



Sunday
Evening
NO
Activity

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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

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/
- Mail or bring your contribution to church office.

West Erwin Records

5/05/24 Attendance

Worship 315
Class 187
Online NA

Communion Servers

Cameron Williams	Cameron Ables
Cody Ables	David Cannefax
Scott Albritton	David Beard
Danny Dobbs	Jude Everson

Sound

Randy Turner
Colby Chandler

Toddler Nursery

Anna Chandler
Lauren Delivaudais

Contributions

4/21/24	\$16,223.50
4/28/24	\$19,795.50
5/05/24	\$22,108.83

Our Elders

Ken Culpepper	Matt Haws
Grant Knight	*John Shaw
Wade Weathers	David Wicks

* Chairman of the Elders

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Office Hours Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-4:30 pm and
Friday 8:30 am-12:00 pm

OFFICE CLOSED MAY 27TH

Song #412	Jesus, Hold My Hand	Gary Ables
Song #608	He Gave Me a Song	
Song #577	We Bow Down	
Welcome		Tucker Sullivan
Shepherd's Prayer		Ken Culpepper
Song #902	Nothing But the Blood (v. 1)	
Communion—the bread		Eric Thornton
Song #902	Nothing But the Blood (v. 2)	
Communion—the cup		
Song #902	Nothing But the Blood (v. 3)	
Contribution		
Kid's Time		Bill Allen
Song #23	Our God, He is Alive	
Sermon	"The Prayers of Two Mothers"	Bill Allen
Song #915	Trust and Obey	
Song #129	Amazing Grace	
Prayer		John Stevens

“The Prayers of Two Mothers”

Happy Mother’s Day!

The power of prayer is tying in to the power of God.

There are perhaps three ways God answers prayers: _____; _____; _____.

A. God answers the prayers of _____.

1. No/Wait—1 Sam. 1:1-8
2. Yes—1 Sam. 1:9-28
3. Praise—1 Sam. 2:1-11
4. Yes—1 Sam. 2:18-21

B. God answers the prayers of _____.

1. Yes—Ruth 1:1-2
2. No—Ruth 1:3-5
3. Yes—Ruth 1:6-22
4. Yes—Ruth 2
5. Yes—Ruth 3-4

Through it all, the _____ and _____ of God were with them.



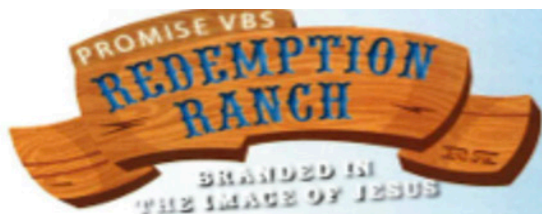
When God opens our eyes, as He did for Elisha's servant in 2 Kings 6:8-18, we gain "spiritual vision". In other words, we see the world as God sees it, instead of letting our fear tell the story. Here's what can happen: Sometimes our fears come true, but God still comes through. Elisha's story is actually the second time the city of Dothan is mentioned in the Bible. The first is in Genesis 37. One day, some brothers were out tending sheep near Dothan, and they saw their teenaged brother coming toward them. Joseph was his daddy's favorite, and they were tired of hearing him boast about being better than all of them. So, when he reached them, they grabbed him and threw him into a pit until they decided whether or not to kill him. Imagine you're a seventeen-year-old kid, and you've been thrown in a pit by your older brothers. You've just now realized how much they hate you, so you're not entirely sure you'll survive this. Wouldn't you pray for God to protect you? I'm sure Joseph did. In the end, the brothers didn't kill Joseph, but they did something instead that, to Joseph, must have seemed even worse. They sold him to slave traders who were passing by.

Elisha prayed and got a miracle. But Joseph prayed, and there was no miracle. Listen... most of the time that will be the case. Miracles are rare. If they weren't, we wouldn't call them miracles! God intervenes in a supernatural way at strategic times that only He knows. Most of the time, instead, He works more quietly, in ways we can't see until we look back on them.

That was certainly true for Joseph. After years in slavery, he was sent to prison for a crime he didn't commit. But then, through a remarkable turn of events, he became the trusted advisor to the King of Egypt, and finally, prime minister. In that capacity, he saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of people from starvation through good management. Then, 20 years after his brothers sold him into slavery, he had the opportunity to not only see them again, but save them from starvation when they came to Egypt looking for food. Think about it: None of that would have happened if God had answered his prayer at the bottom of that pit when he was seventeen. So, if you're wondering why God doesn't always produce miracles, the story of Joseph is a great reminder that He knows what He's doing. Sometimes, that means He does things we wouldn't pre-approve if God consulted with us, but they still turn out to be right.

Tim Keller had a great quote about this: "God answers every prayer we pray the way we would if we knew what He knows." So, when we are afraid, trying to view the world through the eyes of God, that "spiritual vision", tells us, "It's right to pray for a miracle. But even if that doesn't happen, even if my fears come true, I know God knows what this world needs and is STILL in control."

IF IF IF, if we allow Him to, IF we allow him to lead our lives in every aspect, then "***we KNOW that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose***" Romans 8:28. Whatever "all things" turns out to be...



Time to get
"Moo-ving"
at **VBS!**

Volunteers /Ranch Hands wanted for Skit/Drama team, Bible lesson night helper (Elementary or Pre-School), Craft nights, Game nights, Decoration crew, Cleanup crew, and Registration/Check in!!!

**Sign up in the
Children's Check In
Area Today!!!!**



Prayer and Care ...

Updated Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Ronnie Brown, Lauren Delivaudais' dad, has been in pain and found out he had a broken femur. He's unable to have surgery due to it already started to heal. He will have to do inpatient rehab at Christus.

David Ferguson, Dolores Kennedy's cousin, has been diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer.

Curtis Bradshaw is in Christus room 4420 after a light stroke.

Jonathan Ramirez has been transferred to UT Health Rehab (Olympic Plaza).

Debbie Jones, former member, passed away May 2nd. Services are believed to be at Shiloh Road Church of Christ on May 18th. Visitation will be at 1 PM and funeral at 2 PM.

Stan Clark will have another back surgery on June 3rd. This will be a fusion that will hopefully alleviate the back and hip pain he has been experiencing.

Church Family: Bud & Charlotte Cawyer | Charles & Gayle Payne | Holly Parish | Allene & Tom Clark | Rex Power | Wil- la Wicks | Janice Hardaway | Jim Gipson | Betty Boles | Shirley Chandler | Millie (Mink) Quinonez | Suzanne Transier | John & Terry Shaw | Stan & Judy Clark | Juawiece Campbell | Tommy & Kelly Brown | Mary June Goodson | Barbara Henderson | Patsy Bullard | Cathy Hallman | Misti Ford | Jan Cook | Jane Jones | Geri Moore | Phil Marts | Lynda Ter- rell | Marcus Turner | Keith Harris | Nita Kennedy | Nina Crow | Glynn Cobb | Keith Chandler | Tommy & Jenny Price

Friends and Family (with member's name): Michael Sharritt, Karen Roberts (Cawyer) | Wesley Boles (Hamm) | Ar- lene Lockhart (Shaw) | Charles Etheridge (Lee) | Ronnie Brown (Delivaudais) | Billy Williams (Transier) | Nina Colter (Transier) | Jeff & Michelle Ingram (Posey) | Lenora Hart (Cobb) | Jan White (White) | Nina Colter (Transier) | Monty Smith (Shaw) | Michael Willis, Jr. (Willis)

Thank You

*Brothers & Sisters at West Erwin,
Thank you so much for your love and
coziness for Mother & Daddy through the
years. They dearly loved the congregations
there. Thank you also for the beautiful
flowers & cards we have received.*

*In Love,
Keturah & Yellie Warburton*

Please join us for the
Couples Wedding Shower
for
Crystalyn Davidson & Tyler Dibble
Son of Sheri Gruver
Sunday, May 19th @ 2 – 3:30 PM
West Erwin FLC – 420 W. Erwin, Tyler, TX
Registry: [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

YOU ARE INVITED TO
Right of Passage
13th Birthday!



HONORING
-SEBASTIAN CANFIELD-
-AUBREY CHAUNCEY-
-AVA MORRISON-
-REESE PIPPIN-

MAY 20TH | 6 PM
BRUNO'S PIZZA
15770 OLD J'VILLE HWY.

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