heart beats. It may be up to a week before they will know if he will need a permanent pacemaker. She says "he is a fighter." Ginny asks us to pray specifically that Eli will NOT need a permanent pacemaker. He rested better today after taking him off the narcotic drugs and trying Gabipentin. He stopped thrashing and pulling at restraints and wires.

Charles Payne has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Gayle is also having issues.

Bob Christian, father of Will, passed away this afternoon in Marshall, TX.

Lee Mink's father passed away Sunday, February 12th. Visitation is Friday 6 - 7:30 pm at Burks-Walker-Tippit Funeral Home. Service will be held Saturday 2:00 pm at Pine Springs Baptist Church.

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Song #552 Have Thine Own Way (vs 1,2&3)

Shepherd's Prayer Grant Knight

Song #354 I Gave My Life for Thee (v 1)

Communion—the bread Eric Moseley

Song #354 I Gave My Life for Thee (v 2)

Communion—the cup

Song #354 I Gave My Life for Thee (v 3)

Contribution

Kids' Time Davy Carter

Song #416 Footsteps of Jesus (vs 1, 2 &4)

Sermon "The Pro-Life Generation" Bill Allen

Song #662 All to Jesus I Surrender (vs 1 &2)

Song #722 Let the Beauty of Jesus (vs 1&3)

Prayer Logan Stone

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## “THE PRO-LIFE GENERATION”

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ ARE PRO-LIFE BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_ IS PRO-LIFE.  
GEN. 1-2; COL. 1:15-23; JOHN 1:1-5; 10:10; JOHN 11:25; 14:6
- B. BEING PRO-LIFE CALLS US TO VALUE LIFE AT EVERY STAGE—FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_.
- ABORTION—PSALM 139:13-16; GEN. 1:26-27; 25:21-26; JUDGES 13:1-14; ISAIAH 49:1-6; JER. 1:4-5; LUKE 1:11-17, 39-45; GAL. 1:15
  - EUTHANASIA
  - ENGAGEMENT—GEN. 1:27; MARK 5; EPH. 4:15; JOHN 1:14-18; 9:1-7; JAMES 1:27; 1 JOHN 3:16-18; MATT. 25:31-46
- 1) BECOME EDUCATED ON THE VALUE OF LIFE.
  - 2) EXPOSE THE CULTURE OF DEATH.
  - 3) CARE FOR THE LIVING.
  - 4) PRIORITIZE THE GOSPEL.

“PEOPLE NEED HELP \_\_\_\_\_, NOT HELP \_\_\_\_\_.” (BARRATT, 137)  
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-----DONNA ESTES



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AFTER SUNDAY AM  
SERVICE**

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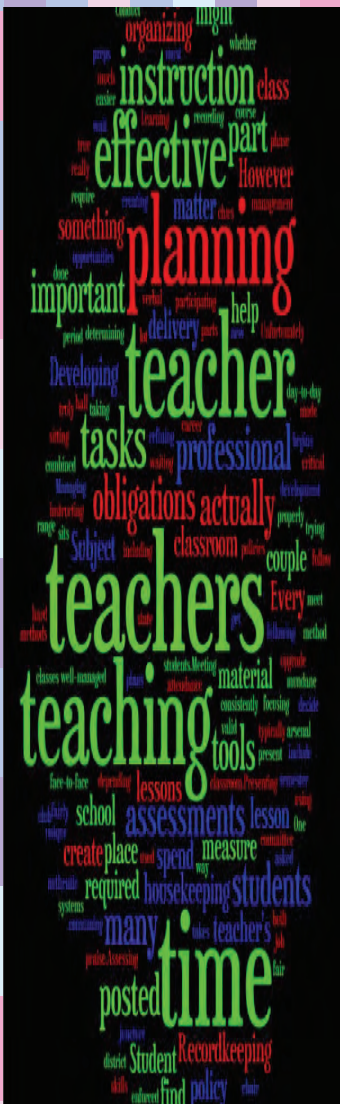
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Breakfast will be served

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### Prayer and Care: (Updated 2/22/23)

Patricia Hill, George Hill's stepmother, suffered a heart attack and stroke on Monday. She is in critical condition with doctors predicting it won't be long before she passes. George has asked for us to pray she suffers as little as possible. He and Crystal along with the kids, Jordan and Riley, need comfort and strength through this difficult time.

Elaine Bell is at UT Health room 6809. She is still having complications from UTI and had surgery earlier today. She'll be in the hospital for a few days and then will go to rehab facility.

Mary June Goodson has been ill and was taken to the hospital on Sunday. She asks for your prayers. She is at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Louis and Peaches Owen Heart Hospital. Her current known medical issues are high potassium, high blood sugar and others.

The latest news regarding Eli is he has been able to walk, smile and play with Ginny. Please keep the prayers coming.

Charles Payne has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Gayle is also having issues.

Camille Mink's upcoming surgery will be on March 17th.

Karin Glass, frequent visitor and University church member, requests our church to pray for her and her upcoming cancer surgery on 2/27/23. Her son Todd Glass and his wife, Kenda, and family are regular attenders at WE.

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March 5, 2023  
Volume 54, Number 10

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March 5th

at West Erwin at 5:00

*No activity*

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
5:00 p.m. Various Activities

### WEDNESDAY

6:30-7:30 p.m. Bible Class

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### West Erwin Records

2/26/23 Attendance

Bible Class 199  
Worship 312  
Online 62

### Serving Today Communion Servers

Robert Lee Koen Monahan  
Eric Moseley David Rhodes  
Tanner Rutledge Jim Soop  
Ethan Stone Logan Stone

### Sound

Chris Reynolds Cody Ables Jonathan Stone

### Contributions

1/22/23 \$17,483.00  
1/29/23 \$21,786.00  
2/5/23 \$32,959.64

### Our Elders

Jay Bynum Ken Culpepper Grant Knight  
Gaylan Seagler Wade Weathers David Wicks \*  
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Friday 8:30 am-12:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE NEW OFFICE HOURS

## Order of Worship

Welcome Eric Thornton  
Song #781 Thank You Lord! Kelly Ross  
Song Mighty To Save  
Shepherd's Prayer Wade Weathers  
Song How Deep the Father's Love (v 1)  
Communion—the bread  
Song How Deep the Father's Love (v 2)  
Communion—the cup  
Song How Deep the Father's Love (v 3)  
Contribution  
Hispanic Ministry Highlight Dannie Skipper  
Song #810 Listen to Our Hearts  
Sermon "Being Grateful for All in an Ungrateful Culture" Bill Allen  
Song #18 Faithful Love  
Song #705 A Common Love  
Prayer Justin Parrish

### Upcoming Sundays 5 p.m. Schedule

3/12 Chapel & Singing Classes  
3/19 Small Group  
3/26 Chapel & Singing Classes

# “Being Grateful for All in an Ungrateful Culture”

Some \_\_\_\_\_ that have a life of their own these days: prejudice; discrimination; racism; justice; equality

The question Jesus was asked in Luke 10 was not, “Who is my \_\_\_\_\_?”

The questioner was really asking, “Who do I \_\_\_\_\_ love?”

Luke 10:25-37; John 4; Matt. 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34; Deut. 6:4-5; Lev. 19:18  
Gen. 1-2; Psalm 50; Isaiah 1; Jer. 7; Hosea 6; Micah 6  
Ezekiel 18; James 1:22-27; 2; Acts 1:8; 10; Matt. 7:13-23; 28:18-20

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Racism—My \_\_\_\_\_

Some truths  
Some failures

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Racism—My \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Study/live out the Bible’s call for truth and justice.
- 2) Honestly look at your own heart.
- 3) Grow in awareness—give yourself a more accurate, balanced view.
- 4) Seek out genuine relationships and honest conversations with others not exactly like you.
- 5) Show genuine compassion and courageous action.
- 6) Let your actions demonstrate your belief that “the gospel is for all.”

C. God’s \_\_\_\_\_—Unity in \_\_\_\_\_

Rev. 7:9-17; Acts 10:34-35; Rom. 12; 1 Cor. 12-13; Eph. 4; Phil. 2; John 17

In Luke 10, the question Jesus wants us to ask is, “What is the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ thing I should do?”

And then He tells us, “Go \_\_\_\_\_ that.”

Resources: Stand Up, Stand Strong (Chapter 10; resource list at end of chapter) by Sara Barratt (2022)



## The Lighthouse

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LET TUCKER  
KNOW IF YOUR  
STUDENT PLANS  
ON GOING  
CAMPING.  
PARENTS ARE  
WELCOMED AS  
SPONSORS!







All Church  
Luncheon  
Today after  
Sunday Worship  
Service at  
FLC

### 2023 FACEBOOK STUDY

Join Bill for his Tues./Thurs. 3 p.m. study on his Facebook page.

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1. "My Utmost for His Highest" by Oswald Chambers
2. "The Songs of Jesus: A Year of Daily Devotions in the Psalms" by Timothy Keller and his wife



Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Family Life Center

Cost: \$6 Adults \$3 Child

RSVP on your Attendance Card Sunday Morning

March 5<sup>th</sup> or contact office@westerwin.org

Breakfast will be served

## WE Kids

Teacher Sign-Up for Spring & Summer Quarters

Summer Quarter (June-Aug.)

Wed PM – K4 (Summer Program/Class Multi-Age)

Sun AM – 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Sun AM – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

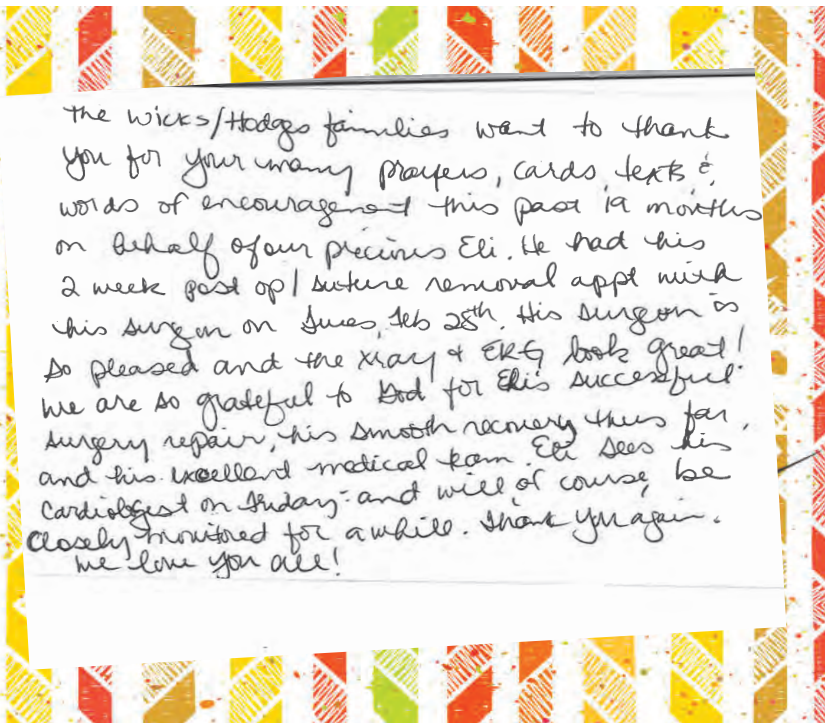
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## YOUNG AT HEART POT LUCK DINNER

MARCH 9TH AT 6:00 PM  
AT FLC

Davy and Sonja Carter will be singing



Eli is glad to be home!



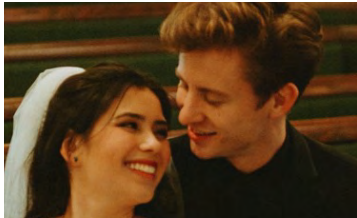
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CURRENTLY WE HAVE A NEED FOR SALTINE CRACKERS AND MEN'S WINTER CLOTHING



Clothing Drive



**Bulletin Update:**  
Peter and Autumn Neal

If you have or know of an update to the Bulletin, please email me any addition or update to [office@westerwin.org](mailto:office@westerwin.org)



Keith & Shelia Harris are the proud 1st Time Grandparents of **Everett Andrew Harris.**

He was 6 lbs. 1 oz. 19.25 inches long born February 24, 2023, to the proud parents Dalton & Nikki Harris of Houston.



Ladies It's Time for Bunco on March 21st at 6:00 pm  
Sign Up will be in Foyer  
Shelia Harris will be providing meal information soon.

## Prayer and Care (Updated Wednesday, March 1, 2023)

Jett and Koen Monahan's grandfather, their mother's father, passed away.

Lydia Gipson is having cataract surgery today.

Paul Jones, Cal and Jo Ann Wilkinson's nephew, is having surgery to remove a cyst on his liver.

James Perkins, one of Jill Smith's 1st graders, is in ICU at Cook Children's Medical Center fighting a very rare blood disease.

Patricia Hill, George Hill's stepmother, passed away on Friday. George requests prayers for traveling family members and healing.

Karon Glass' surgery went great. From Keith Glass..."We are indebted to you and your congregation. Tell all how much they mean to us."

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March 12, 2023  
Volume 54, Number 11

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**March 12th**

**at West Erwin at 5:00**

**Chapel & Singing  
Classes**

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

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3/5/23 Attendance  
**Bible Class** 220  
**Worship** 317  
**Online** N/A

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Tanner Rutledge Jim Soop  
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## Order of Worship

Welcome		Tucker Sullivan
Song#238	You Are the Song That I Sing	Rusty Lay
Song#239	In Moments Like These	
Shepherd's Prayer		Grant Knight
Song#683	I Am Mine No More (v. 1)	
Communion—the bread		Matt Haws
Song#683	I Am Mine No More (v. 2)	
Communion—the cup		
Song# 683	I Am Mine No More (v. 3)	
Contribution		
Song #749	The Battle Belongs to the Lord	
Sermon	"Overcoming Addiction -- Freedom from Bondage"	Bill Allen
Song #662	All to Jesus I Surrender (vs. 1&3)	
Song #736	To Christ be True (vs. 1&3)	
Prayer		David Beard

### Upcoming Sundays 5 p.m. Schedule

3/19 Small Group  
3/26 Chapel & Singing Classes

# “Overcoming Addiction—Freedom from Bondage”

Almost \_\_\_\_\_ Americans have at least one substance addiction. “By far, \_\_\_\_\_ is the most commonly abused substance in the United States.”

A. Naming and Answering the \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ will satisfy me and fill the emptiness inside.
- 2) I’m not addicted—denial.
- 3) I’m only hurting myself.
- 4) It’s not that bad—everyone does it.

B. The Warnings and Calling of \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 23:2; Prov. 6:27-28; 14:12; 20:1  
Matt. 7:13-14; John 15:8-9; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:18; Rom. 12:2; 1 Peter 4:1-4  
Matt. 6:24, 33; Rom. 6; 1 Cor. 6:9-20; 10:1-13  
Luke 9:23; Rom. 12:1; 1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17

C. Some Keys to Living and Walking in \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Education
- 2) Healthy Relationships
- 3) Open Communication
- 4) Avoiding Compromising Situations
- 5) Getting Help
- 6) Intentional Spiritual Growth  
Heb. 5:11-14; 2 Peter 1:3-11; 3:18

Through Christ we are \_\_\_\_\_.  
Rom. 8:31-39; Phil. 4:13; John 19:30

**Resources:** *Stand Up, Stand Strong* (Chapter 11; resource list at end of chapter) by Sara Barratt (2022)

<https://www.addictioncenter.com/addiction/addiction-statistics/>

<https://www.therecoveryvillage.com/>

<https://www.aa.org/> ; <https://na.org/> ; <https://saa-recovery.org/> ; <https://www.celebraterecovery.com/>

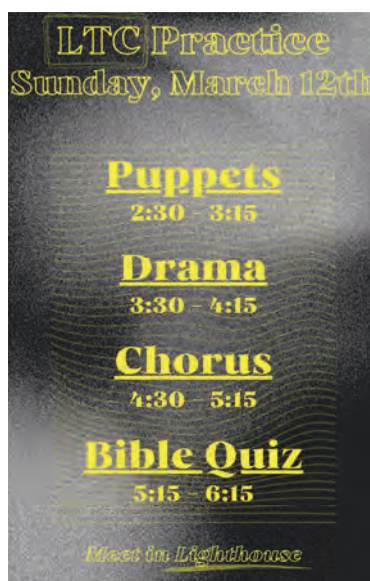
Mosaic Counseling Centers of East Texas, <https://werelisteningeasttexas.org/>

GraceWorks counseling ministry, <https://www.gabc.org/graceworks/>



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It's Daylight Savings time. Set your clocks forward 1 hour.

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*Communicating*  
**LIKE CHRIST**  
Speaking from my sister's shoes

**APRIL 1st**  
**10:00-12:00**

Registration & Light Breakfast 9:00  
Lunch Provided

with guest speaker

*Karla Sparks*

**Graceton church of Christ**

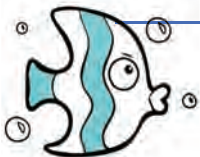
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**WE Kids**

**Teacher Sign Up for Summer Quarter (June-Aug.)**

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REVIVE US AGAIN // A HOME MISSION EVANGELISM & CHURCH GROWTH WORKSHOP

**I SURRENDER**  
*All*

**MARCH 22-25, 2023**

**BROWN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
2471 Brown St. | Waxahachie, TX 75165

<https://www.homemission.org/revive-us-again-2023/>

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

Truitt Adair Jeff Jenkins Wes McAdams  
Trey Morgan Phil Sanders  
Dewayne Tapscott Willie B Williams III

**AREA WIDE SINGING & GOSPEL MEETING**

*Center Church of Christ*



**PHIL SANDERS**

We welcome Phil Sanders as our 2023 Gospel Meeting Speaker. Brother Sanders is the regular speaker on the Nationally Televised Program "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY." You will be blessed by his presence and cheered by his message.

**PLEASE JOIN US APRIL 21-23, 2023**

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 - 7:00PM Area Wide Singing with refreshments to follow

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 - 7:00PM **Gospel Preaching**  
Guest Speaker - Phil Sanders

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 Bible Class - 9:45AM  
Worship - 10:45AM

\*Phil Sanders will be the guest speaker for Bible Class and Worship  
\*A Covered Dish Luncheon will immediately follow the morning worship service.

**Center Church of Christ**

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**WIDOWS' DATE NIGHT**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Mark your calendars!**

**Details Coming Soon**



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**The Benevolence Center is still in need of Saltine Crackers.**



Clases de la Biblia para preescolares  
Jueves  
De 10:30 a.m. a 11:15 a.m.  
Para información:  
Mavy cel: (623) 806-6167



Hi! I'm Mavy dela Rosa Dean. Every Thursday I will be conducting a Bible class for spanish speaking preschoolers and their moms at the Benevolence Center at 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

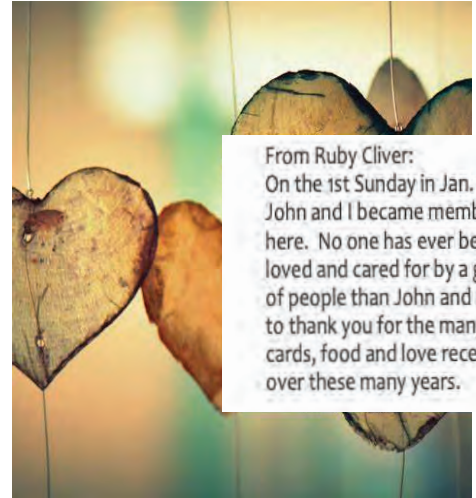


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From Ruby Cliver:  
On the 1st Sunday in Jan. 1988 John and I became members here. No one has ever been more loved and cared for by a group of people than John and I. I want to thank you for the many calls, cards, food and love received over these many years.

## **Prayer and Care (Updated Wednesday, March 8, 2023)**

McKinley, Jay Bynum's granddaughter, is in Cooks Children's Medical Center. Currently waiting on cultures to determine what type of infection she has.

David Wick's mother, Willa, has been transferred to The Center at Grande. She is doing better and getting stronger. Please continue praying for her and the Wick's family.

Please pray for Ruolan Wei for breakthrough (a new Christian), please pray the bondage will break, she can walk in freedom. Thank you and God bless!

Todd Kemptom's mother-in-law, Ellen Poindexter, is under hospice care and he requests our prayers for the family.

Update from Jane Posey's daughter on her husband Jeff. On the 17th, Jeff has his nine month CT scan and doctors appointment. On the 29th, Jeff's trach will be removed. Please keep him in your prayers.

James Perkins, one of Jill Smith's 1st graders in ICU at Cook Children's Medical Center, is fighting a very rare blood disease. He has improved this week after testing and treatment.

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March 19, 2023  
Volume 54, Number 12

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**March 19th**

**at West Erwin at 5:00**

**Small Group**

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

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3/12/23 Attendance

**Bible Class** 139  
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### Serving Today

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Friday 8:30 am-12:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE NEW OFFICE HOURS

## Order of Worship

Welcome		Eric Thornton
Song #578	We Will Glorify	Davy Carter
Song #827	Sweet Hour of Prayer	
Shepherd's Prayer		David Wicks
Song #325	Boundless Love (vs. 1&3; refrain Only)	
Communion—the bread		Peter Neal
Song #454	Rock of Ages (v. 1)	
Communion—the cup		
Song #555	Seek Ye First	
Ministry Highlight--Acappella Concert		Eric Thornton
Contribution		
Song #957	This World is Not My Home	
Sermon	"Living Transformed in a Conforming Culture"	Bill Allen
Song #309	In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified	
Song #538	My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (vs. 1&4)	
Prayer		Jim Soop

### Upcoming Sundays 5 p.m. Schedule

3/26 Chapel & Singing Classes



# “Living Transformed in a Conforming Culture”

“Media is \_\_\_\_\_.” Media is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of culture.  
(Rom. 12:1-2)

A. Consider your media \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Cor. 6:14; 1 John 2:15-17; Eph. 5:11-12

- 1) Does it glorify and promote \_\_\_\_\_ and sin?
- 2) What \_\_\_\_\_ does this communicate?
- 3) How is it \_\_\_\_\_ me?

B. Consider your media \_\_\_\_\_.

Media can be a great \_\_\_\_\_, but it’s a horrible \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Cor. 6:12; 9:24-27; Col. 3:17; 1 Cor. 10:31

A few closing tips:

- 1) Set \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Have \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Invest in \_\_\_\_\_ relationships.
- 4) Plan \_\_\_\_\_ activities.

**Resource:** *Stand Up, Stand Strong* (Chapter 12; resource list at end of chapter) by Sara Barratt (2022)







# Young at Heart Potluck



To see more YAH pics, go to the WE App.

**WIDOWS' DATE NIGHT**  
**MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FROM 6-8 PM**  
**INVITATIONS**  
**COMING SOON**

You are invited to our  
**GOSPEL MEETING**  
**LINDALE CHURCH of CHRIST**  
**March 19-22, 2023**



Ralph Walker  
 from Tampa, Florida

## THE MEANING OF FELLOWSHIP

- Sunday**
- 9:30 am ..... Fellowship with God
  - 10:20 am ..... Fellowship Defined
  - 5:00 pm ..... Sharing the Body
- Monday at 7:00 pm** ..... Sharing in the Gospel
- Tuesday at 7:00 pm** ..... Sharing Spiritual Gifts
- Wednesday at 7:00 pm** ..... Sharing in Sufferings



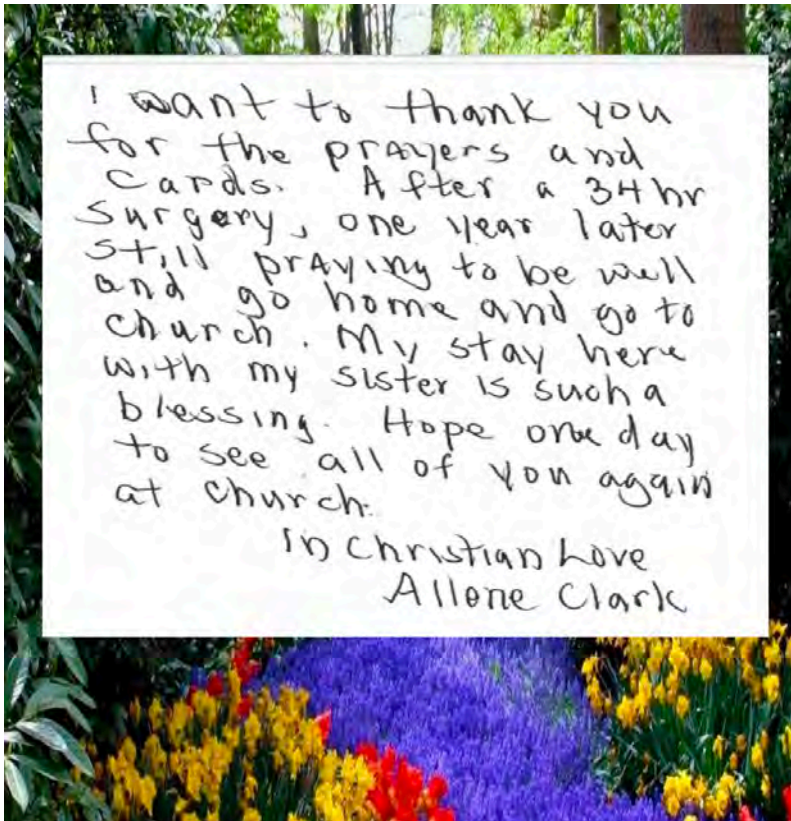
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On Wed., March 15th, Paul Rodriguez was baptized by Donnie Carnathan. Please welcome him to our family.

### Prayer and Care (Updated Wednesday, March 15, 2023)

If you want your loved one on the prayer list please contact the church office or email us at [prayers@westerwin.org](mailto:prayers@westerwin.org).

Gayle Holt fell and fractured her hip and shoulder. Tim requests prayers for her.

Rachel and Kalli Huff are in Dallas at the hospital. Kalli is getting intense breathing treatments for Parainfluenza. She is feeling okay but not any better. Prayers are requested.

Camille Mink's surgery is scheduled for this coming Friday, March 17th. Please keep her in your prayers.

Jeanette Ingram passed away. Services will be Saturday, March 18th at 2:00 pm in our chapel.

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March 26, 2023  
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**March 26th**

**at West Erwin at 5:00**

**Chapel & Singing  
Classes**

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Cal Wilkinson Cameron Ables  
David Beard Tommy Brown  
Keith Chandler Colby Chandler

### Sound

Chris Reynolds Cody Ables Jonathan Stone

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Welcome		Tucker Sullivan
Song #63	I Will Call Upon the Lord	Gary Ables
Song	10,000 Reasons	
Shepherd's Prayer		Jay Bynum
Song #464	Because He Lives (v. 1)	
Communion—the bread		Chad Chauncey
Song #464	Because He Lives (v. 2)	
Communion—the cup		
Song #464	Because He Lives (v. 3)	
Contribution		
Song #448	The Greatest Commands	
Sermon	Conviction in a Culture of Compromise	Eric Thornton
Song #470	Victory in Jesus	
Song #290	Shine, Jesus, Shine	
Prayer		David Cannefax

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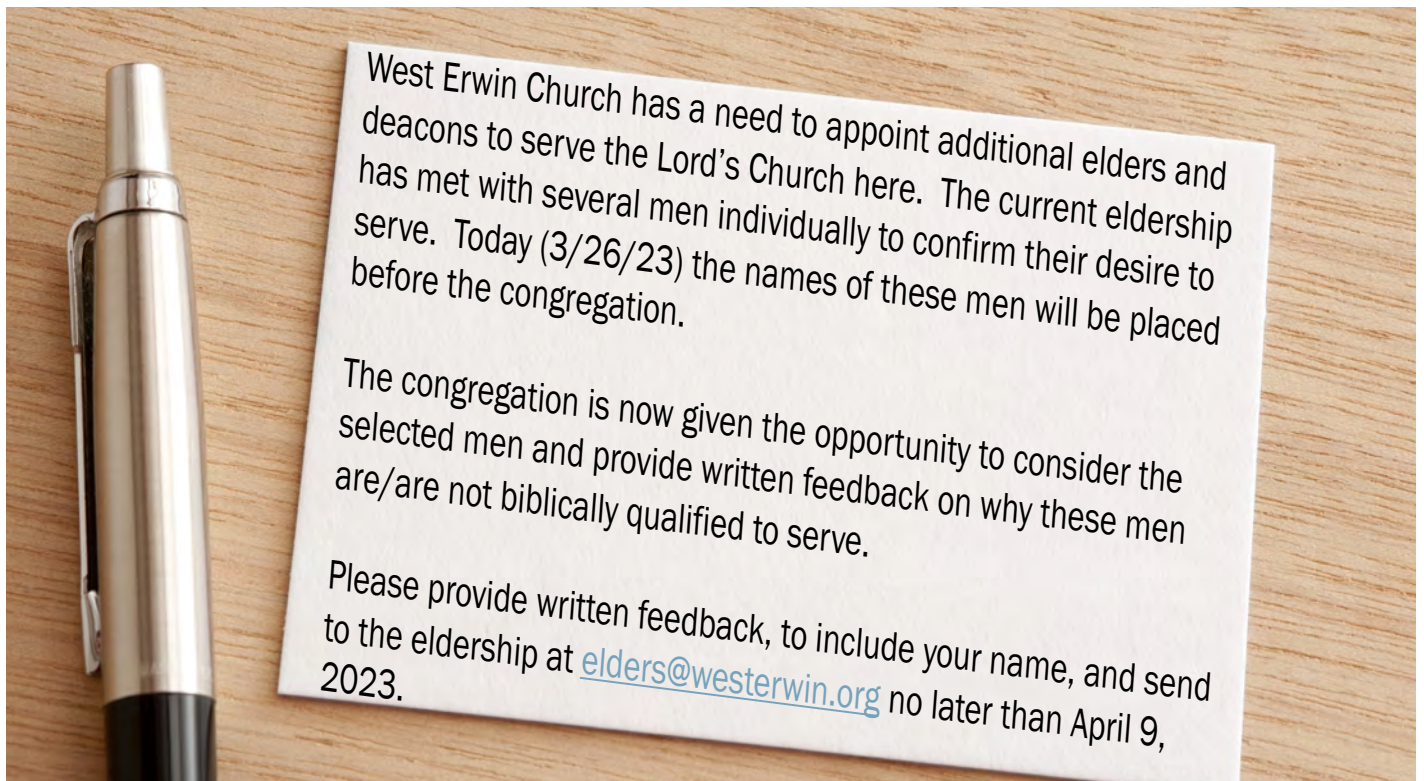
# Conviction in a Culture of Compromise

Living Out Christ's truth in this world \_\_\_\_\_ be easy.  
Mark 13:13

1. Be Prepared to Stand \_\_\_\_\_.  
1 Peter 4:12
2. Know Your \_\_\_\_\_.  
2 Cor. 5:14
3. Grow Beyond Biblical \_\_\_\_\_ into Biblical  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Matt. 7:24-27
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to your church!!!!  
Eccl. 4:9-10, 12, 1 Cor. 12:26
5. Know \_\_\_\_\_ You Believe and \_\_\_\_\_  
You Believe It.  
1 Peter 3:15, Col. 2:6-8

## Will you be faithful to God... no matter the cost?

**Resource:** *Stand Up, Stand Strong* by Sara Barratt (2022)





### 2023 FACEBOOK STUDY

Join Bill for his Tues./Thurs. 3 p.m. study on his Facebook page.

This year the studies will come from two daily devotional books:

1. "My Utmost for His Highest" by Oswald Chambers
2. "The Songs of Jesus: A Year of Daily Devotions in the Psalms" by Timothy Keller and his wife, Kathy.



## Communicating

### LIKE CHRIST

Speaking from my sister's shoes

**APRIL 1st**  
**10:00-12:00**

Registration & Light Breakfast 9:00  
Lunch Provided

with guest speaker

*Karla Sparks*

#### Graceton church of Christ

384 Lazy Daisy Ln., Gilmer, TX 75645  
RSVP: (903) 797-2673 or  
gracetonchurchofchrist@gmail.com  
www.gracetonchurchofchrist.org



**North Loop Church of Christ**  
**Ladies Day**  
**May 6, 2023**

## Patterns of Living

"Follow the patterns of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus."  
**2 Timothy 1:13**



### Patterns of Living

**Speaker: Beverly Stanglin from the North Loop Church of Christ, 1000 North Loop 485, Gladewater, Texas 75647**

**Registration in the Foyer: 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - This is a FREE event.**

Coffee, juice, and pastries will be served prior to the start of the program.

**Ladies Day Program in the Auditorium: 10:00 a.m. - Noon**  
**Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the program.**  
**NO CHILDCARE is provided.**

**Please R.S.V.P. by Sunday, April 9, 2023.**

Call (903) 600-1517 or e-mail at mgsowell@hotmail.com.

You can also visit our Facebook Event Page under North Loop Ladies Day 2023 and post your R.S.V.P. there.

#### About the Speaker:

Beverly Stanglin was born in Uvalde, Texas, near the end of World War II. When she was 6 years old, she moved to Fort Worth during a severe drought when having a farm was a losing proposition. While growing up, her parents taught Bible classes and her dad was an Elder in the church. She began to help teach Bible classes when she was in high school. In later years, she taught elementary children, middle school girls, and ladies' classes.

She has been married to her husband, John, for 58 years. They have 4 children, 11 grandchildren, and 1 great-granddaughter. There is another one on the way at the end of June. Beverly has spoken at Ladies Retreats and Ladies Day events on several occasions. She and her husband have gone on mission trips to Nebraska, Canada, Bermuda, and Nicaragua. Her husband has served as an Elder for 31 years and has led singing. She had been a church secretary for about 20 years. We look forward to hearing Sister Beverly's lessons from God's Word.



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[SingingSchool.org](http://SingingSchool.org) (806) 777-8417

## LTC Practice

Sunday, March 26th

### Puppets

2:30 - 3:15

### Drama

3:30 - 4:15

### Chorus

4:30 - 5:15

### Bible Quiz

5:15 - 6:15

Meet in Lighthouse



Coming April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 PM at the FLC  
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April 12th At the FLC

Please RSVP on  
Attendance Card  
4/9/2023



Jamie and Wendy Holder have a new Grandson!  
Jameson John Sullivan was born on Monday, March 20,  
2023, weighing 8 lbs. 11 oz. and 21 inches long!

## Prayer and Care (Updated Wednesday, March 22, 2023)

Jim Gipson fell Monday night. Please keep him in your prayers.

Jeff Ingram, Jane Posey's son-in-law, is having a PET scan this morning to determine whether or not the nodules in his lungs are cancer. Please pray for them.

Kalli Huff is now recovering at home in Tyler.

Camille Mink's surgery went well. She is now recovering at home.

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April 2, 2023  
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**April 2nd**

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**LTC Preview & Sandwich  
Potluck**

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Song #167	Hosanna	
Shepherd's Prayer		Jay Bynum
Song #349	Ten Thousand Angels (v. 1 & 2, no refrain)	
Communion—the bread		Wayne Berryman
Song #349	Ten Thousand Angels (v. 3, no refrain)	
Communion—the cup		
Song #349	Ten Thousand Angels (v. 4, no refrain)	
Contribution		Eric Thornton
Ministry Highlight -- Ladies Inspiration Day		
Song #412	Jesus Hold My Hand (vs. 1-3)	
Sermon	"Taking Your Worldview to Your World"	Bill Allen
Song	Ancient Words	
Song #611	Heavenly Sunlight (vs. 1-3)	
Prayer		Carter Pippin

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# “Taking Your Worldview to Your World”

Sometimes it seems like our week looks like the week Jesus had when He rode into Jerusalem for the \_\_\_\_\_ time. (Matt. 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12; Psalm 118:22-29)

Today as we finish this study let’s ask ourselves, what happens \_\_\_\_\_?

We are called to be \_\_\_\_\_, to make \_\_\_\_\_, to be \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ. We don’t get an exemption simply because today that’s \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

Monday: Matt. 5:13-16; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:11-21

Tuesday: Matt. 10:16-42; John 16:1-4, 33; 17:13-19; 1 Peter 2:9-12; 3:13-18; 4:12-19

Wednesday: Eph. 4:1-16; 5:15-16; Col. 4:5-6; 2 Tim. 2:14-19; 3:14-4:4; Heb. 5:11-14

Thursday: Isaiah 55:6-13; 1 Cor. 1:18-25; 2:1-5; 3:5-7; Gal. 6:1-3

Friday: Matt. 25:31-46; John 13:1-17; Phil. 1:27-30; 2:12-13; James 1:22-27; 2:14-26

Saturday: John 1:14-17; Eph. 4:14-15; Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Peter 3:17-18

A. Helpful \_\_\_\_\_:

- 1) Do your homework.
- 2) Ask good questions.
- 3) Differentiate between arguments (reasons) and assertions (opinions).
- 4) Don’t try to win the argument.
- 5) Stay humble throughout the conversation.

B. Be encouraged by \_\_\_\_\_ of the faith—then and now. (Heb. 11)

C. God will not settle for \_\_\_\_\_—otherwise known as \_\_\_\_\_.  
Rev. 3:14-22; Luke 9:22-26

D. Four \_\_\_\_\_ Questions:

- 1) Will we sacrifice our foremost calling for secondary substitutes?
- 2) Will we be His hands and feet or will we lock up our love?
- 3) Will we faithfully live out the message or will we compromise our standards?
- 4) Will we love comfort or Christ?

“Culture is drowning in a sea of \_\_\_\_\_. The time for truth-telling is \_\_\_\_\_.”  
(Matt. 9:36-38; John 4:34-35)

**Resources:** *Stand Up, Stand Strong* by Sara Barratt (2022; Chapters 14-15, Conclusion; resource list at end of chapters)

*Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions* by Gregory Koukl

*Counter-Culture: Following Christ in an Anti-Christian Age* by David Platt

*Live Your Truth—And Other Lies* by Alisa Childers





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April 27<sup>th</sup> at  
Tenneha  
Sign Up Sheet  
in Foyer



Harold Davis has  
moved in with help  
from his WE family.



LTC Preview  
Tonight 5:00 @ FLC

We'll have Puppets, Drama, Chorus and more! This gives our students an opportunity to practice in front of a live audience prior to the convention and our members to appreciate the hard work our students and coaches have put in.

**Don't forget to bring your favorite sandwich for the potluck!**





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Curtis Bradshaw is in Louis and Peaches Heart Hospital - Christus Health. He has a blood clot by his heart and pneumonia.

Clinton Culpepper was taken to Christus on Tuesday. He has blood clots in his lungs. He was admitted and given blood thinners and strong antibiotics. The current plan is to get infection under control so that he is comfortable then he will return to Watkins Logan and hospice will be brought in.

Kimberly Holt passed away on Tuesday morning. Service will be Monday, April 3rd at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Visitation is from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with service immediately following. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery. Prayers are requested for the family.

Holly Parish, daughter of Ron and Jean Parish, has been taken off the maintenance drug due to severe side effects. Right now the doctors are discussing what her next step will be.

Diane Denman's brother-in-law and Tanner Rutledge's father, Keith Rutledge, had surgery Tuesday, March 28th in Dallas at Baylor hospital for 3 different problems.

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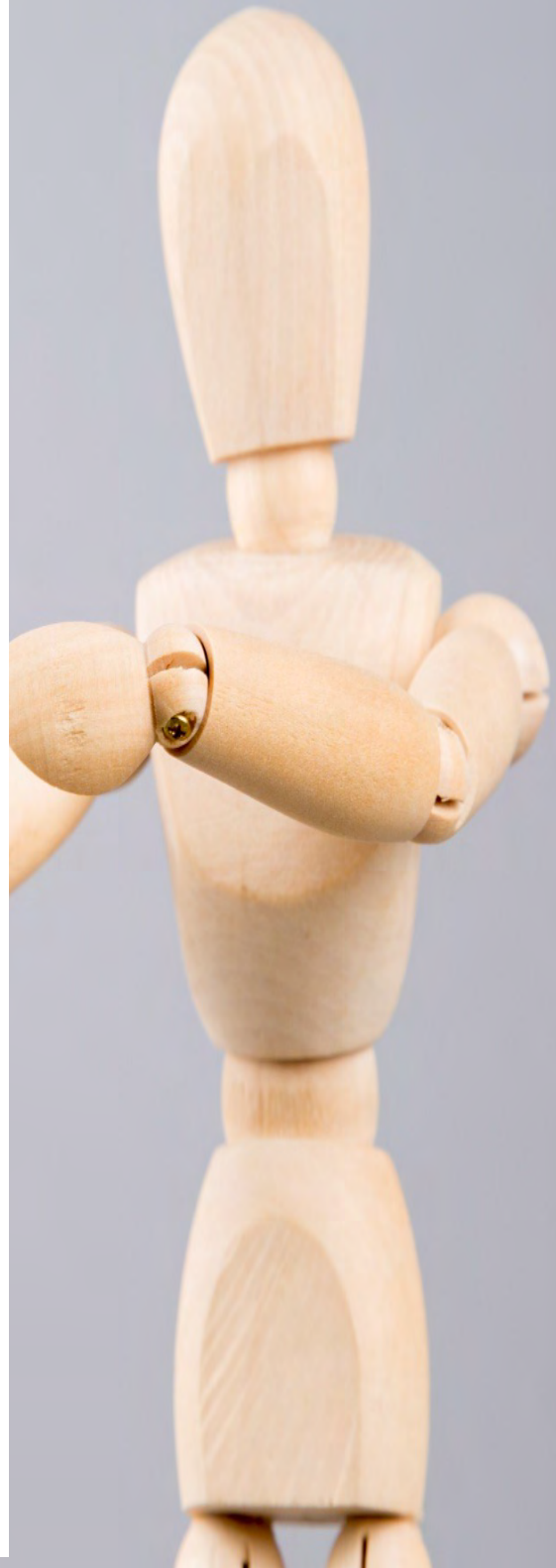
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Song	Surround Us, Lord	
Shepherd's Prayer		Grant Knight
Song	As the Deer (Thirsts)(v. 1)	
Communion—the bread		Stan Clark
Song	As the Deer (Thirsts)(v.2)	
Communion—the cup		
Song #694	Servant Song	
Contribution		
Kid's Time		Bill Allen
Song #484	You Are My All in All	
Sermon	"Resurrections--Jesus"	Bill Allen
Song #922	Jesus Paid it All (vs. 1&3)	
Song #376	He Paid a Debt (vs. 1&3)	
Prayer		Isaac Adkison

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# “Resurrections—Jesus”

There are \_\_\_\_ instances in the gospels where Jesus raised someone from the dead. (Luke 7:11-17; Mark 5:21-43; John 11:1-44)

Jesus Christ was declared to be the Son of God and Lord of all with \_\_\_\_\_—by His resurrection from the dead. (Rom. 1:1-4; Heb. 1:1-3; Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20-21)

Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ who gives His life for the sheep.

## John 10:1-18

1. The Good Shepherd is not a \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 1, 8, 10)
2. The Good Shepherd is not a \_\_\_\_\_ hand. (vs. 12-13; Psalm 23)
3. The Good Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ the sheep. (vs. 2-6, 14-16; John 15:9-17)
4. The Good Shepherd is the \_\_\_\_\_ for the sheep. (vs. 7-10; John 14:1-6)
5. The Good Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ for the sheep. (vs. 11, 14-16)
6. The Good Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead for the sheep. (vs. 17-18; 1 Cor. 15)

The Good Shepherd could not be held by death—that showed His \_\_\_\_\_.

The Good Shepherd did not have to die for the sheep—that showed His \_\_\_\_\_.



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We are praying for a safe, successful and fun time for our youth at the 2023 Kingdom Come Leadership Training for Christ this weekend April 7-9th.



School shirts for students at Douglas Elementary are needed for the ones who can't afford to purchase their own. These cost \$10 each.

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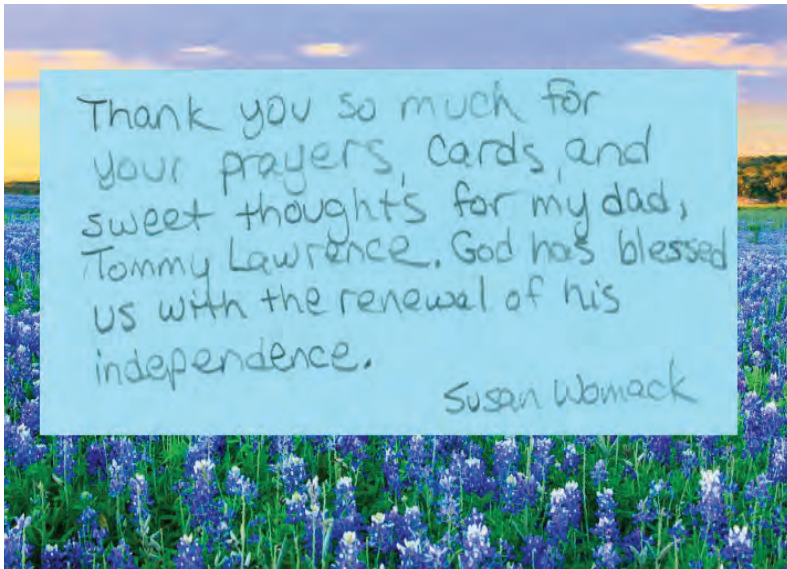




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Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and sweet thoughts for my dad, Tommy Lawrence. God has blessed us with the renewal of his independence.

Susan Womack

# Young at heart

April 27<sup>th</sup> at Tenneha Sign Up Sheet in Foyer

## SALAD & SONG Fest

Memories are created by sharing special moments with loving friends.

At this special time the North Tenneha Diamondaires invite you for an evening of fun, good food and singing. Be prepared to sing for your supper.

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Renaissance Center  
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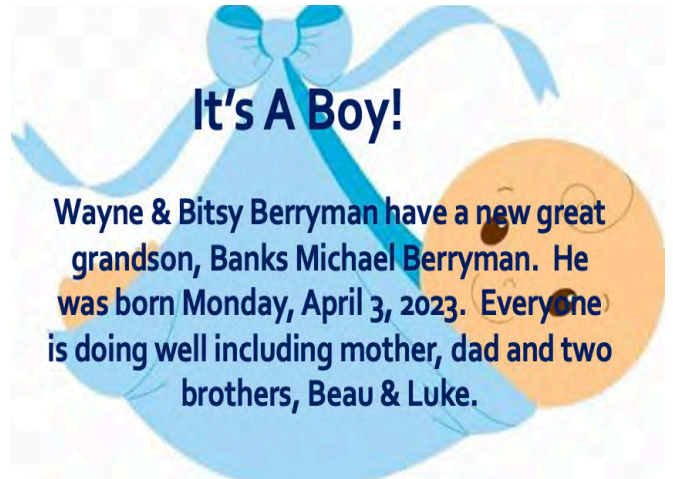


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**It's A Boy!**  
Wayne & Bitsy Berryman have a new great grandson, Banks Michael Berryman. He was born Monday, April 3, 2023. Everyone is doing well including mother, dad and two brothers, Beau & Luke.

### Prayer and Care (Updated Wednesday, April 5, 2023)

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Friends of Amy and Brian Tindell, Bill and Joyce's daughter, are recovering in hospital in Memphis after accident last week. The Nelson family is suffering loss of one twin daughter and other family members still remain in hospital. Please pray for this devastated family.

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After Clinton Culpepper receives a pic line to continue his antibiotics, he will return to Watkins Logan Veterans Home.

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April 16, 2023  
Volume 54, Number 16

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**April 16th**

**at West Erwin at 5:00**

**Small Group**

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
5:00 p.m. Various Activities

### WEDNESDAY

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Bible Class 178  
Worship 305  
Online 40

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Dennis Kingsbury Rusty Lay  
Robert Lee Philip Matthews  
Jim McDonald Lee Mink

### Sound

John Shaw Eric Moseley Tim Holt, Jr.

### Contributions

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## Order of Worship

Welcome	Philippians 2: 1-11	Tucker Sullivan
Song #162	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	Gary Ables
Song #134	The Lord's My Shepherd	
Appointment of New Elders and Decons		Bill Allen
Shepherd's Prayer		Gaylan Seagler
Song	Wonderful, Merciful Savior	
Song #383	Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (v. 1)	
Communion—the bread		Eric Thornton
Song #383	Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (v. 2)	
Communion—the cup		
Song #383	Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (v. 3)	
Contribution		
Song	How Great is Our God	
Sermon	"Partners in the Gospel"	Bill Allen
Song #705	A Common Love (Sing twice)	
Song #853	When We All Get to Heaven	
Prayer		Davy Carter



# “Partners in the Gospel”

## Phil. 1:1-11

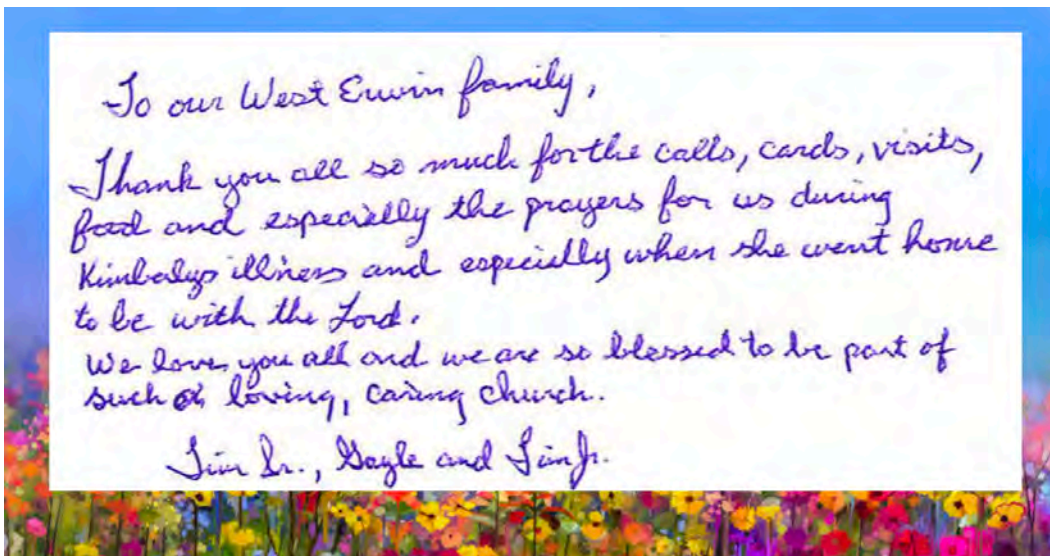
- Saints; elders; deacons (Acts 6:1-7; 11:29-30; 14:21-23; 20:17-38; 1 Tim. 3; Titus 1)
- Partnership/fellowship—*koinonia*— in the gospel (Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:7)
- “I have you in my heart.”
- Love; knowledge; insight; discernment (Eph. 4:1-16; 2 Peter 3:17-18)
- Fruit of righteousness (Matt. 7:15-20; John 15:1-10; Gal. 5:22-26)

Today we look ahead with prayerful confidence.

Today we look ahead to the great things God has called us to do.

Today we look ahead to what God will do in us and through us together as a united body, as partners in the gospel.

Today we look ahead to sharing the love and Word of Christ with our community and our world.



**The Benevolence  
Center is in  
immediate need of  
shoes.**

**Upcoming Sundays  
5 p.m. Schedule**

**4/23 Chapel & Singing  
Classes  
4/30 Chapel & Singing  
Classes**

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LTC Baptism

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY...

JOLEE ALVEY!



Welcome Our Brook Hill Sisters in Christ!

Mylee Booth, Gracie Dawson and Landrey McNeel



Welcome To Our Church



TERRI ARCHER PLACED MEMBERSHIP ON APRIL 9TH. SHE WAS FORMERLY A MEMBER OF FLOWER MOUND CHURCH OF CHRIST.



Young at heart

April 27th at Tenna Sign Up Sheet in Foyer

**Gospel Revival Meeting**  
 MAY 7 - 10, 2023  
 SATURDAY, MAY 6TH MALE CHORUS CONCERT

*Too Blessed To Be Stressed*  
 (Ephesians 1:3)

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH  
 BIBLE CLASS @ 9AM  
 WORSHIP @ 10:15AM  
 FELLOWSHIP MEAL @ 12NOON - 2PM  
 AFTERNOON SERVICE @ 2PM  
 MONDAY - WEDNESDAY 7PM

HOST MINISTER:  
 EDWARD J. ROBINSON

MINISTER FOR THE HILLTOP CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA

QUEST PREACHER:  
 SAMUELL POUNDS,  
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# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Updated Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Curtis Bradshaw and Roy Fraley are both now home. Please keep them in your prayers.

Jim Armstrong passed away. Services are Friday, April 14th, at West Erwin Chapel. Visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. with a Celebration of Life immediately following at 11:00. There will not be a luncheon. Please pray for the family.

Steve Jones had a heart attack on Saturday. On Monday surgeons performed 5 by-passes. Steve is expected to go home in 4 to 5 days. It has been requested he not have visitors until he is home.

Kenneth Muncy is still at Christus. He will remain there tonight and be moved to Hospice of East Texas Facility tomorrow. Michael, their son, is with her now and daughter, Lisa, is on her way to Tyler. They wish you to know they appreciate your prayers and concern. However, at this time they request no visitors.

Ryleigh Martinez fractured her tibia and is still recovering from her fractured femur. They are on their way back from seeing the doctors in Dallas and Ryleigh will only have to wear a boot this time.

Stan Clark's cousin, Sue Simmons, surgery went well. She will meet with the surgeon on 4/17 and the oncologist 4/19. Please pray for a healing plan of treatment for her.

Jeff Ingram, son-in-law of Jane Posey, had his lung biopsy yesterday. Jane requests prayers and that the nodules are benign. Test results are not expected for another 4 to 5 days.

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The whole Mink Family would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, cards, food and phone calls through the loss of Lee's dad and the kids papaw; also during the surgery and recovery of Camille. We are very blessed with our church family and love y'all very much.

The Mink Family



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Welcome	Eric Thornton
Song #650	Send the Light (vs. 1,2 &4) Michael Hurley
Song #895	I'll Live in Glory
Shepherd's Prayer	Wade Weathers
Song #313	The Old Rugged Cross (vs. 1&2)
Communion—the bread	Tucker Sullivan
Song #313	The Old Rugged Cross (v. 3)
Communion—the cup	
Song #222	There's Just Something About That Name
Contribution	
Ministry Highlight	Leadership Training for Christ Tucker Sullivan
Song	Ancient Words
Sermon	"Resurrections - A Son and a Daughter" Bill Allen
Song #903	There is Power in the Blood (vs. 1&4)
Song #650	Send the Light (v. 1)
Prayer	Nathan Turner

April 23<sup>rd</sup>

At West Erwin 5:00 PM

## SINGING & CLASSES

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## “Resurrections—a Son and a Daughter”

Surprisingly, Scripture does not record \_\_\_\_\_ raising many people from the dead.

A. Jesus raises the son of a \_\_\_\_\_ from Nain.

Luke 7:11-17 (1 Kings 17)

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Jesus raises the daughter of a \_\_\_\_\_ leader.

Mark 5:21-43 (Luke 8:40-56; Matt. 9:18-26; 2 Kings 4:8-37; 13:20-21)

Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ of all.

“God has come to \_\_\_\_\_ His people!” (Luke 7:16; Acts 10:38)

- Do people believe that I \_\_\_\_\_?
- Do people believe that I have come to \_\_\_\_\_ them?

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4/30 Chapel & Singing



**The Family Table**  
**May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Menu: Breakfast  
Cost: Adults \$6 Kids \$3



Thanks to Kris Keele, Barbara Caskey, Kim Frick, LeeAnna Freeman and Sharon Beaver for volunteering recently as chaperones to the zoo for Douglas 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. The students had a wonderful time!

Douglas 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders





# The Lighthouse

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## LTC

### April 7-9, 2023



*Chorus performing*



*After chorus performance*



*Praying over the seniors*



*High School Drama*



*"We gather together" ... to watch the bathtub baptism*



*LTC Group photo*



*Saturday Night Banquet*



# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Updated Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Diane Weathers' mother, Charlene Hubbard, has been diagnosed with recurrence of breast cancer and is undergoing treatment.

Earl W. Taylor's great grandson, Tanner King, was injured when bar bells fell on his neck. He will be having surgery.

Tracy Bailey, the Starnes' daughter, is now home.

David Clay, the Hallman's friend and a member of the church in Diana, was severely injured in a fall.

Steve Jones is now recovering at home.

Kenneth Muncy passed away. Services will be here at West Erwin on Thursday, April 20th. Visitation is at 1:00 p.m. and service at 1:30 p.m. Family luncheon will be at noon. Graveside will follow the service.

Stan Clark's cousin, Sue Simmons, surgery went well. She is meeting with oncologist today.

Jeff Ingram, son-in-law of Jane Posey, had his lung biopsy this past week. The biopsy showed he has metastatic lung cancer. They have an appointment on Thursday to discuss treatment options.

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A special thanks to all who donated money to Douglas Elementary for student t-shirts. \$1,550 was given so now every student at the school can have a shirt. Thank you so very much for your generous and loving hearts.

Douglas Ministry Committee

## Young at heart

April 27th at  
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Sign Up Sheet in  
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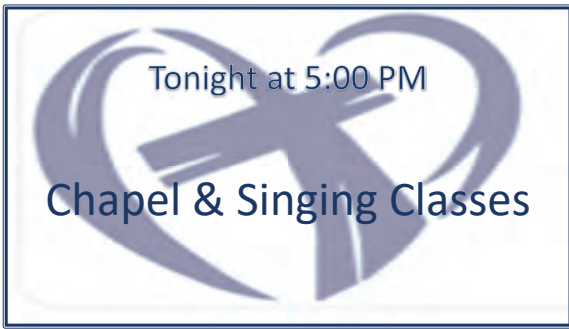
**Rite of Passage**  
**Taryn Tapley's**  
**Rite of Passage dinner**  
**will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**  
**at Fuzzy's Taco.**



**May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at FLC**

Menu: Sandwiches, Chips & Dip and Dessert  
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April 30, 2023  
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Worship 296  
Online N/A

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## Order of Worship

Welcome Tucker Sullivan

Song # You're Worthy of My Praise Davy Carter

Song # 490 It is Well With My Soul

Shepherd's Prayer Ken Culpepper

Song #507 Does Jesus Care? (vs. 1&3)

Song Above All (v. 1)

Communion—the bread Shaun Stamps

Song Above All (v. 2)

Communion—the cup

Song #577 We Bow Down (v.1)

Contribution

Kids' Time Bill Allen

Song#528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives (vs. 1,2 &4)

Sermon "Resurrections - Lazarus" Bill Allen

Song # 464 Because He Lives (vs. 1&2)

Closing Song #464 Because He Lives (v. 3)

Prayer Drew Nunn

## "Resurrections—Lazarus"

John 11 demonstrates the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Resurrections" series—Luke 7:11-17; Mark 5:21-43; John 10:1-18

- A. "Now Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Martha and her sister and Lazarus." (John 11:5)
- B. "Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ you had been here, my brother would not have died." (John 11:21, 32)
- C. "Jesus \_\_\_\_\_." (John 11:35)
- D. "\_\_\_\_\_ the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25-26, 43-44)

The Lord's compassion and power are still present for \_\_\_\_\_ today.

Heb. 2:5-18 (Psalm 8); 4:14-16; Rom. 8:31-39; Phil. 2:5-11  
John 14:1-6; 1 Cor. 15; 2 Cor. 5:1-10; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:1-11

- 1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- 2. Jesus does not \_\_\_\_\_ us from all suffering and loss.
- 3. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for us.
- 4. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the resurrection and the life.

### Upcoming Sunday 5 p.m. Schedule

5/7  
5/14  
5/21  
5/28

Movie Night @ FLC  
No Activity  
Small Groups/Senior Sunday  
No Activity

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8:30 TO 10:30 A.M.**



## The Family Table May 10<sup>th</sup>

5:30 to 6:30 PM

Menu: Breakfast

Cost: Adults \$6 Kids \$3

RSVP by 5/7/23

**The Benevolence Center  
is in immediate need of  
shoes. They also need  
large containers of juice  
and saltine crackers.**





# The Lighthouse

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## Senior Sunday is May 21st



Dear West Erwin Brothers & Sisters,  
 Thank you so much for the beautiful peace Lily you sent in honor of my precious mother. It does give me peace that she has been welcomed to her heavenly home. She was a true servant that loved her Lord and Savior. That gives us comfort.  
 Your love and support has truly been appreciated by the family.  
 Thank you again -  
 In Christian Love,  
 Harrett + Jill  
 The Clyde Hightower Family

**West Erwin Church of Christ**

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up..."*  
 1 Thessalonians 5:11

TO: West Erwin Family

FROM: Pat

**ENCOURAGING**

I appreciate all your kind words and comments. Please continue to communicate what you would like to see in the bulletin or what your needs or desires are. I can't make everyone happy but I will try to rise to the challenge.



### Volunteers Needed:

From time to time we get calls from church members that need a ride to worship or to the doctor's office. This would be a "as needed" type situation. If you would be interested in helping when we get these type of calls, please let me know by emailing me at [office@westernwin.org](mailto:office@westernwin.org) or call me (903)592-0809.

Thank you!  
Pat



## Ladies Night Bunco!

May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at FLC

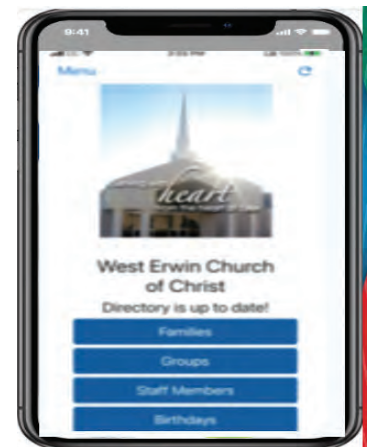
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**Attention:**

**All Want To Be WE Application and WE Directory Users**

If you do not have these on your smart phone, I will be happy to help you. All you have to do is come see me in the office Mon, Wed., Thurs., or Fri. 8:30 to noon.

I will hold a brief class on **Wed., May 10<sup>th</sup>** in the foyer outside the main auditorium from 6:00 – 6:30 pm. If you don't have these applications on your phone yet, please do so before the brief lesson.





# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Updated Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Juawiece Campbell will have ablation on Thursday, April 27th and requests your prayers.

Janice Hardaway is scheduled to get a back injection today.

Camille Mink is scheduled to have an outpatient procedure Friday, April 28th.

After consulting with his doctor, Arnold Ables has made the decision to cease dialysis treatments. He will be released from the hospital after having been there due to a fall. They have contacted Hospice and will have them involved in his care at home for now and will take things day by day. Please keep all the Ables family in your prayers.

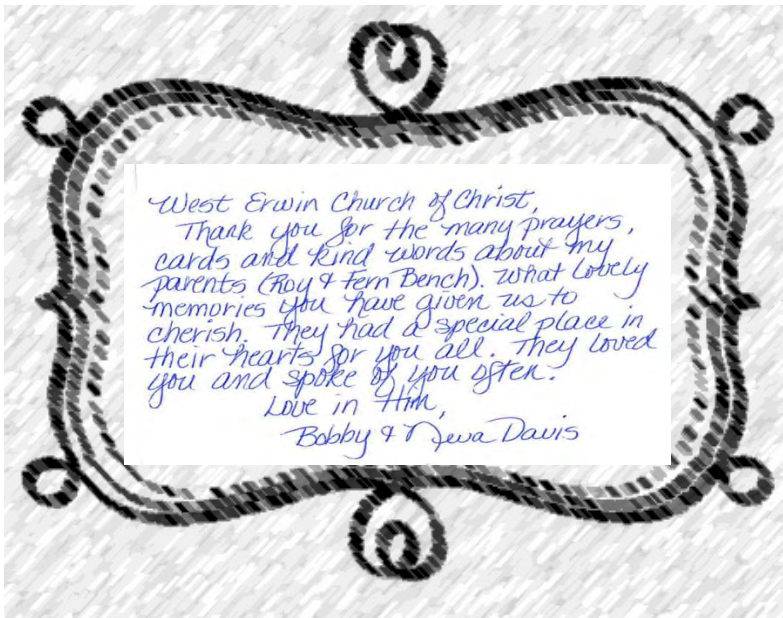
From Crystal Hill:

I will be having back surgery Thursday, April 27th, and wanted to request prayers for strength and great results!

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## 2023 FACEBOOK STUDY

Join Bill for his Tues./Thurs. 3 p.m. study on his Facebook page.

This year the studies will come from two daily devotional books:

1. "My Utmost for His Highest" by Oswald Chambers
2. "The Songs of Jesus: A Year of Daily Devotions in the Psalms" by Timothy Keller and his wife Kathy.





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### Sound

Jeff Stiefer Randy Turner Colby Chandler

### Contributions

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4/9/23 \$21,823.81  
4/16/23 \$23,565.50  
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Song How Great is Our God

Shepherd's Prayer Jay Bynum

Song #601 My God and I (v. 1)

Communion—the bread Danny Dobbs

Song#601 My God and I (v.2)

Communion—the cup

Song #601 My God and I (v.3)

Contribution

Song#448 The Greatest Commands

Sermon "Anniversaries and Attitudes" Bill Allen

Song #915 Trust and Obey (vs. 1&2)

Song #18 Faithful Love (vs. 1)

Prayer John Stevens

## Upcoming Sunday 5 p.m. Schedule

5/14  
5/21  
5/28

No Activity  
Small Groups/Senior Sunday  
No Activity

## *“Anniversaries and Attitudes”*

**Gen. 2:19-25**

1. An Attitude of \_\_\_\_\_
2. A Willingness to \_\_\_\_\_
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ to Hanging in There
4. A Desire to \_\_\_\_\_
5. A Realistic Set of \_\_\_\_\_
6. A Mutual \_\_\_\_\_
7. An Environment of \_\_\_\_\_
8. A Fondness for \_\_\_\_\_
9. A \_\_\_\_\_ upon God
10. A \_\_\_\_\_ in God

**1 Cor. 13**

<https://ifstudies.org/blog/the-us-divorce-rate-has-hit-a-50-year-low>

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/magazine/the-secret-to-a-long-lasting-marriage/2016/02/09/7faefe02-aff8-11e5-9ab0-884d1cc4b33e\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/magazine/the-secret-to-a-long-lasting-marriage/2016/02/09/7faefe02-aff8-11e5-9ab0-884d1cc4b33e_story.html)

<https://familyinequality.wordpress.com/2016/02/13/has-your-marriage-last-ed-50-years-congratulations-youre-old/>

<https://tinyurl.com/allprodad5husbandmistakes>



JON MURRY IS RESIGNING AS DEACON.  
WE THANK HIM SO MUCH FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE.

**Tonight at 5:00 PM**



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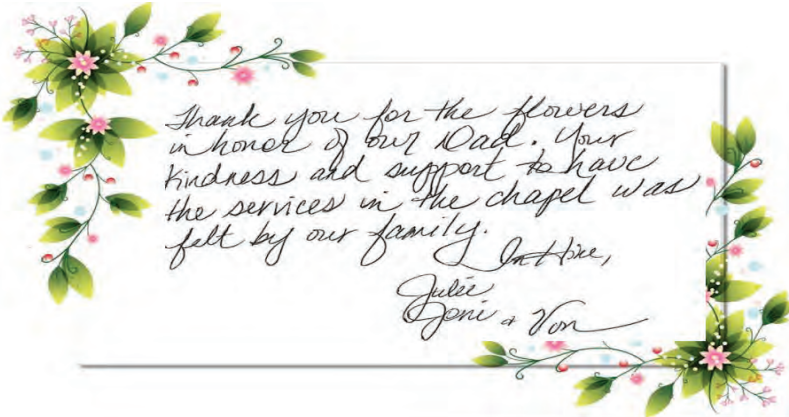
# The Lighthouse

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Senior Sunday is  
May 21st

## All Church Luncheon



### Volunteers Needed:

From time to time we get calls from church members that need a ride to worship or to the doctor's office. This would be a "as needed" type situation. If you would be interested in helping when we get these type of calls, please let me know by emailing me at [office@westerwin.org](mailto:office@westerwin.org) or call me (903)592-0809.

Thank you!  
Pat



### Attention:



#### All Want To Be WE Application and WE Directory Users

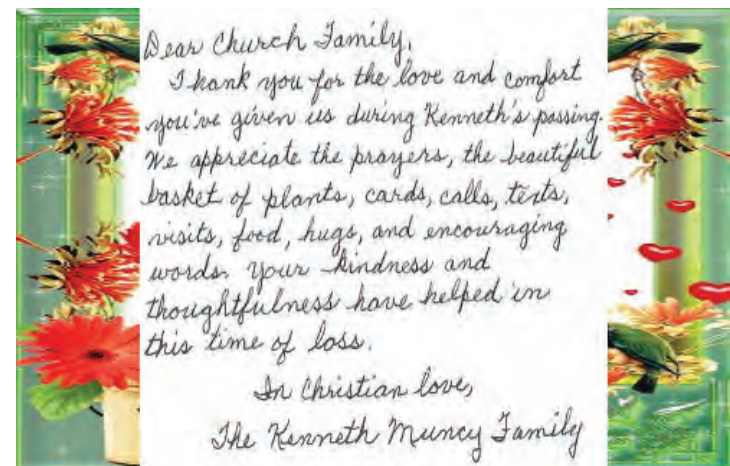
If you do not have these on your smart phone, I will be happy to help you. All you have to do is come see me in the office Mon, Wed., Thurs., or Fri. 8:30 to noon.

I will hold a brief class on **Wed., May 10<sup>th</sup>** in the foyer outside the main auditorium from 6:00 – 6:30 pm. If you don't have these applications on your phone yet, please do so before the brief lesson.

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## YAH North Tenneha 2023

For more YAH Pics go to the WE Application. If you don't know how, come see me Wednesday night!





# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



(As of Wednesday, May 3, 2023)

Luretha Britton has been released from hospital and is now home recovering from cancer surgery.

Jim Gipson will have an injection for back pain on Thursday and requests your prayers.

Lonnie Stafford has asked for prayers as she begins dialysis three (3) times a week.

Please keep the Kemptom family in your thoughts as they lost their mother, Ellen Poindexter.

Arnold Ables passed away on Sunday. The services for Arnold Ables will be held at Stewart Family Funeral Home. Visitation is Wednesday, May 3rd, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The service will be held Thursday, May 4th, at 10:00 a.m. There will be a burial immediately following the service at Rose Hill Cemetery. Please keep all the Ables family in your prayers.

Bud and Charlotte Cawyer's nephew, Michael Sharritt, has been determined to have a very aggressive tumor cancer on his spine that has been determined to be inoperable. He is in constant pain and pain meds do not help. The Cawyers request prayers for Michael to have strength and courage to withstand the intense pain he is suffering. In addition, it is requested to pray for the doctors involved to find a way to eliminate the tumor, if that is God's will.

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Juawiece Campbell had an ablation on Thursday, April 27th and requests your prayers. At this time, I have no further information.

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RSVP on Attendance Card today

## The Family Table

May 10<sup>th</sup>

5:30 to 6:30 PM

Menu: Breakfast

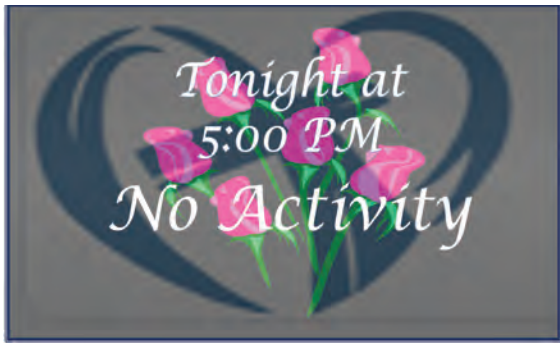
Cost: Adults \$6 Kids \$3

Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> directly following Church Service

## MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH DEVO

- Middle Schoolers, head straight to the Lighthouse following service
- Lunch will be provided
- Pick up from Lighthouse by 1pm





May 14, 2023  
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## Order of Worship

Welcome Tucker Sullivan

Song #881 Mansion Over the Hilltop Gary Ables

Song #608 He Gave Me a Song

Shepherd's Prayer Matt Haws

Song How Deep the Father's Love (v. 1)

Communion—the bread Kelly Monahan & Jude Everson

Song How Deep the Father's Love (v. 2)

Communion—the cup

Song How Deep the Father's Love (v. 3)

Contribution

Ministry Highlight Widows Date Night

Song#895 I'll Live in Glory

Sermon "Gentle, Loving Care" Bill Allen

Song #911 Bring Christ Your Broken Life

Song #957 This World Is Not My Home

Prayer Peter Neal

### SERVICE SCHEDULE

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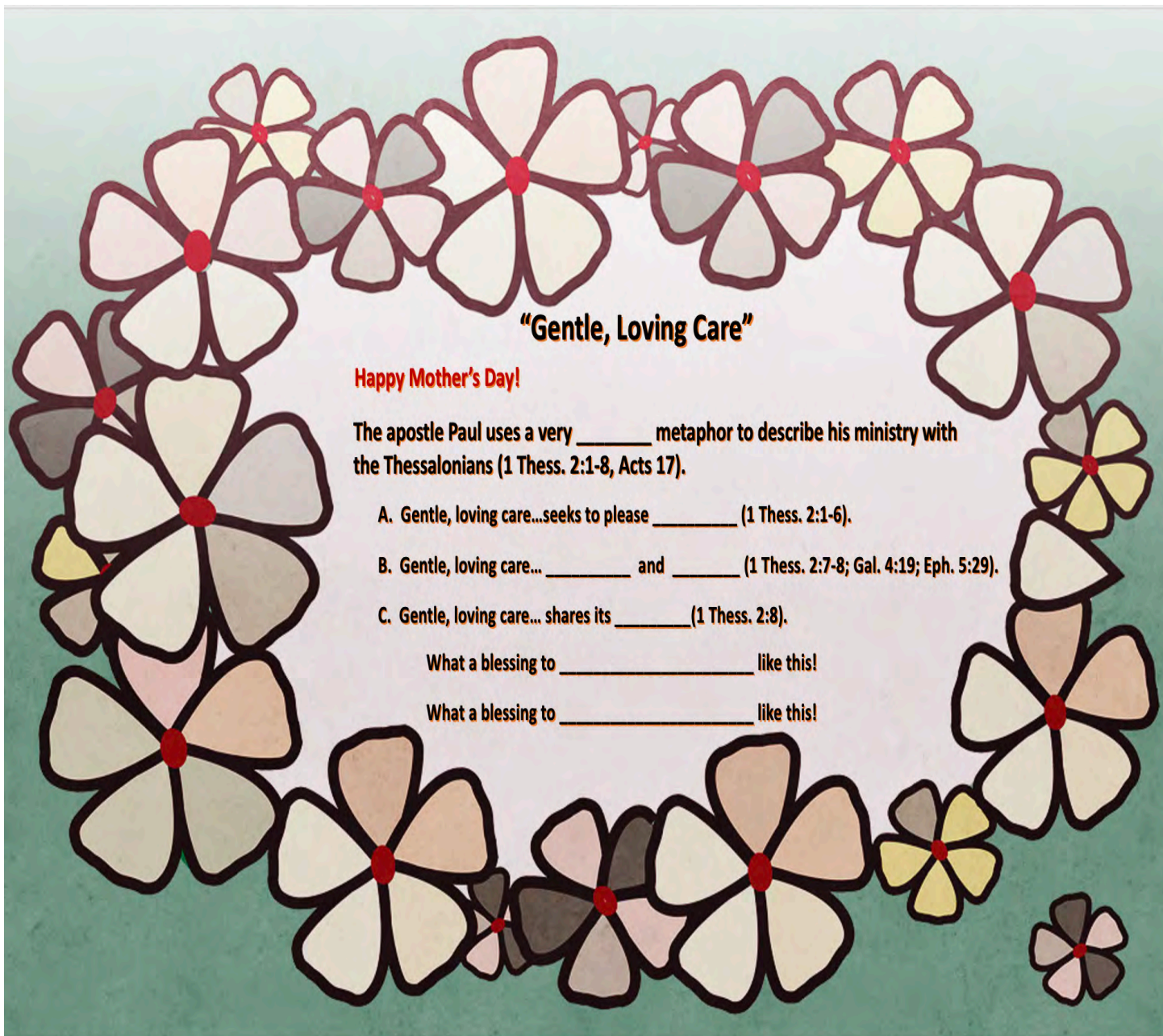
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## “Gentle, Loving Care”

### Happy Mother's Day!

The apostle Paul uses a very \_\_\_\_\_ metaphor to describe his ministry with the Thessalonians (1 Thess. 2:1-8, Acts 17).

- A. Gentle, loving care...seeks to please \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thess. 2:1-6).
- B. Gentle, loving care... \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thess. 2:7-8; Gal. 4:19; Eph. 5:29).
- C. Gentle, loving care... shares its \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thess. 2:8).

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## Senior Sunday

Next Sunday, May 21st

\* Tori Dean   \* Jaydee Diller   \* Blair Soop  
 \* Logan Glass   \* Ethan Stone   \* Nathan Turner

Join us next Sunday for a special presentation during the service, and an all-church luncheon in the FLC following the conclusion of our morning service.

**Highlight your favorite verse and leave a note for each of them in their Bibles on the tables in the foyer!**

# Widow's Date Night





# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



If you want your loved one on the prayer list please contact the church office or email us at prayers@westerwin.org or pkinnett@westerwin.org. Thank you.

Updated Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Jenny Price is experiencing anemia and has lost weight. Tests are currently being run. Tommy has called requesting prayers.

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GOD BODY  
MINISTRY

## CONNECTION CORNER ERIC THORNTON

### THE VERY FIRST ONE...

I wanted to take it upon myself to express the need of the church to do something we all already know... to BE the church. So we're going to think about that, here in this space, each week. So very often, whether spoken or not, we view the church as a PLACE we go and not WHO we collectively are as a body of believers. Sure, we know that's the answer, and we give said answer as a rebuttal or response, but are we truly living that way? Are we living as the hands and feet of God? Are we connecting to God individually, continually, throughout the day? Are we connecting to each other, to the body of Christ here at West Erwin? And are we connecting to the ministries of the church, both those that minister to one another, and those that reach outside of our church?

If we want people to be a part of what we are doing here, then there has to be something here that they want. And it absolutely has to be more than a fear of hell! We are NOT just biding our time until death comes and we are united with the Lord in heaven. This wonderful created world has so much to give, and we have so much to pour into it and into each other. So we're going to look at what it means to connect in all these different ways each week... to God, to the Body of Christ, and to the Ministries of the church. Let's all be a part of how God intended things to be!

*Mothers,*

*As you exit the auditorium today, please pick up a small token of appreciation from all of us here at WE.*





May 21, 2023  
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## Order of Worship

Welcome Eric Thornton

Song #528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives (vs. 1 & 4)  
Logan Stone

Song #15 Step by Step (sing twice)

Senior Presentation

Shepherd's Prayer Grant Knight

Song In Christ Alone (v. 1)

Communion—the bread Bill Allen

Song In Christ Alone (v. 2)

Communion—the cup

Song #694 Servant Song

Contribution

Song #167 Hosanna

Sermon "Homecoming" Tucker Sullivan

Song #749 The Battle Belongs to the Lord (vs. 1 & 3)

Song #23 Our God, He is Alive (v. 1)

Prayer Ethan Stone

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## *Congratulations*



**Daughter of Bryan and Mavy Dean**

Graduate of Bullard High School

School Activities & Accomplishments:

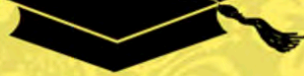
National Honors Society, Track and Field, Student Government, Homecoming Court and Prom Queen

Plans for the future:

"My plan for next year is to pursue a career in real estate here in Texas."



# Jaydee Diller



## *Congratulations*



**Daughter of Jonathan Diller and Jessica Taylor**

Graduate of Tyler Legacy High School

School Activities & Accomplishments:

Health Occupations Students of America President 2022-2023, Member of Tyler Legacy Varsity Softball Team, Red Raider of the Year Award, EKG & CPR Certificate of Completion, CTE Presidential Scholar Nominee and completed over 300 hours of community service 2021-2023

Plans for the future:

"I will be attending Texas A&M University in the fall, majoring in Business Management while also receiving my dental prerequisites to hopefully attend dental school in the future."

# Logan Glass



## *Congratulations*



**Son of Todd and Kenda Glass**

Graduate of Tyler Classical Academy

School Activities & Accomplishments:

Baseball for 8 or 9 years, Yearbook Committee and ride dirt bikes trying to get into racing

Plans for the future:

Work for an electrician and go to school to get my Journeyman Electrician License.





# Blair Soop



*Congratulations*



## Daughter of Jim and Lisa Soop

Graduate of Hallsville Virtual School

### School Activities & Accomplishments:

Winona FFA President, FFA Milk Quality Top 10 at State, FFA Quiz Team Top 10 At State

### Plans for the future:

After graduation, Blair plans to attend The Professional Salon Academy for Cosmetology in Whitehouse.



# Ethan Stone



*Congratulations*



## Son of Jonathan and Laurie Stone

Graduate of Whitehouse High School

### School Activities & Accomplishments:

Baseball, football, NHS, FCA All-Star Tyler Bestpreps Baseball Student Athlete of the Year and Top-10 Faculty and Staff Pick

### Plans for the future:

"I will be majoring in nursing while attending UT Tyler and continuing my baseball career. My long term goal is to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist."



# Nathan Turner



*Congratulations*



## Son of Randy and Stacy Turner

Graduate of RISE Academy

### School Activities & Accomplishments:

Played trombone in school band from 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade competing in many UIL competitions, Student of the month February 2021 at Tyler Legacy High School and TJC dual program in automotive technology earning many certificates towards Associate of Applied Science degree.

### Plans for the future:

To have completed my associate's degree and begin working in the automotive industry.



# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Updated Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Barbara Johnson, Aunt of Charles Starr, passed away Monday. The funeral will be in Pflugerville, TX.

Glynn Starnes is still suffering from Covid and a sinus infection.

Ruby Cliver is in hospital with an infection in her leg due to a fall.

Darrell Denman, brother-in-law of Shirley Denman, has been diagnosed with advanced non-Hodgkin Lymphoma.

Jackie Denman, sister-in-law of Shirley Denman, has a reoccurrence of cancer and will begin treatments again along with her husband, Gene, having advanced dementia.

Wayne Lewis, Bill Allen's brother, surgery went well and is recovering at home.

Jenna Thornton, Jean Rutherford's grandson's wife, has had reoccurrence of cancer. Please keep her husband, Drake, and their children in your prayers.

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*West Erwin Church Family*

*I appreciate the prayers, phone calls and cards you have blessed me with during the heart procedures I've recently had and as I'm recovering. Thank you for remembering me in such a loving way.*

*Your Sister in Christ,  
Juawiece Campbell  
Juawiece*



*Dearest Church Family,  
Thank you all so much for your love, prayers, and support during this trying time. My surgery went well and so far my recovery is going as expected. I have a post-op appt soon and am hopeful for good news. This recovery process has proven more difficult than I expected, so I am so grateful to have brothers & sisters in Christ to help me through it. Thank you for your prayers & for being there for my family and I! We are so very blessed to have you all in this life!  
Crystal & Family*

## GOD BODY MINISTRY CONNECTION CORNER ERIC THORNTON

### HOW TO ACTIVELY NURTURE JESUS' "SUCH AS THESE" ...

"Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." – **Matthew 19:13-14**

Today is Senior Sunday. Today is the day where we honor our students who are graduating from high school that are a part of this church in some capacity. Some of them you know, some of them you may not. Some of them have been here so long you may have changed their diapers when they were in the old "cradle roll" or nurse classes.

But the bottom line remains... our time to have made that big impression upon them, as a church family, is coming to an end. Some of them may stick around this area, some may move further away (I'm now 430 miles from my family, it happens). But in reality, we have 18 years AT MOST to help build a foundation in these students lives for the Lord. To actively point them to Jesus.

So today, we focus on the "Ministry" part of this Connection triangle. As someone who spent 13 years as a Youth Minister, I want to encourage as many of you as possible to volunteer to be a part of our youth ministry here at West Erwin in some capacity. Whether it is hosting them in your home, being a volunteer on a trip or in the Lighthouse, or helping in a teaching or encouraging capacity... be a part of the solution. We have 7 years with them in our youth ministry here. That sounds like a lot, but ask those graduates... it went by in a flash. Build them up, have them in your home, pray over them (IN PERSON even!) You'll never know the impact you COULD have made unless you are willing to step out and do it! Find a way to get involved in our youth ministry!

**LAVA LAVA LUAU**

Keeping Cool when things get hot!

**VBS**  
Volunteer Sign up...

**In the Foyer or Child Check in Area... What is needed?! Decorating Crew (6/4-6); Registration; Craft Helper (4 Wed. nights); Games Helper (4 Wed nights); Skit participant (limited to no speaking lines, 4 Wed. nights); Bible Lesson Helper (4 Wed. nights); Clean up crew (8/30 Wed. PM just after VBS)**





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HOLIDAY**

## Order of Worship

Welcome Tucker Sullivan  
Song #560 Living By Faith (vs. 1 & 2) Davy Carter  
Song #731 Take Time To Be Holy (vs. 1-3)  
Shepherd's Prayer Gaylan Seagler  
Song #383 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross (v. 1)  
Communion—the bread Tucker Sullivan  
Song #383 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross (v. 2)  
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Contribution  
Song #539 Higher Ground (vs. 1, 2 & 4)  
Sermon Living Like What We Say Matters Really  
DOES Matter Eric Thornton  
Song #662 All to Jesus I Surrender (vs. 1 & 2)  
Song #794 Unto Thee, O Lord (vs. 1 & 2)  
Prayer

### Sunday

### 5 p.m. Schedule

**Tonight**

**No Activity**

# Living Like What We Say Matters Really DOES Matter

\_\_\_\_\_ our view on “stuff”.

- Matthew 6:19-21, Matthew 6:24

Be \_\_\_\_\_ that God will provide.

- Matthew 6:25, Matthew 6:28-30, Luke 12:15

Make our \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus our GREATEST priority.

- Matthew 6:31-33

When was the last time you took a spiritual risk?? Why not today



Dear West Erwin Family,  
Thank you for your thoughtful words and concern for Arnold over the past few months. The prayers, cards, visits, flowers and food meant more than you will ever know. We will miss our husband, father, grand father and great-grandfather, but we know he is in a much better place.

Love,  
The Family of Arnold Ables

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GOD BODY  
MINISTRY

# CONNECTION CORNER

## ERIC THORNTON

### AN UNCOMMON WAY TO THINK ABOUT CONNECTION...

I was talking to Bill this week, and one of the things we realized is that our church app is an under-utilized part of getting information out to the church body. But probably the greatest function our app serves on an almost updated daily basis is our Prayer & Care list.

There is a part of us that desires to go before the Lord with our prayers for one another. And we should. It **connects** our hearts to those who are struggling, and **connects** those thoughts through prayer to our Heavenly Father. But those prayers always need to be understood in the larger context of prayer as it's explained to us in scripture.

And that would be the context of always **praying in God's will**, as 1 John 5:14 says: "This the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us" The condition of praying according to God's will is like the instruction to pray "in Jesus' name." Praying in Jesus' name is praying for things that will honor and glorify Jesus. Desiring things apart from God's will do not honor Jesus.

Jesus provides an example of praying in God's will. In Gethsemane, He prayed that "this cup" (the crucifixion that lied ahead of Him) could be avoided, but "not my will, but yours be done" (Luke 22:42). Jesus did not avoid the cross, and the reason he did not avoid it was because it was God's will that He suffer through it. While he did not want that suffering to happen, but in the end, God's will and judgment overrides everything. It is the ultimate statement of faith in God's goodness and His plan and purposes for us to trust that HIS will and HIS answers to our prayer far surpasses our own.



*Thank You*  
 West Erwin Church of Christ  
 I want to thank the  
 West Erwin Congregation for  
 your concern during my  
 illness.  
 I am doing well now and  
 improving each day.  
 Curtis Bradshaw

Thank you for the calls, cards  
 and prayers when I was in the  
 hospital and my surgery. I am  
 doing very good,

Toby Kennedy



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Updated Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Catherine Wolfgang, daughter of Katie Philpot Wolfgang and granddaughter of Jimmie and Carolyn Philpot, will have surgery in Dallas Thursday to have stents placed in both main arteries of her legs. Several other surgeries will be expected to follow. She has been diagnosed with POTS Syndrome.

Rebecca Philppen, Phil Mart's cousin in Sulfur Springs, passed away last week. Funeral was today. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Marian Rowe fell and broke her neck. This happened in Indiana and she will have to remain there for at least three (3) months for healing. If you are interested in reaching out to her in Indiana, you may contact Frances McBee at the church office.

Tommy Price has given an update on Jenny. She will receive treatments and then will find out about surgery possibly to come later. Please keep them in your prayers.

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Clinton Culpepper, one of our triumphant faith warriors, passed away Thursday, May 18th. Services will be held at West Erwin on May 26th; Visitation 10:00 a.m. and Funeral 11:00 a.m.

Roy Fraley has been released from hospital and recovering at home.

Glynn Starnes is still suffering from Covid and a sinus infection.

Ruby Cliver is now recovering at home from being in hospital due to fall.

Darrell Denman, brother-in-law of Shirley Denman, is in stage four of non-Hodgkin Lymphoma along with having a heart attack last week and has become sepsis. Shirley stated his son and wife are with him and requests your prayers.

Jackie Denman, sister-in-law of Shirley Denman, has a reoccurrence of cancer and will begin treatments again along with her husband, Gene, having advanced dementia.

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## Benevolent Center

### Needs:

Juice (large containers)

Saltine Crackers

Men's clothing (small)

Bath towels

Sheets (King and Queen)



June 4, 2023  
Volume 54, Number 23

## Sunday 5PM Schedule

June 4<sup>th</sup> – Class, No Singing Class  
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5/28/23 Attendance

Bible Class 165

Worship 301

Online N/A

#### Communion Servers

David Cannefax Colby Chandler  
Keith Chandler Chad Chauncey  
Danny Dobbs Jude Everson  
Steven Freeman Myron Granberry

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## Order of Worship

Welcome		Eric Thornton
Song #230	Worthy Art Thou	Gary Ables
Song	You're Worthy of My Praise	
Shepherd's Prayer		John Shaw
Song #76	How Great Thou Art (v. 1)	
Communion—the bread		Shaun Stamps
Song #76	How Great Thou Art (v. 3)	
Communion—the cup		
Song #76	How Great Thou Art (v. 4)	
Contribution		
Song	How Great is Our God	
Sermon	"Trusting God When You Just Don't Get Him"	Bill Allen
Song #915	Trust and Obey	
Song #96	I Stand in Awe	
Prayer		Grant Steele

# “Trusting God When You Just Don’t Get Him”

Ever wanted to look to heaven and ask, “\_\_\_\_\_ is going on up there?”

\_\_\_\_\_ do I serve God?

Will I serve and trust God even when I just \_\_\_\_\_ get Him?

- A. When God throws a challenge at Satan, it is \_\_\_\_\_ who is caught in the middle.  
(Job 1:1-11)
- B. God turns \_\_\_\_\_ loose on Job, though not completely.

Round One (Job 1:12-22)  
Round Two (Job 2:1-10)

- C. Job’s \_\_\_\_\_ come to help and comfort him. (Job 2:11-13)  
They sit with him in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ his grief.

Would you serve God...

- If there were \_\_\_\_\_ in it for you?
- If you could not \_\_\_\_\_ His actions/inaction?
- Simply because He is \_\_\_\_\_?

## Eli Hodges Update



Look who's  
**2!**

Praise God,  
life  
is good!

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Nola Cunningham, good friend of Donnie Carnathan, has passed away. Donnie and Suzie ask for your prayers for her family and them as they travel to go be with the family.

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## GOD BODY MINISTRY CONNECTION CORNER ERIC THORNTON

*"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." – Deut. 6:6-9*

If you're not aware, I know it's been talked about in years past, but the Sunday morning curriculum that our church's children's classes, teen classes and most all of our adult classes use, is framed around Deuteronomy chapter 6. The idea is the whole family would be taught together the same content, so that the conversation continues in the car ride home, around the lunch table, and on throughout the week. It is our job as parents to impress upon our children at all times the never changing, not even with our culture, Word of God.

However, as a church who calls itself "family", that same responsibility also falls on us to **CONNECT** to other parts of our congregation. A few weeks ago, I encouraged our church "family" to find a place to become involved in the inward ministry of the church, and specifically at that time, the youth ministry. This morning, if the youth ministry didn't resonate with you, let me encourage you to find a place to serve in our CHILDREN'S ministry, and a fantastic, easy place to start with that is on Wednesday nights this summer.

If you haven't seen alllllllll of the announcements about it in the bulletin the last few weeks, our children's ministry is hosting an all summer long VBS that will take place on Wednesday nights instead of just a few days. This means that each week, there will be a different focus. Donni can use YOU, I promise. And you don't even have to be a teacher. You could just be a helper, do games, crafts, any number of things. But she is looking for help!

Verse 5 in Deuteronomy is what sets up that entire passage. Please consider this when we think about how we can serve our church family. **"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."** This is what that looks like.



June 11, 2023  
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**Sunday 5 PM  
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### Order of Worship

Welcome Eric Thornton

Song #2 We Praise Thee, O God (vs. 1,2 &4) Rusty Lay

Song #490 It is Well with My Soul

Shepherd's Prayer Ken Culpepper

Song In Christ Alone (v.1)

Communion—the bread Bill Paschall

Song In Christ Alone (v. 2)

Communion—the cup

Song In Christ Along (v.3)

Contribution

Song #480 Blessed Assurance

Sermon "World Class Venting" Bill Allen

Song #679 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (vs. 1&2)

Song #469 Faith is the Victory (v.1)

Prayer Lee Mink

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Bible Class 204  
Worship 308  
Online 40

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# “World Class Venting”

“We’re far from the \_\_\_\_\_ now.”

In his suffering Job is joined by three \_\_\_\_\_. (Job 2:11-13)

Job lashes out, \_\_\_\_\_ his anguish and pain. (Job 3)

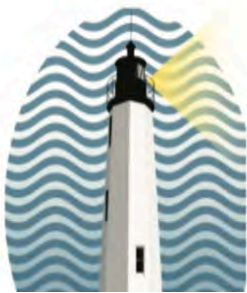
Psalms 13; 22; 41; 42-43; 137; Lamentations

Is there \_\_\_\_\_ in expressing sincere, honest questions and complaints? \_\_\_\_\_

Job’s world class venting speaks to us in two aspects—the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 15)

Some lessons:

- 1) Acknowledge the \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation—don’t deny it.
- 2) God is big enough to handle our \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) For growth to occur, our church environment must allow—even \_\_\_\_\_—the honest struggler to raise his or her questions.
- 4) In this world we’ll have \_\_\_\_\_; in Jesus we can have \_\_\_\_\_. (John 16:33; Phil. 4:4-7)



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We welcome Our Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders  
to The Lighthouse Youth Group





**Praise & Harmony Workshop**  
**August 18-20, 2023**

In preparation for the workshop, take advantage and enjoy the free streaming service for 3 months.  
 Coupon code for P&Htv is:  
**SONGFEST3MO**

Dear West Erwin Family,

Words cannot express our appreciation for the calls, cards and especially your prayers for our family the past few weeks. West Erwin has always been there for us.

We love you all,  
 Alpin, Fran & Tracy



New Members Are Joining



A very heart felt welcome to Rachel, Ian, and Avery Cox.



**On Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> after Sunday AM worship**  
**Please stop by the Family Life Center** to see if any items on these two tables may be yours that were accidentally left. If they are, please take home or they will be permanently discarded.

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Updated Wednesday, June 7, 2023

An update on Jeff Ingram, son-in-law of Jane Posey, a CT scan showed chemo not working so he has been switched to an immunotherapy drug. Please keep Jeff and Jane in your prayers as she is not feeling well.

Suzanne Roden will have knee replacement on June 13th. She will be recovering at her brother's home after being released from the hospital.

Misty Ford fell and broke her hip on June 4th.

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## "MC" aka Monday Conquerors

The first local service project - very local; decorating for  
**Lava Lava Luau VBS. Great Job!!!!**



Please keep our group of Middle School Students in your prayers this week as some are headed to Oklahoma for Church Camp!



June 18, 2023  
Volume 54, Number 25

**Sunday 5 PM  
Schedule  
June 18<sup>th</sup> – Small Group**

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Song #789 Father

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Communion—the cup

Song How Deep the Father's Love (v.3)

Contribution

Kid's Time Bill Allen

Song Worthy is the Lamb (Thank You for the Cross, Lord)

Sermon "With Friends Like These..." Bill Allen

Song #800 What a Friend We Have in Jesus (vs. 1&3)

Song #587 Sing and Be Happy

Prayer Will Christian

## “With Friends Like These...”

Happy Father’s Day! (1 Thess. 2:11-12)

Job’s friends offer clear examples of what \_\_\_\_\_ to say to the suffering and the grieving.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Job 4-5; 15; 22)  
Job 4:7-9; 5:24-27; 15:9-13

\_\_\_\_\_ (Job 8; 18; 25)  
Job 8:1-7, 20-22; 18:1-2

\_\_\_\_\_ (Job 11; 20)  
Job 11:5-6, 13-20

\_\_\_\_\_ and his friends—Job 16:1-6

\_\_\_\_\_ and Job’s friends—Job 42:7-9

So what should you do? \_\_\_\_\_ . (2 Cor. 1:3-4; Matt. 25:14-30)

<https://www.bps.org.uk/psychologist/dad-jokes-thats-way-eye-roll>  
<https://www.lifenews.com/2023/03/23/the-power-of-dad-jokes-study-shows-corny-puns-help-kids-development/>  
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*Attention Father's:*  
*We have a small gift to celebrate you.*  
*On your way out of the auditorium,*  
*please pick up your gift.*



# Young at Heart Pot Luck Dinner June 2023



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Updated Wednesday, June 14, 2023

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May Helen May passed away June 11, 2023. Service will be here at West Erwin in the main auditorium Friday, June 16th at 2:00 PM.

Lee Brown, grandson of Nina Crow and brother of Lauren Delivaudais, died Sunday, June 11th. Services will be on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at 2:00 PM at the Broad Street Church of Christ, 440 West Broad Street, Mineola, TX.

Glynn Starnes has been diagnosed with cellulitis. He'll find out more about the treatment plan later this week.

Tommy Price request prayers for Jenny as she had surgery on Tuesday, June 13th.

Patsy Bullard, mother of Cathy Culpepper, has had multiple setbacks since her kidney stone surgery. Scans have revealed more small stones to be removed in three (3) weeks. Prayers are requested for her and her husband, J. W., as he also has serious ongoing health issues.

An update on Jeff Ingram, son-in-law of Jane Posey, a CT scan showed chemo not working so he has been switched to an immunotherapy drug. Please keep Jeff and Jane in your prayers as she is not feeling well.

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## CONNECTION CORNER ERIC THORNTON

*"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2*

*"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." Hebrews 6:10*

Some of you are aware, but my father had a real health scare this past week. My entire family was at a waterpark / RV campground between San Antonio and Houston, and late Friday night he started having severe chest pain. My mother and sister were going to attempt to drive him themselves to the nearest hospital an hour and 15 minutes away in Sugar Land, but they didn't make it past the front gate before the pain became too severe and they had to get an ambulance.

Since then, on Monday morning, the heart hospital did a cardiac angiogram and found no significant blockage and he was given a clean bill of health (PRAISE GOD!), but there is still the issue of getting their vehicle and motor home the 500 miles back to their home in West Texas, as he is not able to do that at this time.

I only share all of this with you because, after learning about the situation, three of our shepherds here at West Erwin offered to make that drive with me or in one case even FOR me, to help my family. This is what the hands and feet of Jesus look like folks. If you see a need, and it's possible for you to intervene in the life of a fellow believer, do it. You'll never regret it. Ever. **God will not forget the love you have shown HIS people.**

Let's **connect** with each other in tangible ways outside of the walls of the church too. I know many of you have stories JUST like this one. Next time, let's be the giver instead of the receiver.



June 25, 2023  
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Song #2 We Praise Thee, O God (vs. 1,2,4,5) Davy Carter

Song #97 I Sing Praises

Song #478 Nearer, Still Nearer

Shepherd's Prayer Grant Knight

Song #314 Beneath the Cross of Jesus (v.1)

Communion—the bread Shaun Stamps

Song #314 Beneath the Cross of Jesus (v. 3)

Communion—the cup

Song #314 Beneath the Cross of Jesus (v.4)

Contribution

Song #429 Oh, to Be Like Thee

Sermon "Answering the Ignorant" Bill Allen

Song Just As I Am I Come Broken

Song #449 Thy Word

Prayer Justin Parrish

## “Answering the Ignorant”

Job’s friends had given a clinic on what \_\_\_\_\_ to say to those who are hurting.

A. “You are no \_\_\_\_\_ at all!”

Job 6; 16:1-5; 19:1-7, 21-22  
Job 21:1-3; 26:1-4

B. “The reality is, the \_\_\_\_\_ prosper while the \_\_\_\_\_ suffer!”

Job 12:1-10; 21:6-34; 24:1-17

C. “Though the wicked may \_\_\_\_\_ secure, God’s \_\_\_\_\_ are on their ways.”

Job 24:18-25; 27:7-23  
Psalm 73

Sometimes, there are just no \_\_\_\_\_ answers.

Like Job, we don’t have to \_\_\_\_\_ the reality of the difficulties we and others face.

Also like Job, we can hold on to our faith in the \_\_\_\_\_.



# The Lighthouse

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**We welcome our youth  
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*June 18, 2023*

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by his father

Upcoming Sunday 5 PM

Schedule

July 2 – Churchwide Singing

July 9 – Classes

July 16 – Small Group

*This Wednesday Night*

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Kaisley Blackstone is home after her tonsillectomy today. Dale reports she is doing well but in quite a bit of pain.

Dannie Skipper is scheduled for surgery on Friday, June 23rd to remove a tumor from his small intestine and some spots from his liver. The family will appreciate your prayers.

Barbara Smart had emergency surgery at Christus. Her son, Chuck, is requesting prayers and regrets she is unable to have visitors at this time.

Spencer Braly, Suzanne Braly's nephew, did great with his open heart surgery. She requests your continued prayers.

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# GOD BODY MINISTRY CONNECTION CORNER ERIC THORNTON

*"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' – Matthew 25:44-45*

On Mondays this summer, when the youth group isn't gone on a trip, Tucker has started "Monday Conquerors" which is a service opportunity each of those weeks. This week, we were a little worried we wouldn't have enough hands to finish a large project that was lined up that day at one of our member's homes. There just wasn't enough help.

Then...lo and behold, several men from our church joined in unexpectedly. We were able to accomplish enough for the day that we will be able to finish the project on a hopefully much cooler day down the road.

I share all of that to say this... you will never regret saying yes to helping your brothers and sisters in the church. You will never walk away from that experience wishing you hadn't given your time and energy to that person. God fills your heart in a way we cannot do on our own or in any other way. It doesn't matter who they are and we certainly don't do it for recognition. We do it out of our own love for a God who so loved the world that He gave His only son Jesus for us to be with them someday. So, say yes when God opens that door; be blessed yourself!





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Song #1007 America the Beautiful (vs. 1,3&4) Rusty Lay

Song #749 The Battle Belongs to the Lord

Song #31 Be Still and Know (v. 1)

Shepherd's Prayer Wade Weathers

Song #365 How Beautiful (v.1; no bridge)

Communion—the bread Kelly Monahan and Jude Everson

Song #365 How Beautiful (v.2; no bridge)

Communion—the cup

Song #365 How Beautiful (v.3; no bridge)

Contribution

Song #528 I Know that My Redeemer Lives (vs. 1,2 &4)

Sermon "The Redeemer for All" Bill Allen

Song #470 Victory in Jesus (vs. 1&2)

Song #470 Victory in Jesus (vs. 3)

Prayer Steven Freeman

## “The Redeemer for All”

Ever feel like you’re surviving “by the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_?”

Job 19:20

1. Take comfort in knowing that your \_\_\_\_\_ lives.

Job 19:23-27; 1 John 3:1-2

2. Don’t be \_\_\_\_\_ by it.

John 16:1-4; 17:13-23

3. \_\_\_\_\_ about it.

1 Tim. 2:1-2; Phil. 4:4-7

4. Get back to the \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Tim. 2:3-6; 2 Cor. 5:11-21

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

5. Know that your Redeemer has \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

John 16:33; Rom. 8:31-39



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There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy, love + support you all have extended to our family during this difficult time of loss of my brother Lee. The flowers were beautiful. We love you all - Lauren, Jacques, Jackson, Kaitlyn + Nina



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This past Sunday evening, we had a wonderful, different night unlike one West Erwin has had in a while. Myself, along with our youth minister Tucker Sullivan, and one of the leaders in your WE Connected ministry, Kelly Monahan, all shared short messages placed in throughout times of worship, some even being personal testimony. We received so much encouragement and excitement from those who came, it really, honestly was a wonderful evening.

So, we're going to do another one soon with three different folks sharing a message. We ask you to join us. Whether it's to BE encouraged or TO encourage those who participate, I promise it's not something you will regret being a part of. If you don't normally come on Sunday nights, please make a special attempt to come to that one. We need each other, which means we need YOU!



Mark your calendars for a Night of Worship featuring *New Reign*, from Oklahoma Christian University, on **AUGUST 13**. We will gather at Glenwood, along with area churches, at 5 p.m. and enjoy music from this talented group. Don't miss a wonderful evening!



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Contribution

Ministry Highlight - VBS Tucker Sullivan

Song Salvation Belongs to Our God

Sermon "Talking Back to God" Bill Allen

Song #915 Trust and Obey (vs. 1 & 5)

Song #608 He Gave Me a Song (vs. 1 & 3)

Prayer Drew Nunn



## “Talking Back to God”

Like the Psalms, Job is a great example of “speaking your \_\_\_\_\_ to God.”

Job has lashed out at his \_\_\_\_\_ because they were of no help.

Job has challenged the \_\_\_\_\_ he has always accepted but that no longer can be trusted.

A. Job \_\_\_\_\_ God.

Job 10:1-22; 7:11-21

B. Job \_\_\_\_\_ God.

Job 9:14-35; 30:20-26

C. Job \_\_\_\_\_ God.

Job 13:1-16; 28:12-28

Job 19:20-27

D. Job \_\_\_\_\_ his case and “like a prince” waits for God to respond.

Job 13:17-24; 23:1-7; 29-30

Job 31:35-40

There is another term for “talking back to God”—\_\_\_\_\_.

God \_\_\_\_\_ Job’s honesty over his friends’ denial. (Job 42:7-9)

[Lynn Anderson, *Talking Back to God: Speaking Your Heart to God Through the Psalms*]



**CONNECTION CORNER**  
**ERIC THORNTON**



We celebrated again the freedom, this past week, that we live in our wonderful country; albeit broken just like any other man-made thing. I’m spending this week caring for my neighbor’s pets while they are away visiting family in Alabama for the holiday week. Initially, we paid each other’s children to fulfill this job when I first moved to the small town of Chandler. As we’ve gotten to know each other better over the last few years and spent time in each other’s homes, we now just do it out of care for each other.

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SMALL GROUP

July 16, 2023  
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Jonathan Stone	Logan Stone
Nathan Turner	Randy Turner

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Eric Moseley  
Tim Holt, Jr.

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6/4/23 \$26,475.14  
6/11/23 \$17,808.50  
6/18/23 \$15,397.50

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Song	Great Are You Lord Kelly Ross
Song #76	How Great Thou Art (vs. 1, 3 & 4)
Shepherd's Prayer	Grant Knight
Song #791	On Bended Knee (v. 1)
Communion—the bread	Cameron Williams
Song #791	On Bended Knee (v. 2)
Communion—the cup	
Song #694	Servant Song
Contribution	
Kid's Time	Bill Allen
Song	How Great is Our God
Sermon	"Two Things About God..." Bill Allen
Song #555	Seek Ye First
Song	How Great is Our God (final Chorus last 2 slides)
Prayer	David Beard



## “Two Things About God...”

Job knew one thing about God—that He \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Elihu is the \_\_\_\_\_ from Job’s friends to Job’s God. (Job 32-37)

In a sense Elihu \_\_\_\_\_ Job to hear from God.

Job 32:1-10; 36:22-26; 37:14-18

- B. Job gets his wish—\_\_\_\_\_ responds.

God answers Job with \_\_\_\_\_.

- Round \_\_\_\_\_—Job 38-39  
Job’s first response—\_\_\_\_\_ (Job 40:1-5)
- Round \_\_\_\_\_—Job 40:6-41:34  
Job’s second response—\_\_\_\_\_ (Job 42:1-6)

Job had to learn to say something else about God: “I’m \_\_\_\_\_ Him.”

<https://seanmcdowell.org/blog/why-does-god-allow-the-coronavirus-4-christian-insights>



## The Lighthouse

– Tucker Sullivan WE Youth Minister [tsullivan@westerwin.org](mailto:tsullivan@westerwin.org)





# A Note from Bill Allen:

Hello friends,

Below is some info on our Praise & Harmony Weekend Workshop Aug. 18-20. Please help get the word out on this, and encourage others to register and listen to these songs. And especially encourage others to attend that weekend!

Here are the ten songs Kelly plans to give to Acappella for our particular focus.

1. All To Us
2. Behold Our God
3. Only a Holy God
4. Just As I Am / I Come Broken
5. In Need
6. You Are Holy
7. O Praise the Name
8. Salvation Belongs to Our God
9. We Declare That the Kingdom of God Is Here
10. My Savior My God

As a reminder, to register, follow this web link:

<https://praiseandharmony.tv/>

When you register you can use this code for 3 months free:  
SONGFEST3MO



Welcome our newest sister in Christ,  
**Annie Moore.**

She was baptized July 6, 2023.

Please

**SIGN  
UP**




& Thank you!

**Attention Male Members:**

We need more members to volunteer to be  
**communion servers.**

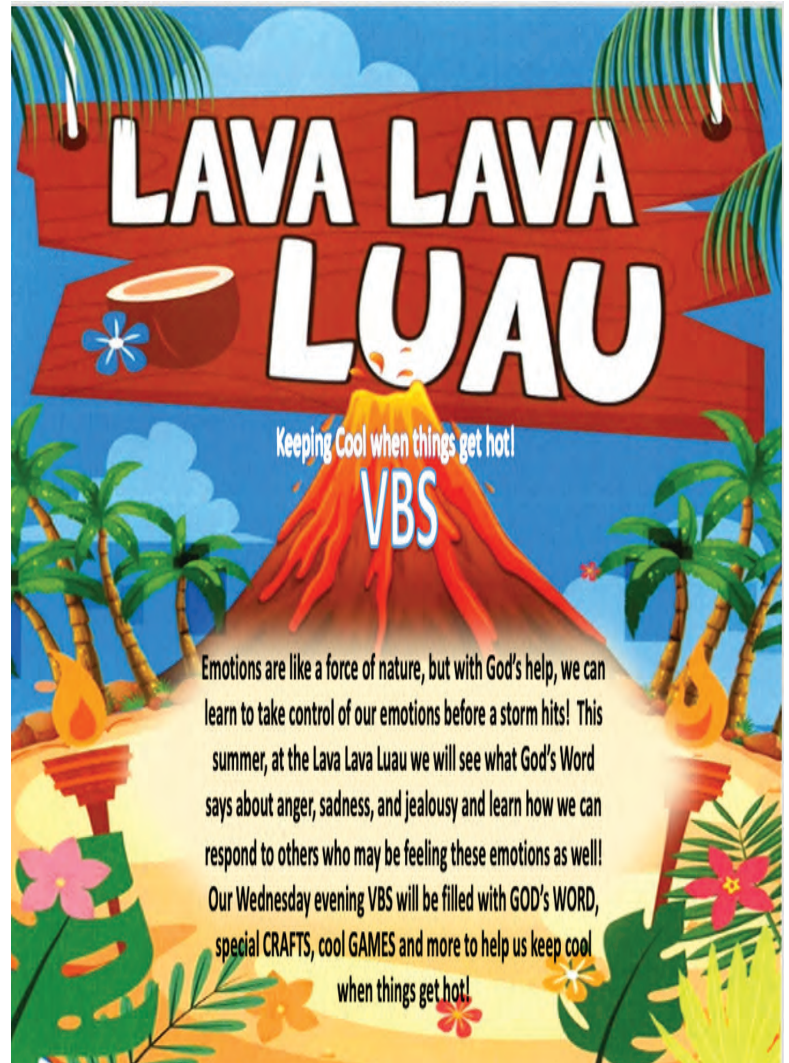
On top of the information desk in the foyer, there is a  
**sign up sheet or email me at [office@westerwin.org](mailto:office@westerwin.org).**



**All Church Singing in the Chapel**  
**Sundays 5:00 PM – 7/23, 8/13**  
**Wednesday 6:30 PM – 7/19**

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Will be Closed on  
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A/C Repair.**

**Benevolent Center  
Needs Bath Towels,  
sheets of all sizes  
and saltines!**



**LAVA LAVA  
LUAAU**

Keeping Cool when things get hot!  
**VBS**

Emotions are like a force of nature, but with God's help, we can learn to take control of our emotions before a storm hits! This summer, at the Lava Lava Luau we will see what God's Word says about anger, sadness, and jealousy and learn how we can respond to others who may be feeling these emotions as well! Our Wednesday evening VBS will be filled with GOD'S WORD, special CRAFTS, cool GAMES and more to help us keep cool when things get hot!



# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Updated Wednesday, July 12, 2023

We have a group of nine high schoolers headed to Lariat Creek in Oklahoma on Sunday, July 16th for a week of church camp. Please keep them in your prayers.

Heather Monahan's mother will start her cancer treatments today. The treatments will continue for 6-8 weeks.

Konni Tharp's mother, Nancy Cash, will begin Hospice Care.

Mary Lee's niece, Sue Rhodes, passed away.

Mary Lee will have back surgery on July 20th.

Janice Hardaway fell again and received nine stitches in her other leg. Please pray for her recovery.

Darcy Stiefer will be in Memphis, TN at St. Jude for over 4 weeks for her Child Life Practicum. Our prayers of encouragement go out to the family.

Harold Davis had arthroscopic knee surgery on July 7th and is now recovering at home.

Please keep Alice Frick, aunt of Terry Frick and Jeannie Ross, it is believed she is in her final hours. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Aki VanBuskirk's father, Loren, passed away July 2, 2023. Services will be on July 24th in Arlington at Wade Chapel Funeral Home. Visitation at 10:00 with funeral service at 11:30.

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## GOD BODY MINISTRY CONNECTION CORNER ERIC THORNTON

For the next several weeks, I want to spend this section of our bulletin talking about our Praise & Harmony Workshop we have coming up here at West Erwin, August 18-20<sup>th</sup>. Specifically, the WHY of the weekend. I'm not sure if you've noticed, but of our full-time ministers here, there is a 20-year age gap at each jump. Bill is 23 years my senior and I am 19 years beyond Tucker. Which will tell you, there is a drastic difference in the way each of us sees the world, based on what each of us have lived through and the time and places in which we spent our formative years; just like all of you.

Yet it was our eldest minister, Mr. Allen, who over a year and a half ago, before I came back on staff here, made the insistence to the West Erwin eldership that this church needed to bring in Keith Lancaster for one of Acappella Ministries: P&H Workshops to build on and improve our time of worship each week when we are together.

It's clear that for some, it seems the perception of that weekend is that it's all about learning some new, different songs. However, that is not at all the focus of the weekend. And even "new" is a somewhat skewed perspective. In fact, one of the songs we have been learning for our P&H weekend, "You Are Holy", is now 29 years old. Sometimes "new" just means "new to you". The focus of that weekend is finding joy in the singing portion of our worship; how we can do that better along with the how and why we all connect to it so differently.

Bill, like many others, understands the need for both vertical worship, between us and God, and horizontal worship or "encouraging one another" found in Ephesians 5:19. We see the same thing in Colossians 3:13-16: the exhortation or strongly encouraging to sing comes on the heels of bearing with one another (v. 13a), forgiving one another (v. 13b), putting on love (v. 14), being at peace as one united body of Christ (v. 15), and teaching God's Word to one another (v. 16) **with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.**

When we do what the Bible says and sing together as a church family, we hear and are encouraged by each other's confessions of our faith! Next week we'll look at the WHY of the new and the old!



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Song	O Praise The Name	
Shepherd's Prayer		John Shaw
Song	As The Deer Thirst (v. 1)	
Communion—the bread		Donnie Carnathan
Song	As The Deer Thirst (v. 2)	
Communion—the cup		
Song	Freely, Freely (Chorus Only)	
Contribution		
Song	Standing on the Promises (vs. 1,3,4)	
Sermon	God Didn't Say That	Eric Thornton
Song	Just As I Am (vs. 1&2)	
Song	Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus (vs. 1&4)	
Prayer		Keith Chandler



# God Didn't Say That

John 8:2-11

Sin promises that true \_\_\_\_\_ happens only when you disobey God.

When your happiness becomes what's most important, it also becomes the \_\_\_\_\_ standard for right and wrong. - Matthew 7:11

Holiness and happiness are \_\_\_\_\_ pitted against each other.

True happiness comes by way of \_\_\_\_\_.

- Psalm 16:11
- 1 Corinthians 10:13

Every temptation is an \_\_\_\_\_ to depend on Christ.



If you want your loved one on the prayer list please contact the church office by email at [prayers@westerwin.org](mailto:prayers@westerwin.org). Thank you.

Updated Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Ray Ground, friend of Cathy Hallman, is in the 5th stage of Parkinson's and requests your prayers.

Bitsy Berryman has been diagnosed with Covid-19 and Wayne probably has it as well. They will need to be quarantined for several days. Please keep them in your prayers.

Patsy Thompson has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma. The treatment will consist of bone marrow transplant.

Diane Weathers' mother, Charlene Hubbard, isn't doing well. The family requests your prayers.

Gary Broome is having continuing health issues. The family requests your prayers.

Michael Sharritt, Charlotte Cawyer's nephew, has learned there is nothing medically at this time they will be able to do to help him. Bud and Charlotte appreciate your continued prayers.

Jim Gipson will have a Neurotomy done on his lower back and left leg on July 21st at 8:00 AM at Mother Francis Pain Center. Please pray for a successful procedure.

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**Ephesians 5:18 – Speak to ONE ANOTHER in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord.**

Oftentimes, modern Christianity has bought into the lie that worship is simply about the relationship between us as individuals and God. However, we see from the apostle Paul in several places in his New Testament writings (last week we looked at Colossians 3, this week in the verse above from Ephesians 5) that another equally important part of singing as an act of worship is for encourage EACH OTHER.

And Paul doesn't say that only one type of song is the way that properly connects our hearts to the Lord's heart. It isn't just old hymns that were written a century or two ago. The first century Christians that the Ephesians letter was actually written to certainly didn't sing those, so those wonderful hymns written in the 1700 and 1800's, many of which we still sing, certainly didn't corner the market on songs that honor the Lord in worship.

He also mentions singing the psalms, which we still do as well, along with other spiritual songs. Songs that speak to us individually about the heart of God, of who He is (to the best of our understanding), of how he feels about us (His adopted children), and so many other nuances of that relationship with Him.

So, while older songs may be placing YOUR heart connects to God in worship, some newer songs might be the place someone else's heart connects to God. And some of those songs in our old songbooks are weak theologically, and some are very strong. Just like some of the modern worship songs we sing can be weak or strong. But we all connect to God in different ways and in difference spaces.

Sometimes even a song that seemingly repeats itself over and over, like the old hymn "God Is Love" (Come Let Us All Unite to Sing), which first appeared by all accounts in 1812 in a Wesleyan hymnal, is just the message we need to be reminded of over, and over, and over. And sometimes I need to hear it from you!



Please welcome  
our newest  
member  
Timothy Edge  
who placed  
membership  
On July 16, 2023.

**LAVA LAVA LUAU**

**NOW**  
Bible Lesson Focus  
on Jesus' Death  
And Resurrection

**Jesus Can Turn  
My Sadness Into Joy**

When Jesus sacrificed his life for us, the disciples were very sad. But Jesus rose again in power, offering salvation to the world and turning The disciple's sadness into great JOY!

Dear West Erwin Family,  
I can not express in words the gratitude I feel for your friendship, kind words, get well cards, sympathy cards, calls, flowers, food, donations and especially the many prayers on behalf of Sue and me during our times of illness and surgery as well as for me in the loss of my love of 63 years. You make the pain and sorrow more bearable. Sue, my family and I love you all very much.

Dannie Skipper and Family

**VBS**

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# Young at Heart

July 2023  
Potluck and Bingo Night



**Benevolent Center Needs:**

**Bath Towels**

**Sheets**

**Small Men's Clothing**

**Saltine Crackers**

**Peanut Butter**

**Please donate any empty jelly jars with lids!**

**Next Young at Heart**

**August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**

**At Benevolent Center**



# Sunday 5 PM Schedule

## Reflections Class

July 30, 2023  
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Welcome Eric Thornton

Song #749 The Battle Belongs to the Lord (vs. 1,2,3)  
Davy Carter

Song #647 Soldiers of Christ, Arise (vs. 1,2,5)

Song #525 He Knows Just What I Need (vs. 1,2,3)

Shepherd's Prayer Wade Weathers

Song #374 There Is a Fountain (v. 1)

Communion—the bread James Sublette

Song #374 There Is a Fountain (v. 2)

Communion—the cup

Song #374 There Is a Fountain (v. 3)

Contribution

Song #639 Rescue the Perishing (vs. 1,2,4)

Sermon "Learning to Trust God" Bill Allen

Song #904 Have You Been to Jesus? (vs. 1,2)

Song #660 People Need the Lord

Prayer Logan Stone

Upcoming  
Sunday 5 PM Schedule  
Aug. 6 All Church Singing  
Aug. 13. New Reign @ Glenwood  
Aug. 20 Small Group

# “Learning to Trust God”

“Will a person serve God for \_\_\_\_\_?” (Job 1:9-11; 2:4-5)

At the end of this experience Job could say two things about God:

- “God \_\_\_\_\_.”
- “I’m \_\_\_\_\_ Him.”

A. Restoration—\_\_\_\_\_...

Job 42:7-17; James 5:11

B. Some \_\_\_\_\_

1. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ battle over people’s souls going on that we can’t see. Eph. 6:10-20
2. God does not expect us to deny the \_\_\_\_\_ of suffering—ours or others. John 16:33
3. God is more concerned with winning the \_\_\_\_\_ than winning the \_\_\_\_\_. *We should be too.*
4. God can be \_\_\_\_\_, even when He can’t be \_\_\_\_\_.  
Hab. 2:4; 3:16-19; Heb. 10:36-11:6ff; 2 Cor. 5:6-10; 12:7-10  
1 Cor. 10:13; Matt. 6:9-10; 26:39  
*The book of Job is not just about suffering. It’s about trusting God.*
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is the right response when you encounter God.  
Exodus 34; Isaiah 6; Hab. 3; John 20-21; Acts 9; 2 Cor. 12; Rom. 9-11  
Rom. 11:33-36



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**Taryn Tapley  
being baptized!**



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*Suzie Roden*

*How blessed I am to have such a wonderful church family. The phone calls, cards and food were all so greatly appreciated following my knee surgery. Healing is slow but I am looking forward to being in church soon.*  
*In Christian love,*  
*Suzie Roden*



Wednesday, August 9, 2023

All Church Prayer Night

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# In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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Lisa Snell's sister and daughter of Harvey Strickland, Pam Pemberton, passed away yesterday.

Liberty and Keaton Hartman, friends of Morris Hallman, are the proud parents of Sonny Patrick Hartman. Unfortunately there were complications surrounding childbirth and Sonny has been transferred to Children's Hospital in Dallas. Due to an infection, the current concern is neurological damage. Please pray for this newborn, parents and grandparents.

Garrett Smith's brother, Mike Smith, passed away July 20th in Springhill, LA. Services will be Saturday, Aug. 5th at 10:00 a.m. at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel.

Dean Harrell, friend of Morris Hallman, is currently undergoing treatments for cancer. Please pray treatments are successful.

Rachael Pugh, friend of Morris Hallman, is currently fighting cancer. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Ray Ground, friend of Cathy Hallman, is in the 5th stage of Parkinson's. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please keep the following members in your prayers that have tested positive for Covid: Wayne and Bitsy Berryman, Cal and Jo Ann Wilkinson, David and Elaine Bell along with Howard and Linda Dickson.

Update from Bud Cawyer: We have learned that the blood clot on Michael's lung is now gone and as a result, the doctors have decided to start chemotherapy. Thank you for all the prayers on Michael's behalf and please pray that the chemo will have positive results.

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## GOD BODY MINISTRY CONNECTION CORNER ERIC THORNTON

*"Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise." – James 5:13*

*"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them." - Acts 16:25*

This will be the last in this series of posts about our upcoming Praise & Harmony Workshop. I think sometimes in churches, we have convinced ourselves that we only sing when we gather together because we are commanded to as followers of Jesus. Paul was very clear in his letters to the church in Colossae and Ephesus (which we've already looked at) that it wasn't just a suggestion, but it is **to the letter** what Christians do.

However, this God-designed way that we connect to Him is so much more than that. In Luke's account in the book of Acts, as well as through the apostle James, we see singing to God holds other functions.

Are you troubled, in the pit of despair? Are you happy, thankful, grateful? Then as believers in Jesus Christ, we pray AND we sing. Two different church leaders both sharing the same perspective of what we do as followers of The Way. Whether we are happy, broken to the depths of despair or imprisoned... we sing. We sing for what God has done. We sing for what He is doing. We sing for what we know He will continue to do.

Singing to the Lord is a not a "if you would like" part of Christianity. It's one of the proofs that God is with us.

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so very much for all of your prayers, kind words, cards, calls and support during my father's illness and passing.

My family also wanted to convey, "Please tell the church thank you so much" for the beautiful floral arrangement sent for my father's service.

It has been a difficult time and my family and I are so grateful for your love and care. It has been such a comfort and we appreciate you all.

Aki and Mike VanBuskirk

Next Young at Heart

August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

At Benevolent Center





August 6, 2023  
Volume 54, Number 32

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7/30/23 Attendance

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Worship 310  
Online 38

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## Order of Worship

Welcome		Tucker Sullivan
Song	Great Are You Lord	Kelly Ross
Song #745	Humble Yourself	
Shepherd's Prayer		David Wicks
Song #364	Come Share the Lord (v. 1)	
Communion—the bread		Tucker Sullivan
Song #364	Come Share the Lord (v. 2)	
Communion—the cup		
Song #364	Come Share the Lord (v. 3)	
Contribution		
Ministry Highlight	2023 Youth Mission Trip	Tucker Sullivan
Song #559	The Joy of the Lord	
Sermon	"The Joy of Fellowship"	Bill Allen
Song #947	Jesus is Tenderly Calling (vs. 1 & 4)	
Song	How Great is Our God	
Prayer		Ethan Stone

# “The Joy of Fellowship”

Jesus promised, “\_\_\_\_\_ will take away your joy.” (John 16:22; Phil. 4:4; John 15:11; 17:13; Matt. 28:8; Luke 24:36-53; 6:23; Heb. 12:1-3; Gal. 5:22-23)

“Living a Joy-Full Life”—Philippians

Fun Facts about \_\_\_\_\_

- A Roman colony
- Acts 16
- The Epistle

Philippians 1:1-11

- A. The Fellowship of the \_\_\_\_\_—Phil. 1:1-2
- B. The Fellowship in the \_\_\_\_\_—Phil. 1:3-8
- C. The Fellowship of \_\_\_\_\_—Phil. 1:9-11

Sharing in the fellowship of ministry brings \_\_\_\_\_ that the circumstances of the world \_\_\_\_\_ take away.



## The Lighthouse

— Tucker Sullivan WE Youth Minister [tsullivan@westerwin.org](mailto:tsullivan@westerwin.org)

## Monday Conquerors with Jane Jones



## Water Balloon Olympics



I hear from enough of you to know that in many ways, my upbringing was not all that different from many of yours. Some of the things I did growing up because of my family's faith seem really odd to some people. Although for others it evokes memories from their own childhood.

When I was growing up, there was no internet. We couldn't stream the worship service from West Erwin regardless of where we were. So, my parents always took us to a local church no matter where we were, what state we were in or what we were doing. Whether it be a vacation or a family gathering...it didn't matter. We were with a body of Christ somewhere. Fast forward a few years later, we took a trip with our group of 11 -- a now larger family-- and were much further away from a local church. So, on that trip, we had our own time of worship in our room. We sang, I gave a short lesson and we took communion together. We were the church.

Throughout the summer, families travel a lot. I totally get that. My two boys and I have been blessed to take two little trips with our travel trailer. However anytime we go anywhere, Jesus still remains a fixture and the priority. Don't take a break from the things that matter to your family just because you're in a different place. If gathering with other believers is important when your home, it should always be important no matter where you are. That may mean you're sitting on a couch in an Airbnb surrounded by other believers consisting of family or friends rather than sitting on a pew in a church's building; that's totally fine! By doing so in ANY place, we are reminding ourselves and the Lord where HE stands in our lives.



Wednesday, August 9, 2023

### All Church Prayer Night

There will not be VBS

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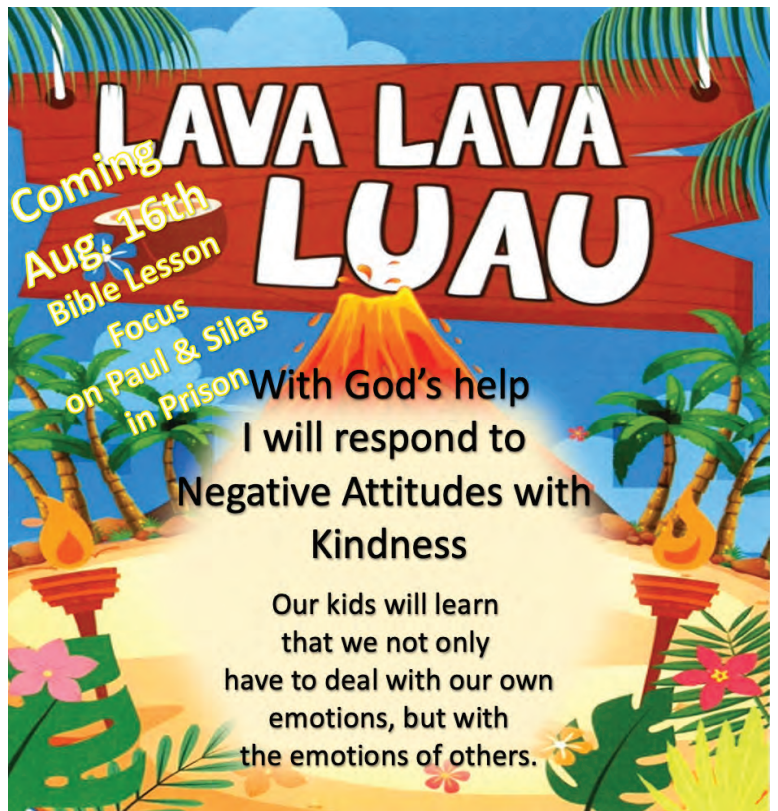
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August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>



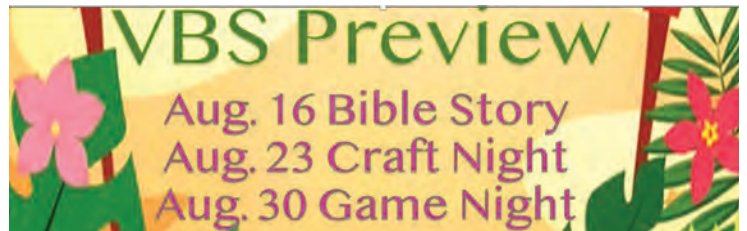
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Updated Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Edie Strickland fell Sunday and was seriously injured requiring neck and back surgery. Surgery went well. Prayers are requested.

Mary Lee reports she is making progress and is thankful for pain meds and ice packs.

Nelda Cade passed away on July 29, 2023. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 2nd 2023 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Stewart Family Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, August 3rd 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Glenwood Church of Christ.

Geri Moore was in vehicle accident Sunday and is currently at UT Health room 3520.

Lisa Snell's sister and daughter of Harvey Strickland, Pam Pemberton, passed away July 25th.

Garrett Smith's brother, Mike Smith, passed away July 20th in Springhill, LA. Services will be Saturday, Aug. 5th at 10:00 a.m. at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel.

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Bath Towels  
Sheets  
Small Men's Clothing  
Saltine Crackers  
Peanut Butter  
Please donate your empty  
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They will be repurposed.

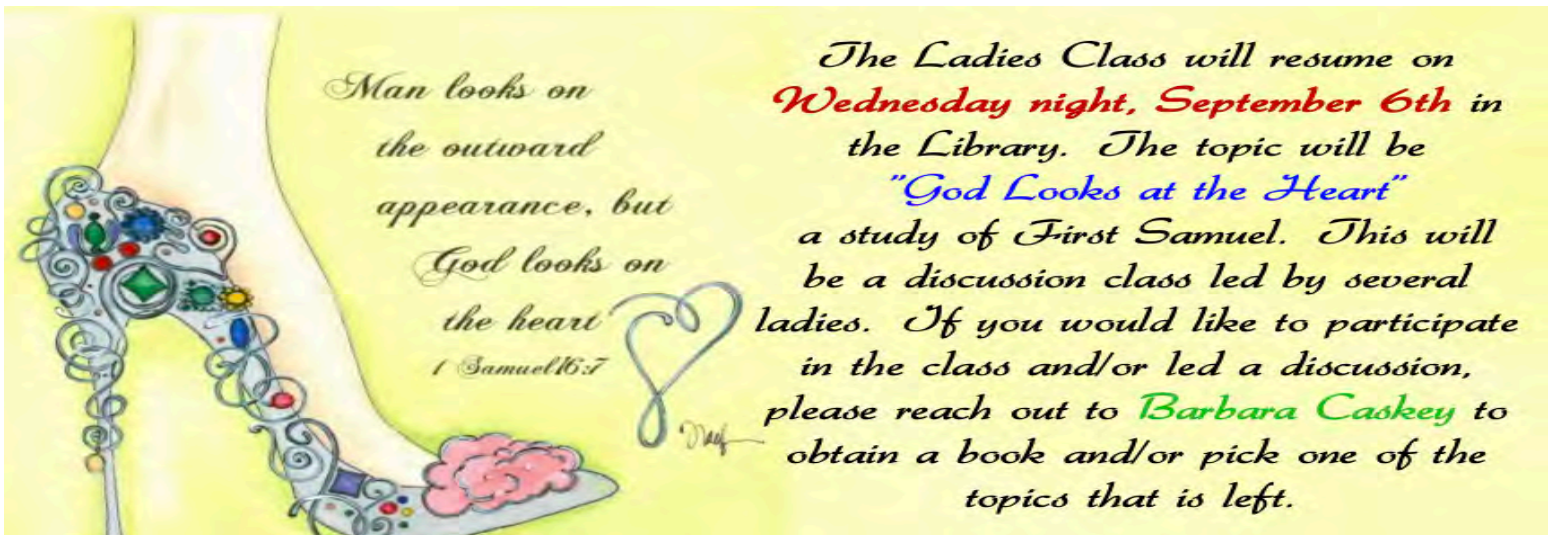


**Young at Heart**  
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Entertainment – Stan Clark



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Welcome	Eric Thornton
Song #709	How Sweet, How Heavenly (vs. 1,2 & 5) Rusty Lay
Song	You Are Holy
Shepherd's Prayer	Ken Culpepper
Song #354	I Gave My Life for Thee (v. 1)
Communion—the bread	
Song #354	I Gave My Life for Thee (v. 2)
Communion—the cup	
Song #354	I Gave My Life for Thee (v. 4)
Contribution	
Kids' Time	Bill Allen
Song #650	Send the Light (vs. 1, 2 & 4)
Sermon	"The Joy of Sacrifice" Bill Allen
Song #589	Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (vs. 1 & 2)
Song #705	A Common Love
Prayer	Carter Pippin

## “The Joy of Sacrifice”

The “joy-full” life in Philippians begins with the joy of \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul then acknowledges his own suffering and speaks of the joy of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Joyful sacrifice encourages the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.  
Phil. 1:12-18; Mark 9:38-41
- B. Joyful sacrifice advances the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.  
Phil. 1:19-26; Gal. 2:20; Rom.12:1; Luke 9:23  
Rom. 6:4; 2 Cor. 5:7, 17; Col. 3:17; 1 Peter 1:3-5  
John 14:1-6; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Cor. 5:1-10; 1 Cor. 15
- C. Joyful sacrifice increases the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ’s disciples.  
Phil. 1:27-30, 14; 3:20  
Eph. 4:1; Jude 3-4; 1 Peter 3:13-18; 4:12-19

“If you suffer as a \_\_\_\_\_”—accept that sacrifice with \_\_\_\_\_.

“To live is \_\_\_\_\_ and to die is \_\_\_\_\_.”  
1 Peter 4:16; Phil. 1:21



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A promotional poster for a "Back-to-School Pool Party". The background is dark blue with green palm fronds and leaves. At the top, it says "BACK-TO-SCHOOL" in white. Below that, "POOL" is written in large, stylized letters, with the "O" being a beach ball and the "L" being a life preserver. Underneath, "party" is written in a white cursive font. In the center, there is a yellow QR code with the text "Scan QR to RSVP" to its left and a yellow arrow pointing right. At the bottom, it says "SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th 5pm @ Weathers' House" in white, and "All Families with a Child in School" in yellow.

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There has been a lot of hubbub and argumentation this week among online Christian circles regarding the phrase “Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin”. Specifically around the idea that we, as Christians, need to allow this phrase to die. Not because there isn’t truth to the base of the statement, there most certainly is. But rather, because for the majority of people, including the person who is attributed with coining that phrase, it’s quite impossible to accomplish, and thusly, acts as a crutch for hatred. While the earliest attribution of a saying mirroring this comes in the form of a letter from St. Augustine to a group of nuns (encouraging them to have “love for mankind and hatred of sins”), this exact saying didn’t even originate with a Christian at all, but rather by Mahatma Gandhi in 1929. Here is what he said following that statement in his autobiography – “Hate the sin and not the sinner is a precept which, though easy enough to understand, is rarely practiced, and that is why the poison of hatred spreads in the world”.

Gandhi rightly observed that it is difficult – perhaps impossible for any human other than Jesus himself – to see someone else firstly as a “sinner” and to focus on “hating their sin” without developing some level of disdain for the person. Perhaps this is why Jesus did not ask us to love “sinners” but to love “neighbors” and “enemies”.

Author Adam Hamilton says it like this.. “I think Jesus knew that if he commanded his disciples to ‘love the sinner,’ they would begin looking at other people more as sinners than neighbors. And that, inevitably, would lead to judgment. If I love you more as a sinner than as my neighbor, then I am bound to focus more on your sin. I will start looking for all the things that are wrong with you.”

Let’s love one another, and as the church, “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds” – **Heb. 10:23-24**

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WE Leaders Only

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 PM  
Public Invited

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Donnie Carnathan's heart is back in rhythm. He and Suzie are home. Keep them in your prayers.

Larry Murphey is in recovery. Doctor said all went well. It is expected he will stay overnight and go home Thursday, Aug. 10th.

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# Sunday 5 PM Small Group

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### We rejoice and welcome our newest sister in Christ Christine Weathers



# “The Joy of Worship”

“Living a Joy-Full Life” \_\_\_\_\_ include participating in the worship assemblies of the church.

\_\_\_\_\_ can be *direct/vertical* (Matt. 6:9-13; Eph. 5:19-20; Heb. 13:15; the Law of Moses; the prophets; the Psalms) or *indirect/horizontal* (Rom. 12:1-2; Col. 3:17; Heb. 13:16; the Law of Moses; the prophets).

\_\_\_\_\_ worship can be *private/individual* or *public/group/corporate*.

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our worship assembly is encouragement. (Heb. 10:23-25; 1 Cor. 14; 11:17-34)
1. The joy of worship is \_\_\_\_\_. (Phil. 2:1-2)
  2. The joy of worship is \_\_\_\_\_. (Phil. 2:3-4)
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our worship assembly is God. (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:17-34)
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Philippians 2:1-11



## Eli Update:



Eli is doing great!  
Eli is 6 months post-op  
Eli started preschool  
Gigi is back in Tyler

Thank you for your prayers!  
Oh, the places he will go!





thank you

Dear Chuck Family  
Thank you so much for all of the cards, texts, and flowers you sent on behalf of the loss of David's brother Mike. Your love and support has truly been appreciated by the family. We are so blessed to be apart of this amazing church family. Thank you again.  
In Christian Love,  
The Barrett-Smith Family

And that gift is each other!

Thank you for the prayers, the calls & the sweet cards of caring & encouragement.  
Mary Lee

Life has already given us the most perfect gift...



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## **CONNECTION CORNER** **ERIC THORNTON**

### CONNECTING with the Father

Perhaps in our times of prayer, we should spend more time with Jesus in Gethsemane. On the night of His betrayal, that garden was filled with intense emotions. Do not just read what happened there but take time to feel the emotions: the emotions of the sleeping disciples whom Jesus rebuked; the emotions of Judas as he betrayed the Lord; the emotions of the mob; the emotions of the disciples as they fled. Above all, share in the emotions of Jesus.

As they entered Gethsemane, Jesus left eight apostles and took Peter, James and John with Him to another place. Their Lord had always seemed so strong and powerful but now in their presence, "He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed" (Matthew 26:37). They heard Him say, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me." These three men then saw and heard something they had never experienced before.

Jesus prayed then came and found them asleep. He had asked them to watch with Him, but they failed. His soul was even more burdened, described by how great this burden was. "And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly." (Luke 22:44). He returned to the three and found them asleep yet again. This time he did not wake them to share in His grief and agony. He simply returned for the third time and prayed, "Not My will but Your will be done."

There are at least two ways to look at this simple prayer. One could look at it as though the burden was so great, He was just ready to quit—the fight was not worth it. Someone who just throws up their hands and says, "Whatever, I quit. You win." However, this is not where Jesus was when He prayed. It is not the prayer of one who had hopelessly fought a losing fight nor one who had no hope and was driven by circumstances into surrender. It was a prayer of perfect trust. He was talking to His Father He had known eternally. It was a heartfelt prayer by One who was loved to a God who is love. He trusted God and this changed Him.

Notice how He then changed. The mob arrived; the arrest; the mockery of several trials. He entered Gethsemane in gloom and left this garden with calm assurance. He was a victim but He understood He was a victorious victim. What made that difference? What changed a troubled soul in great agony to one of calm assurance? It is simple. He talked to the Father. When we are in despair and we are almost ready to quit, talk to the Father, and His peace will change us and give us the victory.





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Song Shout to the Lord

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Milestone Bible Presentation

Shepherd's Prayer Ken Culpepper

Song Greatest Command

Song In Need

Communion—the bread Kelly Monahan

Song #315 When I Survey the Wonderous Cross (v. 1)

Communion—the cup

Song #315 When I Survey the Wonderous Cross (v.4)

Contribution

Song #474 Thank You, Lord (vs 1 & 3; sung during passing of trays)

Song I Want to be a Worker for the Lord

Sermon "The Joy of Serving" Bill Allen

Song Surround Us, Lord

Song #290 Shine, Jesus, Shine

Prayer Grant Steele

# “The Joy of Serving”

The example of \_\_\_\_\_ is followed by the call to \_\_\_\_\_.

Phil. 2:1-11; Matt. 20:25-28

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ out your Salvation—Phil. 2:12-13  
24/7/365
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ like Stars—Phil. 2:14-18  
Grumbling & arguing—*bad!*  
Sacrifice & service—*good!*
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ with Others—Phil. 2:19-30  
Timothy  
Epaphroditus

How do you serve with \_\_\_\_\_?

“\_\_\_\_\_ works in you”—Phil. 2:13.

Last VBS Night  
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Only 1 more weeks remains

With God's help I will respond to Negative Attitudes with Kindness

Our kids will learn that we not only have to deal with our own emotions, but with the emotions of others.



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Directory is up to date!

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- Birthdays**

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Our culture is driven by a desire to prevent all negative consequences. Someone might object and say, "What's so wrong with that?" It's a good question. Many people buy into the notion that all suffering is morally evil. According to the National Institute of Health, *"It is conventionally implied that suffering is 'bad' and that it should be eliminated. Suffering is commonly regarded as a moral wrong that needs to be made right by health care."*

But is it really? What about the athlete who trains and suffers so that they can compete? Is that morally wrong? What about a person struggling with their weight who changes their eating habits and adopts an exercise routine, enduring gnawing hunger pains and sore muscles because they know it is good for their health? Is that type of suffering morally wrong? Or how about a person who takes on a second job for a period of time, after their kids go to bed, missing out on needed sleep, so that they can take that vacation they've been hoping to take together as a family? Is that morally wrong? These situations show that suffering is not morally evil in and of itself; it depends upon the purpose of the suffering.

As Americans, who as a culture have so, so much more than we need, it's difficult to consider the following... what if most suffering really embodied such good purposes? That is, it had both a dignifying and beneficial effect on us. Would we look at it as evil? Or would we view it as we do the suffering athlete, the hungry but persistent health seeker and the hard-working vacationer? This is the heart of what the apostle Paul teaches about suffering. Consider Paul's words in Romans 5:3-5: "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." God often permits suffering for our benefit, if we let Him. If we don't, however, it follows that suffering degenerates. So, what does this say about having faith in God? "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28)





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Song #230 Worthy Art Thou (vs. 1 & 2) Rusty Lay  
Song You are Holy (sing twice)  
Song #63 I Will Call Upon the Lord  
Welcome Eric Thornton  
Shepherd's Prayer John Shaw  
Song #383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (v. 1)  
Communion—the bread Kelly Ross  
Song #383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (v. 2)  
Communion—the cup  
Song #383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (v. 3)  
Contribution  
Song #852 When the Roll is Called Up Yonder (vs 1 & 2; sung during passing of trays)  
Song #957 This World is Not My Home (all 3 verses)  
Sermon "The Joy of Purpose" Bill Allen  
Song #470 Victory in Jesus (vs. 1 & 2)  
Song #470 Victory in Jesus (v. 3)  
Prayer Will Christian

## “The Joy of Purpose”

“The secret of life is \_\_\_\_\_ thing.” (Curly, “City Slickers”)

A. My \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose—Phil. 3:1-6

\_\_\_\_\_ position; \_\_\_\_\_ accomplishments; \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness

1 Tim. 1:12-17; Acts 22; 26

B. My \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose—Phil. 3:7-14

The righteousness of \_\_\_\_\_ comes by \_\_\_\_\_.

“ \_\_\_\_\_!”

Rom. 1:14-17; 3:21-26; Gal. 2:15-16; 3:1-14; Eph. 2:1-10; Titus 3:3-8

Matt. 6:33; Col. 1:28-29; Luke 19:10; Matt. 20:28; John 10:10; Heb. 10:5-10

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ Over My Purpose—Phil. 3:15-21

1. “Our \_\_\_\_\_ is in \_\_\_\_\_.”

John 14:1-6; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:1-11; 2 Cor. 5:1-10; Rev. 21-22

2. “This is my \_\_\_\_\_.” (Carrie Underwood)

1 Peter 1:1-9; 2:4-12, 18-25; 4:1-5; 2 Peter 3:3-18

Matt. 10:16-42; John 16:1-3, 33; 17:13-19; 1 John 2:15-17

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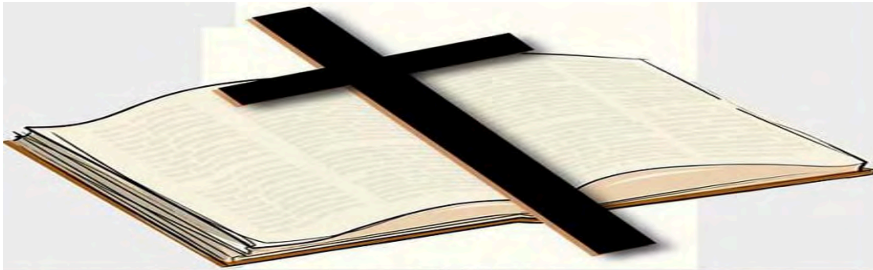
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3. “To live [here] is \_\_\_\_\_, and to die is \_\_\_\_\_.”

Phil. 1:20-26; 2:1-11; Matt. 5:13-16; 1 Peter 2:9-17

Rom. 12:1-2, 11-12, 14-21; Gal. 2:20; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Col. 3:1-17

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Upcoming  
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Eric Hassler passed away August 22nd due to surgical complications. The Cawyers request prayers for David's strength and resilience after these deaths.

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Hunter Wells, friend of Dan and Sandra Wilkinson, is having skin graft this week due to rattlesnake bite.

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If you were with us last week Sunday for worship, you heard Bill share a Biblical perspective on service. He elaborated on a few ways people can get involved with some of the things West Erwin is a part of. I'd like to share two more ways you can CONNECT with our church through serving the bride of Christ here.

The first is a workshop for the whole church but geared towards widows and widowers called *The Widowhood Workshop*. [www.widowhoodworkshop.com](http://www.widowhoodworkshop.com) I'll be sharing the first information about that with the church today. It's a weekend workshop, even for those who may not find themselves in that phase of life, on how we may care for one other in the church, how we prepare for the inevitable in this life and how we deal with loss. We will be hosting that weekend on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help with that weekend, please come speak with me!

Secondly, we are now less than two months away now from our Trunk or Treat Fall Festival here at West Erwin on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. That will be an "all hands-on deck" night as we had over 450 at our last event and we're hoping for even more this year. We have lots of ways to serve that night as well, so please reach out to myself or Tucker.

**Let's Connect!**



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Sunday 5:00 PM

9/10 - No Activity

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Song #587 Sing and Be Happy (vs. 1 & 3)

Song Shout to the Lord

Welcome Tucker Sullivan

Shepherd's Prayer Wade Weathers

Song The Lord Thy God

Song #57 Great is Thy Faithfulness (v. 1)

Communion—the bread Bill Paschall

Song #57 Great is Thy Faithfulness (v. 2)

Communion—the cup

Song #57 Great is Thy Faithfulness (v. 3)

Contribution

Ministry Highlight "Living with Loss" Workshop Eric Thornton

Song O Praise the Name

Sermon "The Joy of Rejoicing" Bill Allen

Song #480 Blessed Assurance (vs. 1 & 3)

Song All to Us

Prayer Lee Mink

## “The Joy of Rejoicing”

Before closing this epistle of \_\_\_\_\_ Paul gives several quick hits to summarize his message.

Phil. 4:1-9

1. Stand firm—\_\_\_\_\_
2. Unity—even in \_\_\_\_\_
3. Joy—\_\_\_\_\_
4. Gentleness—that people can \_\_\_\_\_
5. Prayer—in \_\_\_\_\_ situation
6. Peace—\_\_\_\_\_ understanding
7. Thoughts—that are \_\_\_\_\_
8. Actions—belief put into \_\_\_\_\_
9. Assurance—that only the \_\_\_\_\_ can give

Summing up Paul’s summary...

We are promised His \_\_\_\_\_, which is what makes all this possible.



I’m very certain that when someone hears the phrase, “*Widowhood Workshop*,” most people assume what it’s about before ever hearing anything else. “Oh, that’s something that’s just for widows. That doesn’t affect me.” When the contrary is actually what’s true.

There could not be a more direct or explicit Biblical command than to “look after widows and orphans...” We have many wonderful women (and even several men) here at West Erwin who have lost their spouse and now find themselves in this particular phase of life. If you choose to marry, 50% of all of us will find ourselves in a position where we also deal with the loss of a spouse, one way or the other. Sometimes that’s through death, sometimes that’s even through divorce. How can we better minister to these individuals during this phase of their lives?

Dean Miller, who started this ministry, lost his wife on Christmas morning 2013. He had never prepared for that possibility emotionally or physically. In hindsight, he definitely wished he had. As a result he started “*Widowhood Workshop*” and released his first book, “*When the End Comes*”, in 2020.

The title of the weekend coming up on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> is “*Living With Loss*.” This will be a weekend of gaining understanding and preparing for the life we find ourselves in NOW, whether that be married or single. Please join us in prayer for this upcoming ministry weekend!





Our New Members

Meredith  
and Claire  
Oliver



THANK YOU  
-very much-

Dear West Erwin Church Family,  
Thank you for all the encouraging  
calls, texts, cards, and especially prayers  
during my surgery and recovery.  
God is good and I'm blessed to be  
cancer free.  
Your love and support is greatly  
appreciated.

Larry Murphy



ALL  
Church  
Lunch

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Bunko is  
Back at the FLC

Tuesday, 9/26 @ 6:00 PM  
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Taco-Soup and Dessert

Kevin and Kris Keele  
welcome their family's  
newest addition

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Wesley, Judy Hamm's nephew, was in a motorcycle wreck on Monday. He is in Neuro ICU at Christus with a brain bleed and fractured skull.

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## Order of Worship

Song #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (vs. 1&2) Logan Stone  
Song #167 Hosanna  
Song Only a Holy God  
Welcome Eric Thornton  
Shepherd's Prayer David Wicks  
Song In Christ Alone  
Song How Deep the Father's Love (v. 1)  
Communion—the bread Stan Clark  
Song How Deep the Father's Love (v. 2)  
Communion—the cup  
Song How Deep the Father's Love (v. 3)  
Contribution  
Kid's Time Bill Allen  
Song #742 When Upon Life's Billows  
Sermon "The Joy of Contentment" Bill Allen  
Song #538 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (vs. 1 & 2)  
Song Behold Our God  
Prayer David Beard

## “The Joy of Contentment”

As Paul closes his letter to the Philippians, he thanks them for their \_\_\_\_\_ partnership in his ministry.

A. This passage is about \_\_\_\_\_. (Phil. 4:10-13)

Phil. 4:4-7; Prov. 30:7-9; Matt. 6:19-34; 1 Tim. 6:6-19; Luke 11:3; 12:13-21  
Phil. 4:13—*Can you?*

B. This passage is about \_\_\_\_\_. (Phil. 4:14-20)

Phil. 1:3-6; Acts 16:12-15; 2 Cor. 8-9; 12:13; Mal. 3:10-12; Psalm 23:1

C. This passage is about \_\_\_\_\_. (Phil. 4:21-23)

Philippians is an epistle of \_\_\_\_\_, and gives us great insight into how to live a \_\_\_\_\_ life today.

“Rejoice ... \_\_\_\_\_. I will say it again: \_\_\_\_\_!” (Phil. 4:4)

In Philippians joy is a continuous “\_\_\_\_\_ ‘\_\_\_\_\_.’” (Karl Barth, *Epistle to the Philippians*)

“Rejoice \_\_\_\_\_ always. I will say it again: *Rejoice!*” (Phil. 4:4)



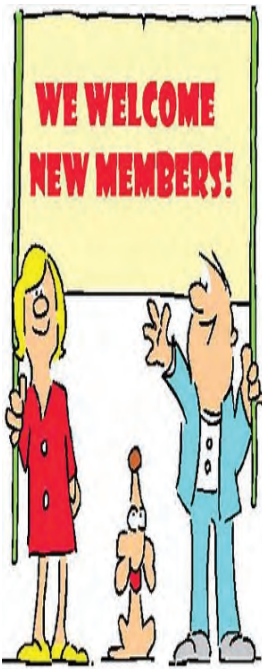
And let us...” not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing.” – Hebrews 10:24-25

Not only does God through the author of Hebrews *directly instruct* us not to give up meeting together as a church body, but there are also other reasons why we should. It’s exactly what God knows we need! When we aren’t together, we miss out on God’s primary design for our spiritual growth and being drawn to the Cross. Communion with the body and the proclamation of Scriptures is one of God’s primary means for a disciple of Jesus to grow in spiritual maturity. When a professing Christian isn’t with the church, they are missing God’s prescribed process for spiritual growth. But another part of our time together that our church has put a considerable emphasis on recently is worship and how worthy God is of our best. What we spend our time on and what we participate in shows what we truly value.

Finally, too often people think that corporate worship is only about getting their own spiritual needs met. The problem with this view of worship is that it’s too individualistic and self-centered. As Christians, our lives are to be spent serving, helping and encouraging others. When we aren’t with the body of Christ, it robs us of an opportunity to serve someone other than ourselves. We won’t be there to offer a word of encouragement in that moment when we look into someone’s eyes and see that they need it. We can’t pray with a fellow member who is suffering.

Our church needs us, and WE need the church!





Jeff & Melinda  
Terrell



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Charlie Richey is having outpatient procedure on left hand September 14th.

Charlene Hubbard, Diane Weathers' mother, passed away September 11th. Visitation will be at the Chapel at Green Acres Baptist Church September 14th at 1:00 PM. The service will be held immediately following at 2:00 PM. The burial will be September 15th at 11:00 AM at Memory Gardens in Nederland, TX.

Rodger Neeley, Benjamin Neeley's father, passed away September 8th. Benjamin is the preacher at Glenwood Church of Christ.

Wesley Boles, Judy Hamm's 23 year old nephew who was in a motorcycle wreck, is currently making baby steps towards recovery. Surgery is expected once he is in more stable condition.

Memorial service for Lynn Sherrod will be held September 16th at 10 AM at Glenwood Church of Christ.

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Song #608	He Gave Me A Song	
Song #250	The Great Redeemer	
Welcome		Tucker Sullivan
Shepherd's Prayer		Grant Knight
Song	Wonderful, Merciful Savior (v. 1)	
Communion—the bread		Grant Steele
Song	Wonderful, Merciful Savior (v. 2)	
Communion—the cup		
Song	Wonderful, Merciful Savior (v. 3)	
Contribution		
Ministry Highlight - Youth Summer Wrap-Up		Tucker Sullivan
Song #66	Doxology	
Song	How Great is Our God	
Sermon	"What's the Point of THIS Place?"	Eric Thornton
Song #694	The Servant Song	
Song #859	When All of God's Singers Get Home	
Prayer		Scotty Albritton

## What's the Point of THIS Place?

Hebrews 10:24-25

1 Thessalonians 5:10-11

Encouragement is a good \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.

- Proverbs 18:24

Encouragement can make a person less \_\_\_\_\_ to sinning.

- Hebrews 3:13

Encouragement can help you \_\_\_\_\_ the race.

- 1 Thess. 4:18, 16-17
- 1 Thess. 5:1-6
- 1 Thess. 5:11
- Hebrews 10:25



# The Lighthouse

- Tucker Sullivan WE Youth Minister [tsullivan@westerwin.org](mailto:tsullivan@westerwin.org)



Our youth group is joining in with other local congregations for a 'Saw You At the Pole' this Wednesday! Parents are welcome to drop their student off at the Whitehouse City Park. If your student will need a ride, please contact Tucker.





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Peggy Wallace fell and broke her hip.

Dana Crow, Michelle Kuechle's sister-in-law and Nina Crow's daughter-in-law, cancer has returned and is very aggressive.

Gaylan Seagler is now recovering at home. His family request no visitors at this time due to his weakened immunity.

Donnie Carnathan's doctors will do another cardioversion procedure plus some medication on Thursday, September 21st.

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## **GOD BODY MINISTRY** **CONNECTION CORNER** **ERIC THORNTON**

***"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God." - Psalm 43:5***

As Christians, we have a front-row seat to the sin and corruptness within the world. We live in the middle of a broken world surround by broken people, and yet all the while, we know the truth of Jesus and the restoration He offers each and every one of us. It can be difficult to find the balance between seeing the everyday tragedies and hurt that people experience, while also maintaining hope and faith in God, His plan and His love for others.

***"It was a part of God's plan." "Just bring it before the Lord." "Pray for peace that surpasses all understanding."***

These clichés, though well-intentioned, can also inherently teach us to shy away from truly feeling the brokenness of the world. Galatians 6:2 calls us to bear one another's burdens and to truly hurt along those who are hurting. There should never be a time where you are embarrassed or ashamed of the way you are affected by the world's sin and brokenness. The truth is that this Earth is sinful and the severity of that sin should impact us! When we allow ourselves to feel vulnerable and open about our hurt for others, we find that it is that very hurt that fuels our faith in God, our prayer lives and the hope we have in Jesus' return.

Yes, the world is broken. We watch people we love hurt, wander and undergo circumstances that even we cannot explain but the body of Christ is powerful and designed to carry burdens of the world. If you find yourself feeling overcome by the weight of sin and begin to adopt the hurt and hopelessness that others carry, share it with the church. Tell your community of believers, your people that you love and trust! We are one body, and together we will pray for the broken, the lost and the hurting. Together, we will bear the burdens of others, while praising Jesus and thanking Him for the love and peace He provides. We are called to bear the burdens of others, but not alone!





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Song #674	I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (vs. 1,2,3)	
Welcome		Eric Thornton
Shepherd's Prayer		Matt Haws
Song #683	I Am Mine No More (v. 1)	
Communion—the bread		Jay Bynum
Song #683	I Am Mine No More (v. 2)	
Communion—the cup		
Song #683	I Am Mine No More (v. 3)	
Contribution		
Song #676	Living for Jesus (vs. 1, 2)	
Sermon	"Habits of Effective Living"	Bill Allen
Song #948	I Am Resolved (vs. 1,2)	
Song #555	Seek Ye First (vs. 1, 2)	
Prayer		Nathan Turner

# “Habits of Effective Living”

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a \_\_\_\_\_.” (Aristotle)

Ever wish you could press the \_\_\_\_\_ button on that?

Habits are the \_\_\_\_\_ of these three things:

- Knowledge—*what* to do and *why*
- Skill—*how* to do; the *ability* to do
- Desire—the *want* to do; *motivation*

“\_\_\_\_\_ Living”—*being* and *doing* what we were created to *be* and *do*.

Habits of effective living include the classical spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

“\_\_\_\_\_” approach—to start first with self.

Inside-out, like spiritual and emotional growth, is a \_\_\_\_\_.

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 5-7; John 4; 8; 13; etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim. 3:14-17; 1 Peter 1:13-25; Gal. 5:22-23; 2 Peter 1:3-11)

A few \_\_\_\_\_ of principles for effective living:

- Love of God and Love of Neighbor (Mark 12:28-34)
- The Golden Rule—treating others as we would like to be treated (Matt. 7:12)
- Some others—integrity, honesty, human dignity, etc.

The good news today is that your habits are not permanent—they can be \_\_\_\_\_.

The Biblical term for that is \_\_\_\_\_ and it was one of Jesus’ specialties.

Resource: Stephen Covey, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*







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- 10:30am – Widowhood: Divine Perspective
- 11:30am – Lunch Provided
- 12:30pm – Widowhood: Personal Perspective

## Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

- 9am – **Bible Class:**  
Praise the Lord No Matter What
- 10am – **Worship:**  
What We Ought to Do When We Are Overwhelmed
- 1:30pm – **Marriage: Marriage & Remarriage (Especially After Loss)**

*The family of James Dobbs would like to thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement you sent for the memorial service in Quitman. It was greatly appreciated and we know Danny & Pam were very pleased. The service was beautiful and so many friends & family were there. We will definitely miss him but know he is in heaven rejoicing.*

*Love,  
Nita Dobbs*

*To thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated*

*Thank you so very much for the expressions of love and support that you offered to me at the passing of my brother, James Dobbs. He was a fine Christian man, and your concern for me means a lot.*

*Danny Dobbs*



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## CONNECTION CORNER ERIC THORNTON

This past Sunday was all about encouragement; the AM sermon and our PM gathering. I wanted to give you one more injection of that this week. Did you know that the ability to encourage people can be a talent? Not everyone does it well. Have you ever noticed that there are some people that you really love to be around. They always have that special way of making you feel good - like you're somebody important. Even when all your efforts fall through, they are there making it seem like it was all worthwhile.

Throughout the New Testament we are told to encourage one another, yet encouragement is one of the qualities that is sometimes most lacking. Paul, and other New Testament writers, knew that it was not only important to our self-esteem but also to the church as a whole body. He knew that encouragement makes the members want to work harder and it promotes a general good feeling among the brothers and sisters. Ask yourself... have I ever found it easy to resent someone who is always giving me praise and encouragement? It is hard to begrudge an encourager, because they make you feel wanted and loved. And yet, have you been guilty of NOT giving encouragement? Willfully feeling that pull of the Spirit to say something loving and uplifting to someone but allowing the doubt or apathy that comes from the Enemy talk us out of it?

Let's make a commitment to simply start with each other. What if this week, we ALL made it a point to say something encouraging to at least two people here at West Erwin? The more often we do things, over and over, eventually they become habits. In turn, you and I begin to feel good about ourselves helping others and will soon see how much good it is doing in your own life. Encouragement is and will continue to be, one of the key factors to growth for any church family to help them actually feel like one. Let's each resolve to be more encouraging "one unto another"!

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Song #103 He Has Made Me Glad Logan Stone

Song Ancient Words

Welcome Tucker Sullivan

Shepherd's Prayer John Shaw

Song Behold Our God

Song #325 Boundless Love (v. 1, refrain only)

Communion—the bread Shaun Stamps

Song #325 Boundless Love (v. 3, refrain only)

Communion—the cup

Song #694 The Servant Song

Contribution

Kid's Time Bill Allen

Song #852 When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

Sermon "Live with the End in Mind" Bill Allen

Song #535 The Glory Land Way (vs. 1 & 2)

Song #535 The Glory Land Way (v. 3)

Prayer Jim Soop

## “Live with the End in Mind”

We all want to be able to say this at the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives. (2 Tim. 4:6-8)

For it to be said at the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives, it has to be true as we \_\_\_\_\_ our lives.  
(Phil. 3:7-14)

- 1) Today we must \_\_\_\_\_ the good fight.  
1 Cor. 9:24-27  
The *discipline* of the fighter (training)
- 2) Today we must \_\_\_\_\_ the race.  
Heb. 12:1-3  
The *perseverance* of the runner (focus)
- 3) Today we must \_\_\_\_\_ the faith.  
2 Tim. 3:10-4:1-5  
The *faithfulness* of the disciple (obedience)

To receive the \_\_\_\_\_ at the end, we must \_\_\_\_\_ for His appearing as we live.  
(2 Tim. 4:6-8)

Resource: Stephen Covey, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*

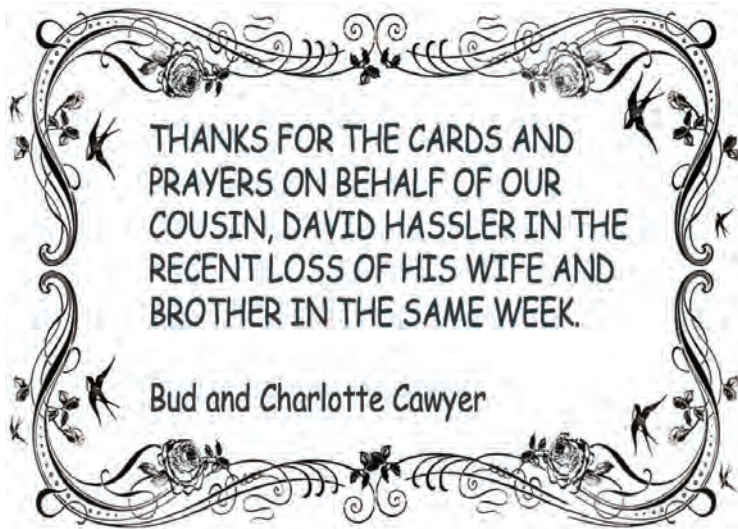


After being warned by the prophet Daniel about his sinful pride (Proverbs 6:16-17; Psalm 101:5; Proverbs 16:18), the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar was struck with insanity. The Lord restored his mind but only after a long period of time. Nebuchadnezzar went from boasting, “Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for .... the glory of my majesty?” (Daniel 4:30), to a humble prayer: “I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven” (Daniel 4:37). He had repented of prideful empire building.

At times, there can be concern about empire building even in the church today. Instead of focusing on massive attendance numbers or the success or failure of big events, as followers of Christ we should focus our efforts on building into the lives of people and leave the results to God (1 Corinthians 3:6-7).

When a church devotes a bulk of her energy to statistics, buildings and programs, pride can become the focus of the day and the spiritual needs and growth of God’s people can be forgotten in the process (Hosea 4). Jesus never forgot the value of people. He invested His time in many of his disciples and people that invited Him into their homes and lives. He spent an extra portion of time with twelve men, who He appointed, with whom He undoubtedly created His closest relationships (Mark 3:14), and through which the church continued to spread after Christ’s earthy departure. Paul taught Timothy who in turn taught others. Biblically, and even logically, God’s kingdom grows **when we invest in people!** Disciple makers, in Jesus’ name, create more disciples!





THANKS FOR THE CARDS AND PRAYERS ON BEHALF OF OUR COUSIN, DAVID HASSLER IN THE RECENT LOSS OF HIS WIFE AND BROTHER IN THE SAME WEEK.

Bud and Charlotte Cawyer



Thank you for your concern, notes, calls and prayers. Margie and I have received much encouragement from your love. We miss you and look forward to our return to church.

Margie and Gaylan

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# Living With Loss Workshop

with guest speaker  
*Dean Miller*



West Erwin Church of Christ  
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Tyler, TX 75702 (Family Life Center)

## Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30am – Light Breakfast
- 9:00am – Life, Love & Loss
- 10:30am – Widowhood: Divine Perspective
- 11:30am – Lunch Provided
- 12:30pm – Widowhood: Personal Perspective

## Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

- 9am – Bible Class: Praise the Lord No Matter What
- 10am – Worship: What We Ought to Do When We Are Overwhelmed
- 1:30pm – Marriage: Marriage & Remarriage (Especially After Loss)



The Family Table will resume @ FLC

October 11<sup>th</sup> 5:30 to 6:30

RSVP Today

Menu: Breakfast Cost: Adults \$6 Kids \$3

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# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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Chet Payne, friend of Jerry Trollinger, suffered a stroke and is recovering.

Cole David Osburn, Matt Haws great nephew, is out of NICU and is now home with his family.

Sheri Davis, Debbie Phillips' sister, has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Don Drummond, former member, passed away Friday in Wichita Falls after a lengthy illness.

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## The Lighthouse

— Tucker Sullivan WE Youth Minister [tsullivan@westerwin.org](mailto:tsullivan@westerwin.org)



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5:00 p.m. Various Activities

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Bible Class 204

Worship 251

Online 49

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Jim McDonald    Philip Matthews

#### Sound

Jeff Stiefer  
Eric Moseley

#### Contributions

8/27/23 \$23,753.50  
9/3/23 \$22,071.83  
9/10/23 \$18,597.81  
9/17/23 \$21,847.40

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Song #96	I Stand in Awe (v. 1)	Kelly Ross
Song #100 & 101	Holy Ground Medley	
Song	O Praise the Name	
Welcome		Eric Thornton
Shepherd's Prayer		Grant Knight
Song #364	Come, Share the Lord (v. 1)	
Communion—the bread		Bill Allen
Song	Come, Share the Lord (v. 2)	
Communion—the cup		
Song	Come, Share the Lord (v. 3)	
Contribution		
Song	Pass It On (vs. 1 & 3; sung during passing trays)	
Song	All to Us	
Sermon	"What We Ought to Do When We Are Overwhelmed"	Dean Miller
Song #601	My God and I (vs. 1 & 3)	
Song #96	I Stand in Awe (v. 1)	
Prayer		Ethan Stone

## WHAT WE OUGHT TO DO WHEN WE ARE OVERWHELMED (Psalm 31)

What is it like to feel overwhelmed? What kinds of experiences cause us to feel that way?

What should we do when we feel that way?

- 1) TRUST \_\_\_\_\_ . v. 1, 5, 6, 14
- 2) REMEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ . v. 19, 21
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ ON THE LORD. v. 23, 24

We need the \_\_\_\_\_ more than anything else or anybody else in times of prosperity and adversity. Maybe having overwhelming experiences helps us appreciate that fact.



## **GOD BODY MINISTRY** CONNECTION CORNER **ERIC THORNTON**

Children belong in church. Whose responsibility is it to get them there? It's YOURS and MINE – the parent, the grandparent, the friend. I 100% understand, getting them ready and bringing your children to church is rarely the most enjoyable thing you will do on a Sunday morning. As a single parent, who also happens to be a minister with responsibilities every Sunday morning, it can definitely feel like facing some sort of obstacle course getting everyone out the door. So, I relate but here's just a few reasons you need to do everything you can to get children to church.

Children need to see that church is important. We prioritize ALL the things that are important in our lives: work, sports, hobbies, social media. Worship and being with our church family should be at the head of that list. Children are capable of understanding what is important in their lives. While children don't understand what's going on in church when they are in the church service every Sunday, they hear many of the same prayers and songs throughout the service. Over time, as you may have heard in your car or even when they're in the shower, they start singing those songs they hear. It sticks. They remember what they hear. Think about it: if you promise your child something but don't do it for a while, do they remember? Of course, they do! Parents can attest that their young children seem to remember everything...and say things at the most inappropriate times! So while it may not come out the same way, they remember what they hear if we encourage them to listen.

And finally, going-all-in and being a part of our church (not just occasional worship-time only attendance) brings our children relationships they would have never had otherwise. Godly ones! A church family can give grandparents to children who don't have any (or any that live close like mine). It can provide grandkids to members whose families live far away and can't see each other. These relationships strengthen the family unit and create personal, familial connections that otherwise wouldn't exist. "Church Grandparents" are a legitimate category of family. My kids have had more than a few and love them all deeply! In a broken world filled with broken families, the church provides the family with relationships that forgive, heal and unite with the power of God's love that works in His people.



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 November 4th

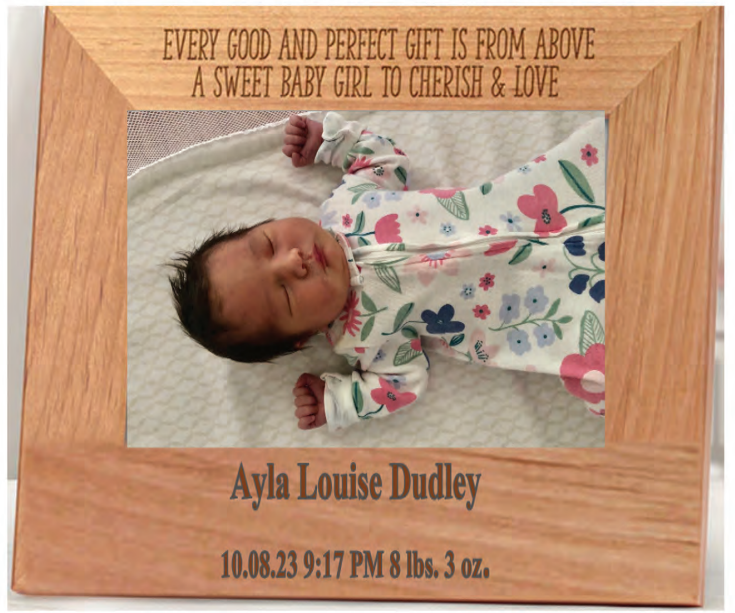
We're so glad you're here.



Wasson Family Placed Membership  
 9.20.23  
 Jim, Bonnie, Kayden, Cody and Blaire



News from the very proud grandparents, Kris and Kevin Keele



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Donnie Carnathan will have ablation procedure tomorrow at 11:00 AM at Heart Hospital.

Bob Latham, brother of Greig Latham and great nephew of Gaylan Seagler, rare lymphoma has resurged.

Anna Nunn is having a stress test and echo cardiogram today. Please pray for positive outcomes.

Robyn Cawyer, Bud and Charlotte Cawyer's down syndrome daughter, was admitted to Granbury Medical Clinic with pneumonia and is on oxygen. Please pray for her recovery as her lungs and breathing is a concern due to her condition.

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 October 22-25, 2023



Series Theme:  
**COURAGEOUS GRACE:**  
 Challenging Human Thinking.  
 Embodying Christ's Compassion.

**Sunday**  
 9:30 am.....The Death of Thought  
 10:20 am.....Faith Through the Storm  
 5:00 pm.....Truth About Love

**Monday at 7:00 pm.....Secret Sin in the Church**  
**Tuesday at 7:00 pm....."Do You See This Woman?"**  
**Wednesday at 7:00 pm.....Truths About Truth**

Lessons presented  
 by **Brent Moody**  
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Song #15	Step by Step	Gary Ables
Song #123	The Steadfast Love of the Lord	
Song #122	The Love of God	
Welcome		Eric Thornton
Shepherd's Prayer		Wade Weathers
Song #376	He Paid a Debt (v. 1)	
Communion—the bread		Shaun Stamps
Song #376	He Paid a Debt (v. 2)	
Communion—the cup		
Song #376	He Paid a Debt (v. 3)	
Contribution		
Song	10,000 Reasons (during passing of trays)	
Song #577	We Bow Down	
Sermon	"What Do I Do Now?"	Bill Allen
Song #922	Jesus Paid it All	
Song #8	Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing	
Prayer		Drew Nunn

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# “What Do I Do Now?”

Here are three options:

- We can be \_\_\_\_\_.
- We can be \_\_\_\_\_.
- We can be \_\_\_\_\_.

Being proactive considers the \_\_\_\_\_ and looks toward the \_\_\_\_\_ in order to do what’s best \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) Have a *mission/purpose* and *goals*.
- 2) Have a *plan* and *strategies*.
- 3) Act *deliberately* and *on purpose*.

“Have \_\_\_\_\_ that all this woofing is not the last word.” (Garrison Keillor)

The story of \_\_\_\_\_ —Gen. 30:22-24; 37-50  
Psalm 105:16-22; Acts 7:9-16; Heb. 11:21-22; Exodus 13:19; Josh. 24:32

“The Lord was with Joseph.” (Gen. 39:2-3, 20-23)

It wasn’t as much Joseph who was being proactive; it was \_\_\_\_\_.  
Gen. 45:5-8; 50:19-20

God \_\_\_\_\_ the sins of the past, \_\_\_\_\_ what the future holds, and gives us a \_\_\_\_\_ to take today.

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WADE & DIANE WEATHERS

Dear West Brwin family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers at the funeral for my sweet mom. Thank you also for all of the cards, texts, care and concern from so many of you. It was all such a comfort during such a difficult time. Diane & Wade

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WITH GREAT APPRECIATION WE THANK THE TUESDAY MORNING LADIES GROUP FOR THEIR SWEET GET WELL CARD FOR OUR DAUGHTER, ROBYN, AND THE PRAYERS THAT HAVE BEEN OFFERED ON HER BEHALF. THEY WERE EFFECTIVE BECAUSE SHE HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO RETURN TO HER "CARE CENTER" WITH THE DOCTOR'S ORDERS FOR AT LEAST 4 BREATHING TREATMENTS DAILY. WE KNOW NOT HOW LONG THOSE TREATMENTS WILL BE REQUIRED, BUT THE IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN NOTICED AND THE LOVE FROM THAT LADIES GROUP IS MUCH APPRECIATED. GOD BLESS YOU AND BE GOOD TO YOU ALL. LOVE IN CHRIST, BUD AND CHARLOTTE CAWYER

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Martha Sullivan, Tucker Sullivan's grandmother, is currently under care of hospice.

Stan Clark is having back problems.

Suzanne Braly will begin rehab for her shoulder.

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## GOD BODY MINISTRY CONNECTION CORNER ERIC THORNTON

**Philippians 1:3-5** - *"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..."*

In verse 5, Paul uses a word in the original Greek that many of you have heard a preacher use before. The word is "koinonia," transliterated in the NIV as "partnership," in the KJV as "fellowship," and in the NAS as "participation." If someone were to ask me which one I prefer, I'm not sure I could decide. I actually like all of them.

I love the idea that as "the church," we are in a partnership with each other. You are my partner, and I am your partner. I also love the idea that we are in fellowship with each other. We share something in common with each other even though we may come from different places and different backgrounds. It's that commonality that brings us together in relationship. In addition, I love the idea of participation, that we are involved with each other for a common mission, a common goal.

Perhaps another word I like just as much and maybe more is the object of koinonia here in verse 5. Paul says it like this, "your partnership in the gospel." Yes, THAT gospel. The Greek word for gospel is the word "Euangelion." The Gospel is the Good News about Jesus Christ. That's the best part of all of it... that it is Jesus that has brought us into this partnership. It is Jesus that has brought us into this fellowship. It is Jesus that calls us to participate in His mission to seek and save the lost. No wonder Paul could say the words, "I pray with joy." Which helps us do the same!

Dear West Erwin Family,

We have almost got our new home in order, but still cannot find some things.

We wanted to let you know that we had hoped to have had more time before our house in Tyler sold, but things went so much faster than we thought.

We love all of you and the hardest part of leaving Tyler was leaving our family at West Erwin.

West Erwin will always be our home church. We pray daily for you and hope that you will keep us in your prayers as well.

I appreciate being able to serve a few months as a decan at West Erwin. I enjoyed being able to deliver food, work in the benevolent center and be a member of the safety team.

And we will always remember how you comforted us when Kimberly passed away.

We have visited a couple of churches in Branson and we feel we will find one that we will attend very soon. BUT, it will never be like West Erwin.

When we come to Tyler to visit if it is over the weekend we will definitely attend West Erwin.

Thank you so much and we love you all.

Tim Sr, Gayle and Tim Jr.  
The Holts

# BENEVOLENCE

## Desperate Need for Bath Towels





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Song #538	My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (vs. 1-2)
Song #539	Higher Ground (vs. 1-4)
Welcome	Tucker Sullivan
Shepherd's Prayer	David Wicks
Song #176	Lamb of God (v. 1)
Communion—the bread	Wayne Berryman
Song #176	Lamb of God (v. 2)
Communion—the cup	
Song #176	Lamb of God (v. 3)
Contribution	
Ministry Highlight	Living with Loss Worship Eric Thornton
Song #578	We Will Glorify (vs. 1-3)
Sermon	"What Do I Do Now?" Bill Allen
Song #647	Soldiers of Christ, Arise (vs. 1-3)
Song #549	There is Sunshine in My Soul (v. 1)
Prayer	Justin Parrish

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10/22/23 Attendance

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Worship 277  
Online N/A

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# “What Do I Do Now?”

Here are three options:

- We can be \_\_\_\_\_.
- We can be \_\_\_\_\_.
- We can be \_\_\_\_\_.

Being proactive considers the \_\_\_\_\_ and looks toward the \_\_\_\_\_ in order to do what’s best \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) Have a *mission/purpose* and *goals*.
- 2) Have a *plan* and *strategies*.
- 3) Act *deliberately* and *on purpose*.

“Have \_\_\_\_\_ that all this woofing is not the last word.” (Garrison Keillor)

The story of \_\_\_\_\_ —Gen. 30:22-24; 37-50  
Psalm 105:16-22; Acts 7:9-16; Heb. 11:21-22; Exodus 13:19; Josh. 24:32

“The Lord was with Joseph.” (Gen. 39:2-3, 20-23)

It wasn’t as much Joseph who was being proactive; it was \_\_\_\_\_.  
Gen. 45:5-8; 50:19-20

God \_\_\_\_\_ the sins of the past, \_\_\_\_\_ what the future holds, and gives us a \_\_\_\_\_ to take today.

Resource: Stephen Covey, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*



**Children’s clothing  
(infant to teenager)**

Men’s Winter Clothing



**BENEVOLENCE**

Desperate Need for  
Bath Towels





*Upcoming Sundays at 5 PM*

11/05 Reflections Class  
 11/12 Voices of the Church  
 11/19 Small Group

Celebrating Jude Everson  
 (son of Heather Monahan)  
 Rite of Passage  
 (13<sup>th</sup> Birthday)  
 November 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6 PM  
 Bubba's 4504 S Broadway Ave.

For anyone interested in joining in this Celebration or with any questions regarding ROP, please direct them to Kara Mink @ 903-520-1198.

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*a sweet*  
**BABY BOY**  
*is on his way!*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER HONORING  
 Daughter-in-Law of Grant and Leanne Knight

*Joanna Blake Knight*

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Where: Rhonda Haws  
 807 Marquette Lane  
 Tyler, TX. 75703

Registered: Target and Amazon

**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
 Sunday, October 29th 4-6pm

**See You Tonight!**





Updated Monday, October 23, 2023

Janice Hardaway is now in HealthSouth, 102A. She fell and fractured her hip or pelvis.

Lee McDonald, brother-in-law of Dale and Carolyn Blackstone, passed away October 21st in Lubbock. Arrangements pending.

Myron Granberry has been diagnosed with Covid. The grapevine is that Elizabeth may have it too.

Stan Clark had MRI and will have to have surgery. Surgery is scheduled for November 20th.

Suzanne Braly is suffering from acute bronchitis and pneumonia.

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## **GOD BODY MINISTRY** CONNECTION CORNER **ERIC THORNTON**

Regardless of how you feel about the day of Halloween, we host a trunk or treat here at West Erwin for a very intentional reason. Much different than the Halloween of my childhood, where we walked up and down our two-block neighborhood with EVERYONE handing out candy along with being excited to see their neighbors costumes. Halloween night in 2023 has, in many places, unfortunately devolved into something a little more than scary and a little less than desirable. In my neighborhood of 40+ houses, only 4 or 5 have their porch lights on now hoping to welcome kiddos. People who used to look after the best interest of children cannot always be trusted to do so now. That is an understatement.

As people of faith, we've decided it is important for us to reach out to others in our community with good alternative options to the sometimes frightening and inappropriate versions of this yearly event that are out there in our culture. Can we show our neighbors that we value their children and want them to have some good wholesome fun in a safe place; where they can wear a costume, play a few games, and eat a little candy? We certainly can!

Like Jesus, who said "Let the little children come to Me," we need to allow children to be children, meeting them and their parents where they are. By doing so, in good faith, we provide a lifetime witness of the fact that Christians, like Jesus, care about children and love them, even if they aren't a weekly part of this church. I hope when children and their families come here this afternoon, they will remember the love and excitement they will be shown here, just by showing up. You never know how an incredibly kind word could **CONNECT** with someone and what that could turn into.



November 5, 2023

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Reflections Class

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## Order of Worship

Song #446	Hear, O Israel	Kelly Ross
Song	Salvation Belongs to Our God	
Song	Great Are You, Lord	
Welcome		Tucker Sullivan
Shepherd's Prayer		Ken Culpepper
Song	As the Deer Thirsts (v. 1)	
Communion—the bread		Cameron Williams
Song	As the Deer Thirsts (v. 2)	
Communion—the cup		
Song #791	On Bended Knee	
Contribution		
Song	Blue Skies and Rainbows (sung during passing of trays)	
Song #555	Seek Ye First	
Sermon	"Put First Things First"	Bill Allen
Song #731	Take Time to Be Holy (vs. 1&2)	
Song	Light the Fire	
Prayer		Carter Pippin

# “Put First Things First”

What one thing \_\_\_\_\_ you do, that you’re \_\_\_\_\_ doing now, that if you did on a regular basis, would make a tremendous \_\_\_\_\_ difference in your life? So \_\_\_\_\_ aren’t you doing it?

In order to put first things first, we must examine our \_\_\_\_\_.

It’s not just managing our \_\_\_\_\_; it’s managing \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 6**

## The Time Management Matrix

<b>Important</b>	<b>Urgent</b>	<b>Not Urgent</b>	
	<b>Quadrant I</b> Crises Deadline-driven projects Pressing Problems Production	<b>Quadrant II</b> Prevention, Planning, Research Relationships, Training, Education Recreation/Renewal Projection-Capability	
<b>Not Important</b>	<b>Quadrant III</b> Some interruptions Some calls, texts, emails Some reports, meetings Pressing, immediate matters Popular activities	<b>Quadrant IV</b> Trivia, busy work Some calls, texts, emails Some reports, meetings Time wasters Pleasant activities	

The goal is to spend regular, adequate time in **Quadrant II**.

Values; Purpose/Mission; Vision; Goals; Strategies

Some keys: determining values; identifying roles; selecting goals/strategies; scheduling; daily adapting; delegating; revisiting/evaluating

The (Baptized) Time Management Matrix...

“No one can serve \_\_\_\_\_ masters.” (Matt. 6:24)

“Seek \_\_\_\_\_ His kingdom and His righteousness.” (Matt. 6:33)

Resource: Stephen Covey, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*







Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>  
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 Thursday, November 9th  
 6 pm  
 Turkey & Dressing will be provided  
 Please bring Veggies, Salads & Desserts that go with Thanksgiving  
 We look forward to celebrating the Thanksgiving Season!

*Bridal Shower*  
 PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BRIDAL SHOWER HONORING  
**SYDNEY HAMMOND**  
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# CONNECTION CORNER

## ERIC THORNTON

I won't often use this space as a place to say thank you, but after last Sunday, it just seems that it must be said. Weather-wise, our Trunk or Treat this past Sunday was pretty brutal. The rain never stopped. It was cold. The other churches around us even cancelled their kid events for the day that morning. We made the decision to push forward. It would have been so awful for those kids, who don't go to these churches or who could not have known from a Sunday morning announcement, that events had been canceled that they'd specifically been invited to by us.

So, with the exception of just a few trunks, almost EVERYONE who signed up to host came and shined! In the cold and the rain, so many of you stepped up. You stuck it out the rain and the cold, and YOU SHOWED UP for those kids. We didn't even know if any kids and their families would come... but they sure did! To hear the thank you's and witness the smiles, as the rain pelted our faces... I hope that warmed your hearts.

My gratitude knows no bounds. Our unreal kitchen crew pulled it off again...a literal assembly line of food. Having to prepare for masses and not knowing the weather, everyone that came was filled with an incredible meal in an awesomely decorated, warm, dry place to eat it. Our middle school and high school students, who volunteered so much of their time in the Lighthouse, delivered another exciting piece of their night to the kids. Finally to our safety team, who braved the elements to keep a watchful eye over the evening.

Regardless of how ANYONE else felt about the night, and I want those of you who gave your time and resources that night to know, I'm not sure I've EVER been prouder to be a part of this church than I was this past Sunday. You gave, even at the cost of sickness for some of us due to the weather. For those who couldn't be there but still brought "ALL THE CANDY", thank you too!! We couldn't do it without your generosity either! Much of what didn't get handed out Sunday has found a new home with Douglas Elementary students. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*



Updated Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Crystal Hill has injured her back.

Betty Boles has been diagnosed with Covid.

Robyn Cawyer, daughter of Bud and Charlotte Cawyer, has been released back to her care center. The doctors have recommended hospice. The family requests your continued prayers.

Jim Gipson will be moved to a care facility, Bluebonnet, in Bullard.

Jason George, Carnathan's family friend from Austin, has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

Donnie Poston, Suzie Carnathan's brother, has suffered a stroke in Caldwell and is being transported to Bryan.

Charles Etheridge, Mary Lee's cousin, has Type A Flu and his wife, Diane, has Parkinson's.

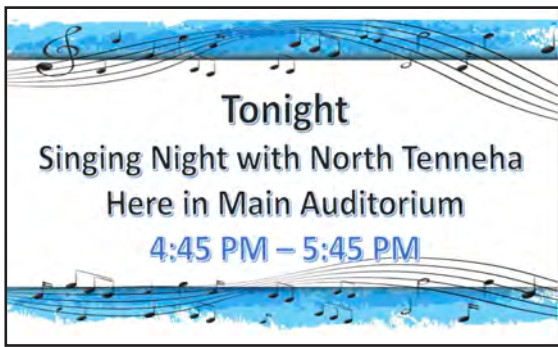
Eugene Patterson, Morris Hallman's cousin, has throat cancer.

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Song #578 We Will Glorify (vs. 1,2, &3) Davy Carter

Song #77 Glorify Thy Name

Song Only a Holy God

Welcome Eric Thornton

Shepherd's Prayer Matt Haws

Song #332 Lead Me to Calvary (v. 1)

Communion—the bread Donnie Carnathan

Song #332 Lead Me to Calvary (v. 2)

Communion—the cup

Song #332 Lead Me to Calvary (v. 4)

Contribution

Song #83 God is So Good (vs. 1, 2 &3; sung during passing of trays)

Kid's Time Bill Allen

Song #766 Open our Eyes, Lord

Sermon "Try to Understand" Bill Allen

Song #768 Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You

Song #112 Wonderful Grace of Jesus (v. 1)

Prayer Drew Nunn

# “Try to Understand”

Resource: Stephen Covey, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*

Seek \_\_\_\_\_ to understand, \_\_\_\_\_ to be understood.

Before you speak, \_\_\_\_\_ with the intent to \_\_\_\_\_.

John 4—Jesus and a Samaritan woman

1 Sam. 25—Nabal and David and Abigail

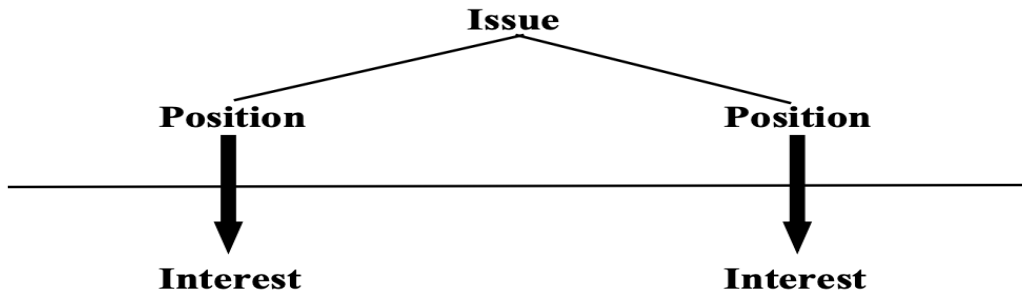
Seeking to understand requires \_\_\_\_\_.

Seeking to be understood takes \_\_\_\_\_.

Through \_\_\_\_\_ God did \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

Heb. 2:14-18; 4:14-16

“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with \_\_\_\_\_.”



**The Lighthouse**

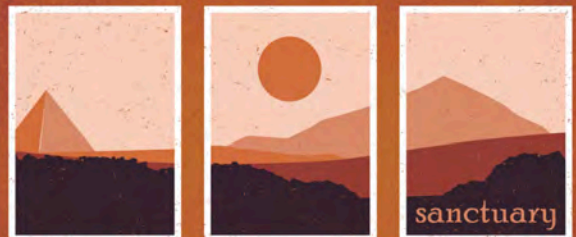
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## WINTERFEST 2024



## JANUARY 12-14

## LTC 2024



Life of Moses  
Exodus-Numbers-Deuteronomy

**NT-LTC**  
March 29-30, 2024

## MARCH 29-30



# Thank You

Thank you, West Erwin, for an amazing shower for Jonathan and myself as we prepare to meet our son, Roger Dean Knight. We are touched and so grateful for the love and support as our family grows. The connections our family has through West Erwin has been monumental for all involved. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you so much!

--With much love,  
Joanna and Jonathan Knight

## - Douglas Elementary Update -

September's "surprise" included a candle and a small bag of chocolates. Thanks to **Kris Keele** for reminding the staff to "Let Your Light Shine".

Bags of popcorn/candy corn mix were delivered in October to welcome fall. A big thank you to **Kim Frick** for showing our appreciation to the staff for their continued dedication.

**Upcoming Needs for November:**  
Prepackaged healthy snacks and water for 300 students on Benchmark Testing Days



Check foyer table for details!

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BRIDAL SHOWER HONORING

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This past weekend, I ran in my second half marathon. It wasn't JUST a half marathon. Two days before there was a 5K, then the next day was a 10K, followed by the half marathon, which is 13.1 miles. Even crazier is that all three of those races combined still aren't as long as a full marathon. At the end of it all, I felt accomplished, but so tired. Many people didn't finish. Although I was grateful for the opportunity to finish the race.

There are many illustrations used in the Bible to describe our lives as Christians. One illustration used repeatedly is that we are competitors in a great race. This imagery is used in the book of Hebrews. After describing those heroes of faith throughout chapter eleven whose lives were all lived by faith, the Lord then turned His attention to the Hebrew Christians. This chapter directly tied to the heroes of faith is shown by the first words in chapter twelve. "Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

So how do we maintain our strength and stamina in this race? The answer is found in the next verse. "Looking to Jesus... who for the joy set before Him endured..." He never let up. He ended the race by saying, "It is finished." He is our model and our example of endurance of faith until death.

Yet, we ALL struggle in this race. When we first read the words of Isaiah, we may not realize just how difficult the race can be. "Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" (Isa. 40:31). We may overlook the fact that even this verse speaks of renewing strength and forget the energy expended by eagles as they soar above us.

Keep going and we see the importance of endurance in our race. The trials of this race are part of how God uses adversity to mold us (vs. 3-11). We are told to not despise these difficult times for afterwards it "yields the fruit of righteousness" (v. 11). As we run the race, we need to keep our eyes on Jesus and finish the race at whatever the cost.

The author finally urges us to realize that we owe a debt to help others in the race. "Strengthen the hands that hang down, and the feeble knees" (v. 12). We need others to help us endure. They need us. When we see others struggling, we need to help them in their race. God help us all to "finish the race" (2 Tim. 4:7).





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Cody Ables	Gary Ables
Scott Albritton	David Beard
Tommy Brown	David Cannefax

### Sound

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Randy Turner  
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### Contributions

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10/01/23	\$24,774.00
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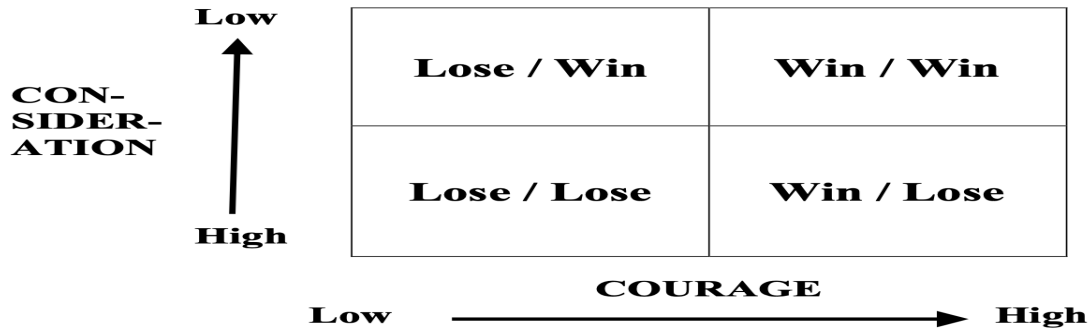
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Song # 538	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (vs. 1&4)	Logan Stone
Song	Just As I Am I Come Broken	
Welcome		Tucker Sullivan
Shepherd's Prayer		Grant Knight
Song #364	Come, Share the Lord (v. 1)	
Communion—the bread		Jay Culpepper
Song #364	Come, Share the Lord (v. 2)	
Communion—the cup		
Song #364	Come, Share the Lord (v. 3)	
Contribution		
Ministry Highlight	Trunk or Treat	Eric Thornton
Song #745	Humble Yourself (vs. 1, 2, 3, 5)	
Sermon	"Does Someone Always Have to Lose?"	Bill Allen
Song #470	Victory in Jesus (vs. 1 & 3)	
Song	Light the Fire	
Prayer		Ethan Stone

# “Does Someone Always Have to Lose?”

In most sporting events, there’s usually a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_.

Maybe not in baseball, but in life you long for a “\_\_\_\_\_.”



Resource: Stephen Covey, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*

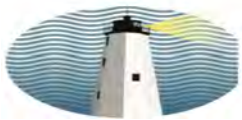
Matt. 18:10-17, 21-33; Gal. 6:1-5; Acts 8:18-24

Matt. 5:21-26, 38-48; 7:12-14; 22:34-40

Lev. 19:18; Rom. 12:9-21; 13:8-10; 15:1-7; Eph. 4:1-6; Phil. 2:1-11

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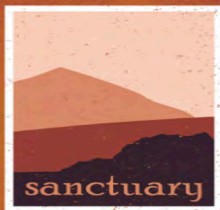
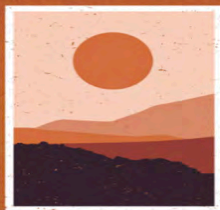
- To \_\_\_\_\_ someone—to have the difficult conversations—takes courage.
- To \_\_\_\_\_ someone—to leave it in God’s hands—takes strength.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of confrontation is always restoration.
- To have a \_\_\_\_\_—takes courage and strength, humility and faith.



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 Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>  
 FLC @ 6:30 PM

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*Bridal Shower*

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 SYDNEY HAMMOND  
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH 2-3:30 PM  
 WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 FAMILY LIFE CENTER PARLOR  
 421 WEST ERWIN STREET  
 TYLER, TEXAS

registered at  
 AMAZON  
 DILLARDS  
 CRATE & BARREL  
 POTTERY BARN

*Katie and Greig Latham  
 are the proud grandparents of  
 Colt Render Latham  
 born on  
 November 4, 2023*

*It's a Boy!*



Church office will be closed from  
 Wed., 11/22/23 noon through  
 Mon., 11/27/23 8:30 am



**Young at Heart**







## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers...*

Updated Wed., Nov. 15th

Susan Womack is having back problems. She is looking at having to have surgery in the near future.

Racheal Pugh, friend of Hallman's, will be undergoing surgery and chemo for breast cancer.

Suzie Carnathan fell and hurt her ankle.

Donnie Carnathan update: Went to doctor as had issues to address. Stronger fluid meds were prescribed to take pressure off the heart.

Jeff Ingram's latest CT scan results were favorable. He will continue on same chemo. Next CT is scheduled Dec. 18th.

Emma Lambert, former student of Suzanne Braly, who was transplant recipient passed away November 8th due to complications.

Sharon Beaver fell November 8th and has cracked and chipped shoulder ball and will require physical therapy.

Kaisley Blackstone rolled her ankle resulting in a fractured growth plate and will be in a cast for (4) four weeks.

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For the last few weeks, every morning when I drive my boys to school, Kade specifically talks about how much he likes looking at all the trees changing color this time of year on Hwy 31 between Chandler and Brownsboro (he'll be sadly disappointed next week on our drive to my parents in West Texas, where there are NO trees).

The old Technicolor movies of the 1930's and 40's have nothing on biology in the fall. Enjoy this 2<sup>nd</sup> grade science refresher course. The leaves we see in spring and summer are green because of chlorophyll. Trees and other plants take advantage of the long hours of sunlight and warmer temperatures to grow strong and healthy. With autumn's decreasing sunlight and cooler temperatures, deciduous plants prepare for winter by shutting down unnecessary processes—such as those energy-producing leaves. Chlorophyll recedes from leaves as the “engines” shut down, allowing the colors from other chemicals to show their yellow and orange hues. Some leaves that are vulnerable to even the weakening autumn sun need ultraviolet protection produced by anthocyanin, which yields the shades of red including scarlet, burgundy, and maroon that we love so much. With weak winter sun and frigid temperatures coming, all circulation into the leaves stops; the joints at the bases of the leaves where they meet the branches seal off; and the leaves wither, turn brown, and finally fall off the plants in their death and begin to decay back into the Earth.

With the changing of the seasons, we remember the promise of God to Noah, *“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.” (Gen. 8:22)*

Now consider how our lives resemble the dying leaf. Our lives are full, active, and productive. While serving God, we provide good things for others. Then, as the years pass, we grow old, and like everything else on this temporary sphere, fade away, and return to the earth. For the Christian, the journey and its end is a joyous one. Just as we celebrate the dying leaf, we look forward to being with our Lord forever, but we also love and take advantage of the process all along the way of life. *“For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” (2 Corinthians 5:1)*





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Song	Shout Hallelujah!	Kelly Ross
Song	Behold Our God	
Song #490	It Is Well With My Soul	
Welcome		Tucker Sullivan
Shepherd's Prayer		John Shaw
Song	How Deep the Father's Love (v. 1)	
Communion—the bread		Kelly Monahan
Song	How Deep the Father's Love (v. 2)	
Communion—the cup		
Song	How Deep the Father's Love (v. 3)	
Contribution		
Song #474	Thank You, Lord (vs. 1 & 3; sung during passing of trays)	
Song	In Christ Alone (vs. 1, 2 & 4)	
Sermon	The Coming of the Prince of Shalom	Eric Thornton
Song	Pass It On (vs. 1 & 3)	
Song #705	A Common Love	
Prayer		John Stevens

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# The Coming of the Prince of Shalom

Jesus is the Prince of \_\_\_\_\_

Shalom is more of an emotion.

- Shalom is... the \_\_\_\_\_ will of God (Psalm 23:6, 84:11)
- Shalom is... healing and \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 5:34)
- Shalom is... \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 7:47-50)
- Shalom is... exercising \_\_\_\_\_ with humility (Mark 4:39)
- Shalom is... being \_\_\_\_\_ - filled! (John 20:22)

It starts with how we see God.

- If we leave God out, we have a \_\_\_\_\_ gospel.

To Restore Shalom

Confession – John 1:8-9

Love Your Enemy – Matthew 5:44-45

Praise – Luke 17:20-21

Peace is not the absence of chaos, peace is the presence of Jesus.



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*thank you*

Brothers & Sisters

This is a heartfelt thank you to my brothers and sisters in Christ for the many expressions of kindness during my recent back issue. Thank you for the phone calls, emails, text messages, cards, food, and most of all your prayers. God has responded positively....great success with the surgery. I look forward to a very speedy recovery and get back to my West Erwin routine!!!!

In Christian Love,  
 Stan Clark





## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers...*

Updated Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Pam Geddie, Aunt of Jeff Stiefer, passed away. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 24, 2023 at Hilliard Funeral Home with visitation starting at 10:00. Pastor Roy James will officiate the service and family will serve as pallbearers. She will be laid to rest at Colfax Cemetery. will be Friday, November 24th at the Hilliard Funeral Home in Van, TX.

Stan Clark's back procedure went well. He will be recovering at home.

Jim Gipson has been moved to Providence Park room 218A.

Donnie Carnathan update from Suzie: Donnie is back in rhythm. He's not feeling to hot right now. Just pray the latest procedure works to provide him some much needed relief.

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The book of Psalms is so wide and varied. Many of the psalms come from the heart of a shepherd boy of Bethlehem and give us great insight into the very soul of a man after God's own heart. One of the psalms repeats a phrase over and over. The psalmist said, "Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men" (**Psa. 107:1, 8, 15, 21, 31**).

**Thanksgiving for redemption.** We see the times when God brought Israel from adversity and returned them to the land He promised Abraham's descendants. While it is true the sin of God's people often was the reason they were scattered, the psalm shows just how merciful God is toward His children. Those who were redeemed from the nations could so readily sing this psalm of thanksgiving.

**Thanksgiving for souls which have been refreshed.** We then see the psalmist look at the souls which have been brought low by the adversity around them. Their hearts are filled with darkness which is the result of ignoring God. They are bound up in affliction. Yet, when they cried out to God, He heard them. Their souls were filled with the blessing He gave to them. Their lives turned into joy because His mercy gave them what had been missing. The psalmist said, "Give thanks to the Lord for His wonderful works."

**Thanksgiving for deliverance to those who were at the gates of death.** In verses 15-20, there's parallel thoughts found in the previous section of those who were surrounded by distress. They were so burdened they could not even eat, yet when they cried out to the Lord, He heard them and saved them out of all their afflictions. "Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness."

**Thanksgiving from those who were tossed in the seas.** The psalmist then turns his attention to those who sailed the seas and found themselves surrounded by tempest waves. As the waves lifted them to the heavens and then dropped them in the depths of the troughs, hope could so easily be lost. At their wit's end, they cried out to God, and He heard them, calmed the storms and brought them to safe havens.

**Thanksgiving from our hearts.** The imagery in this psalm is different from what is around us, but the lesson is so obvious. *God help us to give thanksgiving for all He does!*





# Sunday 5 PM Reflection Class

December 3, 2023  
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Song You Are Holy

Song #38 Awesome God

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Contribution

Song #68 Give Thanks (sung during  
passing of trays)

Song #709 How Sweet, How Heavenly (vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5)

Sermon "Keep on Keeping On" Bill Allen

Song #704 Bind Us Together

Song #589 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (v. 1)

Song #703 I Love You with the Love of the Lord  
(vs. 1 & 3)

Prayer Jim Soop

# “Keep On Keeping On”

Keep on keeping on means \_\_\_\_\_ the habits of effective living.

A. To keep on keeping on we must have creative cooperation—\_\_\_\_\_.

1 Cor. 12:12-27; 13; Eph. 4:1-16; Phil. 2:1-11; John 17:20-23

Synergy implies \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

B. To keep on keeping on we must sharpen the saw—\_\_\_\_\_.

Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Peter 1:5-11; 3:17-18; Heb. 5:11-14; Luke 2:52

Renewal implies \_\_\_\_\_.

C. To keep on keeping on we must acknowledge the law of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Gal. 6:7-10

There are no \_\_\_\_\_.

D. To keep on keeping on we must \_\_\_\_\_.

Heb. 12:1-3; 1 Cor. 15:58; Gal. 6:9

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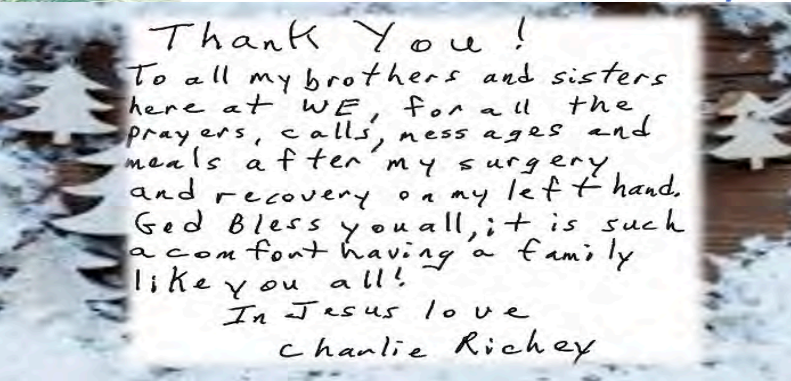
Friends of the Chauncey's, a family of 8, recently lost their house due to a fire. They will be starting over needing everything. If you have anything to donate, please drop it off at the Benevolent Center and Davy Carter will take care of it.





Thank you for all your prayers,  
cards and visits. I wanted you to  
know I am doing better.

Janice Hardaway



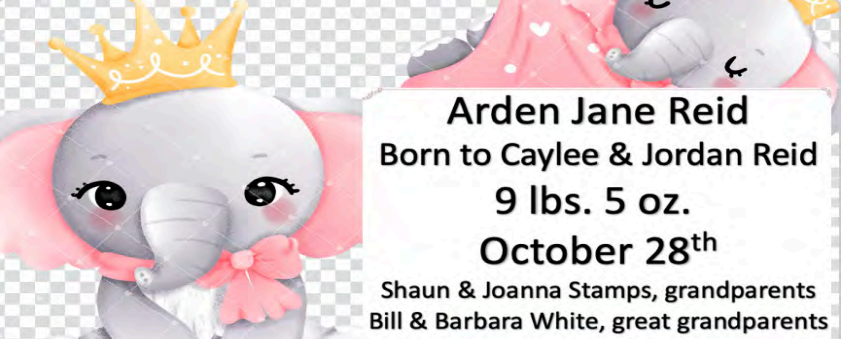
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God Bless you all, it is such  
a comfort having a family  
like you all!  
In Jesus love  
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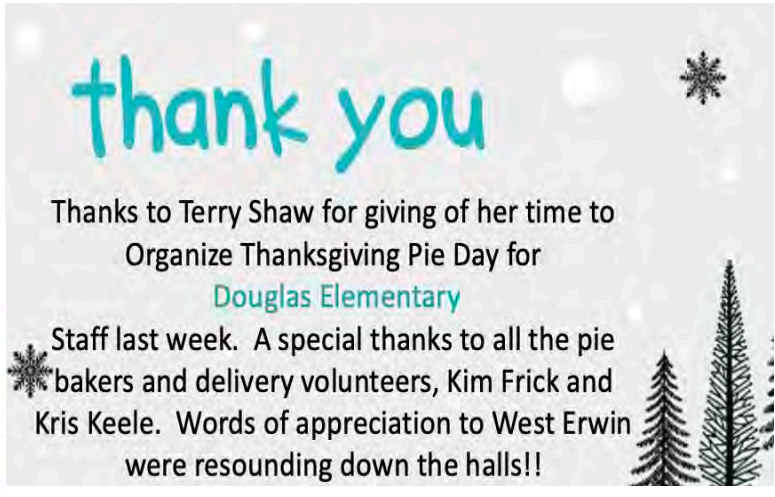
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THE MULTITUDE OF CARDS OF  
SYMPATHY, COMFORT AND  
ENCOURAGEMENT WE HAVE RECEIVED  
AFTER ROBYN'S DEATH. YOUR PRAYERS  
ON HER BEHALF FOR MANY MONTHS  
ARE ALSO MUCH APPRECIATED. GOD  
BLESS YOU ALL AND KEEP YOU SAFE.  
BUD AND CHARLOTTE CAWYER



Shelia and Keith Harris  
are the proud grandparents of...  
Paula Jo Haney  
Born 11/11/23  
6 lbs. and 5 oz.



Arden Jane Reid  
Born to Caylee & Jordan Reid  
9 lbs. 5 oz.  
October 28<sup>th</sup>  
Shaun & Joanna Stamps, grandparents  
Bill & Barbara White, great grandparents



thank you

Thanks to Terry Shaw for giving of her time to  
Organize Thanksgiving Pie Day for  
Douglas Elementary  
Staff last week. A special thanks to all the pie  
bakers and delivery volunteers, Kim Frick and  
Kris Keele. Words of appreciation to West Erwin  
were resounding down the halls!!



Widows and Singles.  
Special Ladies  
Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 16, 2023  
10:30 a.m.  
at  
West Erwin Church of Christ  
Family Life Center

Please RSVP by December 9  
to Pat at the church office, 903-592-0800  
or sign up on the table in the foyer.



All Church  
Reindeer Games

Dec. 10th  
5 PM  
@ FLC

Please bring your  
favorite  
sandwiches and/or  
finger foods.

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Updated Wednesday, November 29, 2023

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Horace Abbott, brother of Shirley Chandler, has been diagnosed with dementia and has loss of sight in one eye.

Martha Sullivan, Tucker Sullivan's grandmother, passed November 27th. Services will be December 1st in Sentinel, OK.

Ronnie Brown, Lauren Delivaudais dad, has been admitted Christus due to kidneys not working. They are waiting to hear if he will need dialysis.

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## **GOD BODY MINISTRY CONNECTION CORNER ERIC THORNTON**

I believe the best way to live is to cooperate *with* God in whatever *He's* accomplishing around us. It seems that's a big part of the reason so many Christians are so frustrated in life... we have our own plans that we want God to endorse and subsidize. We can't understand why He doesn't. I'm not saying we're like Judas; but there is more of that greedy, ambitious spirit in us than we want to admit. It's the inherent danger of using God instead of serving Him.

In that way, we're more like Judas than like Peter. One way we do this is when we become obsessed with finding "God's will for MY life." Don't get me wrong, I do believe God has a plan for our lives, one that's far better than what we could plan for ourselves. The danger of focusing on looking for a very specific "God's will for my life" is that it tends to feed into the self-centered part of us. We aren't looking for God's will for all his followers, we're looking for just ME. Focusing solely on a God unique plan for us can lead to us thinking, "If I find God's unique secret road map for my individual life, I will be happy, safe, successful and fulfilled." In fact, God's Word does not promise us uninterrupted prosperity...quite the opposite.

When we are focused on serving God instead, it's like running *with* the current. We're caught up in God's activity in our lives, in our church and in the world around us. Life isn't easy and is sometimes exhausting but it's always lived with a very clear sense of purpose. We know where we're going. Every day is an adventure. Often, it is completely exhilarating. But when we live according to our Judas nature, we are fighting against God to get to the things we want.

This is a primary reason why so many Christians never really experience a fulfilled life. They are running *against* the current of God's will. This isn't because they aren't trying to learn God's will. Actually, they may pray often for God to show them the way. God's answer is often not what they're hoping for. Instead of saying; Quit your job and take this one instead, Marry this person, Invest your money in this company, or other ways we think we can achieve our goals, God is saying, "Here's the race I'm running in the world around you right now. Jump into the world and run with me!"

Oh Lord, I know you never stop working to redeem people. I confess that I rarely think in those terms, however. Please change my heart. Help me to think more about what you're doing in the world, to pray about it and work toward it. In Jesus' name, amen.





December 10, 2023  
Volume 54, Number 50

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Dennis Kingsbury Rusty Lay  
Philip Matthews Jim McDonald

### Sound

Chris Reynolds  
Cody Ables  
Jonathan Stone

### Contributions

10/22/23 \$14,347.50  
10/29/23 \$15,991.15  
11/05/23 \$25,516.14  
11/12/23 \$27,214.83  
11/19/23 \$15,451.50

### Our Elders

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## Order of Worship

Song #15	Step By Step	Gary Ables
Song #484	You Are My All in All	
Song	Wonderful, Merciful Savior	
Welcome		Tucker Sullivan
Shepherd's Prayer		Wade Weathers
Song #635	Freely, Freely	
Communion—the bread		Cameron Williams
Song #635	Freely, Freely	
Communion—the cup		
Song #635	Freely, Freely	
Contribution		
Song #694	Lord Make Me A Servant(sung during passing of trays)	
Song #18	Faithful Love	
Sermon	Hope: Possibility or Probability?	Eric Thornton
Song #420	Cleanse Me	
Song #449	Thy Word	
Prayer		Colby Chandler

# Hope: Possibility or Probability?

Hope is sparked in our \_\_\_\_\_ - ordinary hope vs. theological hope

- Matthew 19:26, 1 Peter 1:3

\_\_\_\_\_ to hope

- Romans 5:3, Psalm 30:5

Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our hope.

- Hebrews 10:23

*"Hope is imagination put into the harness of faith. It is a willingness to let God do it His way and in His time. It is the opposite of making plans that we demand that God put into effect, telling Him both how and when to do it. That is not hoping in God but bullying God... My life is on the line before God, my Lord, waiting and watching till morning, waiting and watching till morning."*

- Eugene Peterson, "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction"



## The Lighthouse

- Tucker Sullivan WE Youth Minister [tsullivan@westerwin.org](mailto:tsullivan@westerwin.org)

Sunday, Dec. 10th directly following Church Service

# MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH DEVO

- Middle Schoolers, head straight to the Lighthouse following service
- Lunch will be provided
- Pick up from Lighthouse by 1pm

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Friends of the Chauncey's, a family of 8, recently lost their house due to a fire. They will be starting over needing everything. If you have anything to donate, please drop it off at the Benevolent Center and Davy Carter will take care of it.



Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, food, and many calls. It means a lot to have such a caring church family following a traumatic accident. Please continue your prayers as I recover.

Love,  
Geri Moore



Attention: All West Erwin Men

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Diapers  
Wipes  
Gift Cards

Volunteers needed Tues. and Wed.,  
December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

10 AM to 2 PM to

Help with the Mostyn Moreno  
Luncheon Contact Cathy Hallman

903-520-0726

**WAF** ★  
**Christmas Party**

Bring Finger Food Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM @ FLC

Bring a \$10 Gift Designate for male or female

The Tuesday Morning Sewing Ladies... are in need of donated sheets sew they may continue their good works.

**All Church  
Reindeer Games**

**Dec. 10th**

**5 PM**

**@ FLC**

Please bring your favorite sandwiches and/or finger foods.



**Widows and Singles..  
Special Ladies  
Christmas Luncheon**

Saturday, December 16, 2023

10:30 a.m.

at

West Erwin Church of Christ  
Family Life Center

Please RSVP by December 9  
to Pat at the church office, 903-592-0809  
or sign up on the table in the foyer.





Updated Wednesday, December 6, 2023

## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers...*

Asking for special prayers for Stan Clark. He has gotten an infection and is in a lot of pain and discomfort. He has a horrible headache that is nonstop so please at this time we request no calls or visits. Thank you!!

Ruby Cliver will have a procedure on her neck December 7th.

Samuel Mink and Mollie (Mink) Quinonez both have upcoming surgeries.

Martha Gentry, Dolores Kennedy's sister, will be having the same neck surgery her brother had a month ago on Dec. 7th.

Stuart Suggs' father, John Suggs, passed away December 2nd.

Update from Gaylan Seagler: He's received a good report from the doctors. Tumors reduced and possibly in remission. Treatments will continue through the year.

Glynn Cobb had pacemaker put in on November 29th and is now recovering at home.

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# CONNECTION CORNER ERIC THORNTON

Picking up where we left off last week, our primary focus should never be “What is God’s will for ME (me alone)?” Granted, sometimes we have decisions to make and we call on God for guidance. But if we make that a daily pursuit, we risk feeding into our selfish, self-seeking nature, seeing God as simply a magic 8 ball or fortune teller who helps us make decisions that further us toward our goals. If life isn’t going the way you hoped; if you say, “I go to church. I pray. I give. When is this going to start paying off for me?” Then we need to ask the question, “Is it time I started focusing on God’s plan for the world instead of trying to find God’s plan for me?” So what is God’s plan for the world? How do we see God’s overall plan is for this world, and how we can orient our lives in the right direction so that we are moving with the flow of His activity.

Ephesians 1 is an incredible chapter. There is so much here, but for now, let’s just focus on 3 terms in vv. 9-10. Here’s the flow of Paul’s thought: **7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.**

The plan is to *unite all things in him*. This phrase is actually one Greek word... *akephalaiomai*. This is the only place in Scripture the word is used, and it’s very rare in secular Greek. It means that the ultimate goal of history is for everything to be under Jesus (literally, it’s “to place all things under His head”). As Paul says in Philippians 2:10-11, *At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.* It doesn’t simply mean He will be king, like some power-hungry despot that seizes absolute control of an unwilling populace. No, the term in question here means that everything will point to Jesus; everything will sum up in Him; everything, human and animal, near and far, visible and invisible, will someday exist in such a way that it glorifies Jesus. No more war, no more natural disasters, no more pain, no more sin, no more separation from God or from each other. All of Scripture points toward this truth: there once was a perfect world. Everything in it spoke of God’s glory. We still see traces of that glory in nature and in humanity, but sin has warped the creation. God is reclaiming His world slowly but inevitably. Ultimately, it will all be restored.



December 17, 2023

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*Sunday 5 PM*

*Small Group*

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# Order of Worship

Song Open the Eyes of My Heart Kelly Ross

Song #509 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

Song #578 We Will Glorify

Welcome Eric Thornton

Shepherd's Prayer Ken Culpepper

Song #789 Father (one time through)

Communion—the bread Michael Hurley

Song #694 Servant Song (one time through)

Communion—the cup

Song #781 Thank You, Lord!

Contribution

Song #781 Thank You, Lord! (sung during passing of trays)

Song #574 Oh, How I Love Jesus

Sermon "Preparing for Jesus" Bill Allen

Song #922 Jesus Paid it All (vs. 1 & 3)

Song #18 Faithful Love (v. 1)

Prayer Will Christian

# “Preparing for the Savior”

You would think that God’s people would not have been \_\_\_\_\_ by the Savior.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ prepared the people for the Savior.

Isaiah 42:1-4 (Matt. 12:15-21)  
Isaiah 9:1-7 (Matt. 4:13-17; John 8:12; 9:1-7)  
Isaiah 53 (1 Peter 2:19-25)  
Isaiah 40:1-11; 7:14

B. \_\_\_\_\_ prepared the people for the Savior.

Luke 3:1-20  
Malachi 3:1-2; 4:5-6  
Matt. 11:2-19; 14:1-14

## Are you preparing for the Savior?

- \_\_\_\_\_ His life
- \_\_\_\_\_ for His return



## The Lighthouse

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*Christmas*  
*Progressive Dinner*

Sunday, December 17th

- Meet to leave from Lighthouse @ 4pm
- Bring a gift around \$10 for gift exchange game
- We'll arrive back at Lighthouse for pick-up that evening!  
(CAN BE GOOFY OR SERIOUS!)

Adrian & Sandy Rankin  
along with  
Brandon Carlton placed  
membership on  
December 3rd

WELCOME  
New Members

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*Thank You*

*Thank you so much for thinking of us. The flower arrangement was beautiful & we appreciate your kindness, in the passing of Tucker's grandmother.  
In Christian Love -  
The family of Madeline Sullivan*

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for your many expressions of love during Gary's health issues. We appreciate all the calls, cards of encouragement, and especially the prayers.

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Gary and Frances Broome

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## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers...*

Updated Wednesday, December 13, 2023

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# **GOD BODY MINISTRY** CONNECTION CORNER **ERIC THORNTON**

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We want to see what God is doing in our individual lives. What is God's plan for you and me, and how can we participate in that plan? This is different from focusing on "God's will for my life," which is a trap our self-centered society has gifted us. It seems righteous, but it's actually an attempt to use God as a fortune teller, as in, "If I just discover God's will, I can find that elusive happiness I've been looking for." When we treat the will of God like a divine cheat code for life, it feeds that natural self-centeredness. God will not be used. However, focusing on God's plan is different in the following way: Rather than an attempt to manipulate God into giving us the life we want, we are instead asking, "Lord, what are you trying to accomplish in and through me?" It's surrendering our lives to Him, trusting that His plan is better.

Moving from the first chapter of Ephesians to the second, we see a word in verse 10 that our modern Bible versions define as "handiwork" or more commonly "worksmanship", which if you jump over to your Interlinear Bible, we see is the translation of the Greek word "poiēma" It's from that word that we get our English word poem, but the Greek word can mean any work of an artist or craftsman. We are God's painting, God's sculpture, God's story, God's masterpiece. All your life, He has been working to shape you into the perfect image for which He created you. He has specific good works ("divine appointments") that He had in mind before He ever made you...that's God's unique purpose for your life. No one can impact the people in your life like you can; no minister could ever make the same impact with a sermon or a class that you can, no matter what their level of giftedness or education, they cannot fulfill those divine appointments in the way God uniquely created you to do. He is currently working to equip you to for those good things. We just need to be willing to cooperate with God in the process.





December 24, 2023

Volume 54, Number 52

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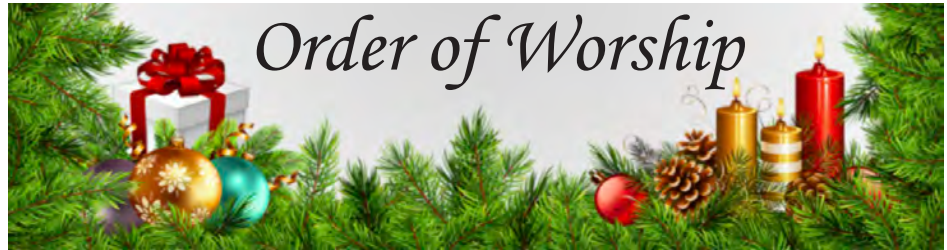
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Office Closed Monday, December 25th



## Order of Worship

Song #997	O Come, All Ye Faithful	Gary Ables
Song #995	It Came Upon the Midnight Clear	
Song #1002	Angels We have Heard on High	
Song #1003	Silent Night! Holy Night	
Welcome		Eric Thornton
Shepherd's Prayer		Matt Haws
Song #332	Lead Me to Calvary (v. 1)	
Communion—the bread		Danny Dobbs
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Song #332	Lead Me to Calvary (v. 3)	
Contribution		
Kid's Time		Bill Allen
Song #1001	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	
Sermon	"Welcoming the Savior"	Bill Allen
Song #1018	Joy to the World	
Song #1005	Beautiful Star of Bethlehem	
Prayer		Steven Freeman

## “Welcoming the Savior”

Some of the same things that happen when most babies are born happened when *Jesus* was welcomed into the world. (Luke 1-2; Matthew 1-2)

A. **The baby is** \_\_\_\_\_.

*Jesus*—Luke 1:31; 2:21

*Immanuel*—Isaiah 7:14; Matt. 1:22-23

B. **The baby is** \_\_\_\_\_.

To *Mary*—Luke 1:26-38

To *Joseph*—Matt. 1:18-25

To *Shepherds*—Luke 2:8-20

To *Simeon and Anna*—Luke 2:25-38

To the *Magi*—Matt. 2:1-12

C. **The baby is** \_\_\_\_\_.

*God is praised.*

*Others are told.*

What will it look like if **we** are welcoming the Savior?

- We \_\_\_\_\_.
- We \_\_\_\_\_.



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12-16-2023

West Erwin church of Christ -

Thank you so much for the Poinsettia plants you gave to us. They both occupy special places in our homes, "Merry Christmas" to all and we both hope to return to services after conquering a medical hurdle or two.

*Joleta Moore*  
*Donnie Stafford*



Table Baby Shower for  
**SAVANNA STEVENS**

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> & Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> Registry: Amazon.com

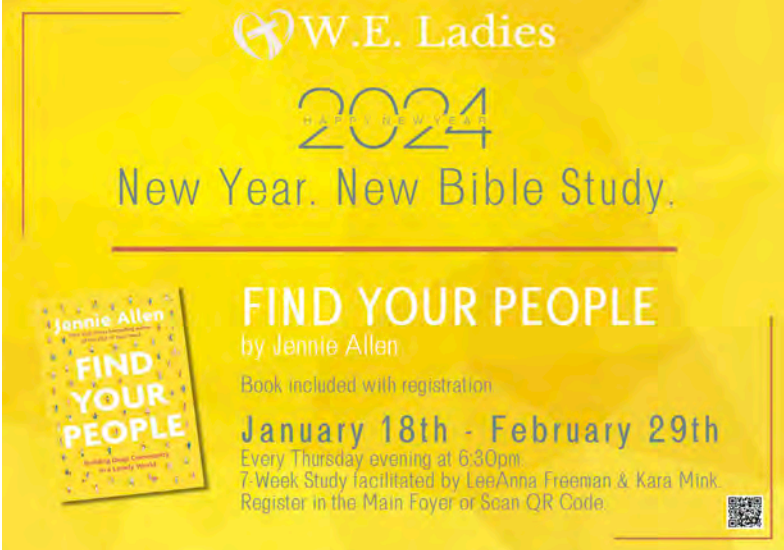
W. E. LADIES

Ladies - there will be a new study available in January. Living Grace is a curriculum to guide you through some simple biblical and neuroscience insights and tools to reduce stress, depression, anxiety, and other challenges. Marla Cannefax will be leading two small groups starting in January. The two options for meeting times are Sunday evenings or Tuesday evenings. Topics will include: managing stressors; rest relaxation, and joy; renewing your mind; safe and healthy relationships; and so much more! The workbooks will be provided for free (thank you West Erwin!). Spots are limited so please reach out to Marla [[marlacannefax@gmail.com](mailto:marlacannefax@gmail.com)] soon if you have any questions.



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placed membership  
**December 17th**



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Updated Wednesday, December 20, 2023

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Nina Colter, Susanne Transier's grandmother, prayers are requested for her as she and the family morn the loss of her husband, Jim Colter.

Suzanne Transier requests prayers that the doctors are able to discover why her body is in massive pain.

Danny Snell's sister, Peggy, passed away December 17th.

John Shaw has been diagnosed with colon cancer. He will have CT scan on 12/21 and a plan for treatment will be determined after that.

Jennifer Goble, sister of Susan Womack, passed away December 14th. Service will be Saturday, December 23rd, at 10:30 AM at St. Philip Episcopal Church in Sulphur Springs.

Stan Clark had another surgery Tuesday night. All went well in cleaning out the infection in his spinal column. Praying this will start his recovery. He will remain in the hospital and rehab for awhile.

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## **CONNECTION CORNER** **ERIC THORNTON**

You don't celebrate Christmas. There is no command in the Bible to remember the time of Christ's birth—not even a hint of it—nor is there any illustration of that happening in New Testament days. As far as we can tell, the Apostles never had a Christmas meal together, or a special worship meeting on that day.

Yet, many churches will focus a significant part of their yearly calendar on emphasizing Christmas. Some will do so both before and after the holiday itself, dedicating weeks to it. And many people will think that Christmas is, of all times of the year, one of the most holy days in the life of believers. A good number who profess faith in Christ attend special Christmas meetings, along with special Easter week worship gatherings as well.

However, a preacher could preach a sermon on the resurrection of Christ this morning on Christmas Eve, and likewise, a message on the birth of Christ on Easter Sunday, and God would not be unhappy in the least. Because in each scenario, Jesus the Christ is remembered and glorified above all else. The truth of scripture has been preached regardless.

The most important question is not whether or not you have to celebrate Christmas, but MAY we do so. And "yes" is the answer. In fact, we do ourselves. We don't get upset with people who do not celebrate it for their own reasons. Nor do we seem to be worried when people get too commercial in their Christmas gift giving. Greed is wrong any time, but if a person is not greedy, then giving and exchanging gifts is not sinful.

If people wish to think about the birth of Christ during the December season, then God bless them for focusing more of their time and energy on the Savior of all mankind. God loves to be worshipped for His great acts, and the birth of Christ is among the few most important things God did for mankind. Worship Him as you will and when you will. In fact, worship Him in your actions and heart all the time. Be GRATEFUL that all over the world, people are seeing images of and talking about JESUS!!

What if you choose to exchange gifts with each other and but do not attend a special worship gathering on December 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. Have you sinned? No. What if you choose to make everything you do about this season focused on the birth of Jesus and not about lights, trees or presents. Are you out of sync with God? Not at all, in fact quite the opposite!

But in all things you do, live as a believer should. Be grateful, kind, more interested in others more than yourself, serving, generous, forgiving, and always mindful of what God through Christ has done for sinful people like you. In this way you please God most. Jesus should be at the center of EVERY day and of EVERY thing that we do!





Sunday  
5 pm  
No  
Activity

### SERVICE SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
5:00 p.m. Various Activities

#### WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. Bible Class

#### Ways to Give

- Put your contribution in the plate after communion or in the box provided in the foyer when we assemble on Sunday mornings.
- **WE APP:** Click the **GIVING** tab.
- **WE WEBSITE:** [www.WestErwin.com/give/](http://www.WestErwin.com/give/)
- Mail or bring your contribution to church office.

#### West Erwin Records

12/24/23 Attendance

Worship 320  
Online 73

#### Communion Servers

Lee Mink	Samuel Mink
Kelly Monahan	Koen Monahan
Ethan Stone	Dannie Skipper
Jim Soop	John Stevens

#### Sound

Chris Reynolds  
Cody Ables  
Jonathan Stone

#### Contributions

11/26/23	\$16,275.50
12/03/23	\$23,298.83
12/10/23	\$29,273.16

#### Our Elders

Ken Culpepper	*Matt Haws
Grant Knight	John Shaw
Wade Weathers	David Wicks

\* Chairman of the Elders

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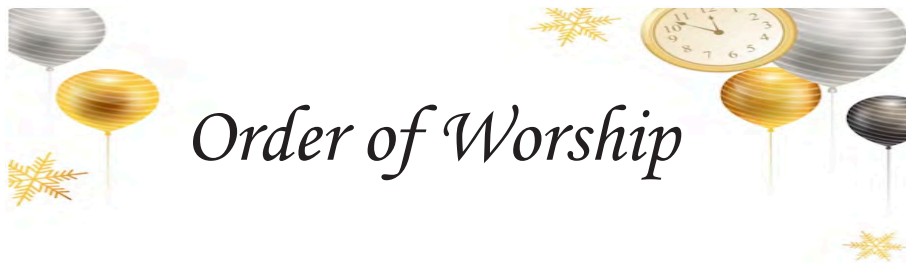
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# Welcome to West Erwin Church of Christ

Members, please fill out an attendance card. Visitors, fill out the other side.  
Pass them to the end of your pew or leave them and they will be picked up later.



## Order of Worship

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|---------------------|--|---------------|
| Song #528           | I Know That My Redeemer Lives (vs. 1 & 4)              | Rusty Lay     |
| Song #524           | I Know Whom I Have Believed (vs. 1 & 4)                |               |
| Song #480           | Blessed Assurance (vs. 1 & 3)                          |               |
| Welcome             |  | Eric Thornton |
| Shepherd's Prayer   |  | Grant Knight  |
| Song #383           | Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (v. 1)                   |               |
| Communion—the bread |  | Eric Moseley  |
| Song #383           | Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (v. 2)                   |               |
| Communion—the cup   |  |               |
| Song #383           | Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (v. 3)                   |               |
| Contribution        |  |               |
| Song #435           | Come Into His Presence (twice during passing of trays) |               |
| Song #567           | Restore My Soul (vs. 1 - 3)                            |               |
| Sermon              | Revive Me!   | Eric Thornton |
| Song #2             | We Praise Thee, O God (vs. 1, 2 & 5)                   |               |
| Song #852           | When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder (v. 1)               |               |
| Prayer              |  | Jay Bynum     |

# Revive Me!

Pentecost is equal opportunity for \_\_\_\_\_ people.  
-Acts 2:16-17

At Pentecost, He is God IN us.

Revival happens from the inside out.

- God can't fill me if I am full of \_\_\_\_\_.
- We need hunger pains for the presence of God.

Revival can be and is \_\_\_\_\_ to each of us.

- Esther 4, Isaiah 57, Acts 13, Acts 19, Rev. 2, Neh. 8

Revival is set off by \_\_\_\_\_.

- To be declared holy and set aside for a special purpose.
- Lev. 20:7-8, Gal. 2:20

Revival is sustained by \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Tim. 4:5, Heb. 4:12, 2 Tim. 3:16, Jer. 1:12

“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!” – Abraham Kuyper



## W. E. Ladies




Ladies - there will be a new study available in January. Living Grace is a curriculum to guide you through some simple biblical and neuroscience insights and tools to reduce stress, depression, anxiety, and other challenges. Marla Cannefax will be leading two small groups starting in January. The two options for meeting times are Sunday evenings or Tuesday evenings. Topics will include: managing stressors; rest, relaxation, and joy; renewing your mind; safe and healthy relationships; and so much more! The workbooks will be provided for free (thank you West Erwin!). Spots are limited so please reach out to Marla [[marlacannefax@gmail.com](mailto:marlacannefax@gmail.com)] soon if you have any questions.

W.E. Ladies  
2024  
New Year. New Bible Study.

**FIND YOUR PEOPLE**  
by Jennie Allen  
Book included with registration.

January 18th - February 29th  
Every Thursday evening at 6:30pm.  
7-Week Study facilitated by LeeAnna Freeman & Kara Mink.  
Register in the Main Foyer or Scan QR Code.





# YAH Christmas Party



JANUARY 20-25, 2024

## 48TH ANNUAL TEXAS STATE LECTURESHIP/ MINISTRY IMPACT CONFERENCE

*REBUILDING, RECLAIMING, AND RESTORING  
THE CHURCH IN A PANDEMIC WORLD:  
STUDIES FROM THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH*

The North Tennesha Church of Christ  
1701 N Tennesha Ave Tyler, TX 75702

### Conference Schedule

**Saturday, January 20, 2024 | 5:00 PM**

**Lectureship Song Fest**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024 | 6:00 PM**

**Sunday Evening Combined Worship Service**

**Monday - Thursday January 22nd - 25th, 2024**

**Texas State Lectureship & Conference**

Monday begins at 7:00 pm | Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm | Each evening 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Ladies Day Program**

### Registration

<https://www.ntcconline.org/48lectures/>



Online registration will be offered for \$90.00 per person (this includes lunch daily, workshops, program booklet, sermon presentations) until December 31, 2023. On site registration will be offered only after December 31, 2023 for \$100.00 per person.

Attention: All West Erwin Men

**UN  
COMFORT  
ABLE**

**MIGHTY**  
Men's Mentoring Conference

**FEBRUARY 3, 2024**

**Southfork Ranch**

Parker, TX

Featuring Mighty Mentors



**MATT VEGA • REED SWINDLE • WILLIE B. WILLIAMS  
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Hosted by: Wylie Church of Christ  
[wyliechurchofchrist.org](http://wyliechurchofchrist.org)

Get comfortable being uncomfortable

Table Baby Shower for  
**Savanna**

**Stevens**

Daughter of John and Terry Shaw

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> & Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>

Registry: [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)







# Prayer and Care...

Updated Wednesday, December 27, 2023

Anna Nunn's nephew, Scott English, passed away.

Katie Latham has an upcoming surgery and requests prayers.

Marla Cannefax requests prayers for her dad, John Thompson. He's having health issues and is falling frequently.

Jeff Ingram's CT didn't look good. Doctors feel he may have pneumonia. He has follow up with pulmonologist.

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## **CONNECTION CORNER** **ERIC THORNTON**

If you happen to be one of those folks who both read my bulletin article each week AND fill out the sermon outline, then today you'll get a head-start on one of the blanks in the outline by reading this article. But there's just not enough time in my sermon to really hit on this particular topic. New beginnings (such as a new calendar year) are always good times to focus on **SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES** (see what I did there... hint, hint).

What are spiritual disciplines? These are practices found in Scripture that help us with our spiritual development and growth in Jesus. Reading and comprehending the Word, prayer, and meditation are some examples. Ideally, Christians, who desire spiritual growth, would engage in disciplines like these on a regular basis. There is, however, one particular spiritual discipline that we often overlook. In fact, it might not even strike us initially as being a discipline. The most interesting part is that this is something that Jesus did often in his ministry.

Scripture records those instances quite clearly: Solitude. Solitude was a major part of Jesus' ministry and life. Here are some examples...

In Matt. 14:13, Jesus, after learning about his cousin's death, separates himself to grieve. In Mark 1:35, Jesus went to a desolate place early in the morning to pray. Again in Mark, 6:30-32, Jesus tells his disciples to separate themselves from the crowd and rest. In Luke 4:1-2 – Jesus, before beginning his ministry, prepares himself in solitude and fasting. In Luke 6:12, Jesus spent all night in solitude and prayer before choosing his apostles. In Luke 22:41 – Jesus withdrew from his apostles to pray before his death... and there's more.

There are so many examples of Jesus practicing solitude before and during his ministry all across the gospel accounts. So many that they can't possibly be insignificant details. Jesus' many examples of solitude teaches us a few things:

even Jesus needed solitude sometimes. We live in a world that is constantly going at 100's of miles per hour. We often find ourselves constantly juggling so many different things. We may think to ourselves, "How can I possibly balance everything?" Jesus carried the weight of the world on his shoulders, yet he still found time to separate himself from the noise and clutter of the world. It shows us that even the Son of God needed time to gather his thoughts, disengage from the work, and take care of himself (and his apostles). If it was important for Him, we need to find a way to practice it as well. Create space for it. It will benefit everyone around us, spouses, our children and other believers.

Jesus' solitude was intentional and purposeful. While it is true that we must rest from time to time, Jesus' solitude was focused and purposeful. Jesus often intentionally separated himself from the crowd— sometimes even his own apostles—to rest, but it was not just for the sake of resting. His solitude was used to prepare himself, to communicate with God, to teach his apostles to do the same, and more. It provided rest, but it was still disciplined. Time apart from the distractions around us benefits us all.