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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

5/12/24 Attendance

Worship 308
Class 187
Online NA

Communion Servers

Steven Freeman Myron Granberry
George Hill Riley Hill
Jeff Horton Michael Hurley
Lee Kellenberger Dennis Kingsbury

Sound

Randy Turner
Colby Chandler

Toddler Nursery

Melanie Benson
Stacy Turner

Contributions

4/28/24 \$19,795.50
5/05/24 \$22,108.83
5/12/24 \$20,967.50

Our Elders

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

* Chairman of the Elders

Contact us:

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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 #2	We Praise Thee, O God	Davy Carter
Song	Salvation Belongs to Our God	
Song	We Are the Body of Christ	
Welcome		Eric Thornton
Shepherd's Prayer		Matt Haws
Song #324	Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed? (v. 1-2)	
Communion—the bread		Jay Culpepper
Song #324	Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed? (v. 3)	
Communion—the cup		
Song #324	Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed? (v. 4)	
Contribution		
Ministry Highlight - Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)		Tucker Sullivan
Song #749	The Battle Belongs to the Lord	
Sermon	"A Prayer for Boldness"	Bill Allen
Song #778	Be with Me, Lord (vs. 1, 2 & 3)	
Song #414	Anywhere with Jesus (vs. 1 & 3)	
Prayer		Justin Parrish

“A Prayer for Boldness”

Bold _____ are preceded by bold _____.

The still new church received their first _____. How would they _____? (Acts 1-4)

The church responds by praying for _____ to speak and to serve. (Acts 4:23-30) Their prayer:

- acknowledged God’s _____;
- acknowledged God’s wonderful _____;
- acknowledged the seriousness of the _____;
- asked for God’s help to speak and act with _____.

“The place where they prayed was shaken, which made them the more _____.”
(Acts 4:31)

Trusting, faithful praying results in _____. (Acts 4:32-37)



Feeling fear is not a sin in itself. But don’t we all want to feel fear less often? I know I do. I want to learn to trust my Father enough that sleepless nights and crushing anxiety are experiences that don’t rule my thoughts. Don’t you? So how can we learn to trust Him more? Philippians 4:7 promises us “peace that passes understanding.” But it doesn’t come upon us all at once; it’s something we grow into, as we learn to trust Him more. One way we access that peace is by reading past verse 7, into verse 8, which tells us...

Think about the right things. It’s like the teacher that says think about anything EXCEPT this one thing, and then holds up a picture of a red monkey. Held it up high in front of the class. They were told to keep their eyes open, and think about anything except that red monkey for a minute. After that minute was up, everyone laughed. They knew they had all broken the one rule: They had thought about red monkey.

Why is that so hard? Because it’s almost impossible to tell our minds NOT to think about something. Most of them had never thought about red monkey’s (who does?). But the suggestion of it made it impossible not to think about. That’s why so often, when we lie in our beds worrying, we want to shut those thoughts off, and we can’t. The harder we try, the more we fail. In fact, the only way to succeed in that experiment is to choose to think about something else. Ironically, the person most likely to succeed in the experiment that days was the person who wasn’t even listening to the teacher, but was daydreaming about baseball, fishing, or what they were going to eat for lunch that day. That’s the point: We get rid of fear, not by banishing it from our minds, but by filling our minds with other things. We struggle to force ourselves to stop thinking about something bad. Instead, we choose to set our minds on something good.

Believe it or not, that’s what Paul is saying in v. 8. But notice, he doesn’t simply say, “When you’re afraid, think about something else.” Instead, he says to think about things that are noble, pure, beautiful, praiseworthy. He’s talking about the things of God. Sometimes when we’re worried, we’ll try to distract ourselves. We’ll watch TV. We’ll scroll social media. We’ll put something in our bodies that dulls our mind. Those things all work, but only temporarily. After you’ve binge-watched that entire series, or when you wake up with a feeling awful from what you put in your body, your fears are still there. So instead, distract yourself with thoughts of God’s glory. How do you do that? Sing songs of praise to Him. Open up your Bible and start reading. Pray through our prayer list. Whatever it takes to get your mind on the things of God, do it. What’s going to happen then? Well, that depends. If it’s the Enemy who is filling your mind with fear, he’s eventually going to leave you alone. The last thing he wants is to motivate you to worship, pray or study the Word. You’ll simply fall peacefully, gratefully asleep. On the other hand, if your fears are the result of your own lack of faith, then by fixing your eyes on Jesus, you’re learning to trust Him more. You’re distracting yourself, just like before, but this time, you’re actually accomplishing something useful.

The Benevolent Center is in desperate need for Bath Towels

Douglas Ministry Update:
Special thanks goes out to the ladies listed below who have assisted with Douglas Elementary staff appreciation and recognition this spring. This ministry could not continue without you and your huge hearts for others. Each of you have special talents and are appreciated so very much. (Hang in there, ladies, summer is almost here!)

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| Terri Archer | Mavy Dean | Kris Keele |
| Sharon Beaver | Kim Frick | Terry Shaw |
| Frances Broome | Cathy Hallman | Joyce Stanley |

Many individual members brought snacks for students for their state testing days as well. There are too many to list, but be assured we truly appreciate every one of you. WE has always answered the call when there is a need. Thanks so much for your generosity!

Douglas Ministry Committee



Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and calls. That meant so much to me. I have been in rhythm since February 20th. I feel great! Got another good report today 5.13.24. Thank you so much church family.

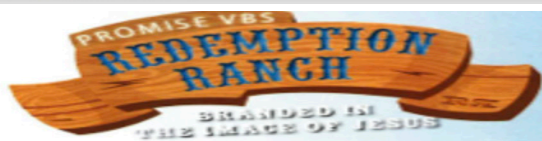
Donnie Carnathan

Upcoming Sunday Nights

- June 2 – Reflections Class
- June 9 – Movie Night/The Blind
- June 16 – Father’s Day
- June 23 – Reflections Class



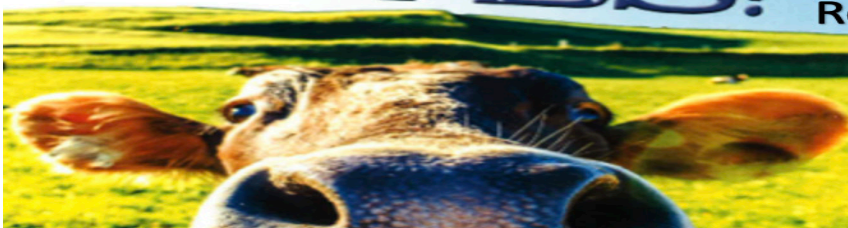
Mom's:
If your t-shirt is too big, PLEASE come and exchange it with Pat at office. I have moms wanting a larger size.



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 15, 2024

Monty Smith, friend of Shaws, passed away May 12th. Visitation is May 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Lloyd James. A memorial service will occur on Friday, May 17th at 2:00 PM at Lloyd James.

Kelly Finley's knee surgery went well. She is in UT Health room 3516 and will likely be there a couple of days.

Curtis Bradshaw has been moved to Christus Rehab.

Church Family: Bud & Charlotte Cawyer | Charles & Gayle Payne | Holly Parish | Allene & Tom Clark | Rex Power | Willa 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 | Lynda Terrell | Marcus Turner | Nita Kennedy | Nina Crow | Glynn Cobb | Keith Chandler | Tommy & Jenny Price | Jonathan Ramirez

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

WECOC Sullivan Salute



Please join us for the
Couples Wedding Shower
for
Crystalyn Davidson & Tyler Dibble
Son of Sheri Cawyer
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 GANFIELD-
-AUBREY CHAUNCEY-
-AVA MORRISON-
-REESE PIPPIN-

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