



Welcome

Song #167 Hosanna! David Keen

Song #3 Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah

Song Mighty To Save

Shepherd's Prayer Wade Weathers

Song #364 Come Share The Lord

Communion & Contribution Kelly Monahan

Kid's Time

Song #180 Jesus Is Lord

Sermon: "The Gift Of God's Church" Bill Allen

Song Surround Us, Lord

Closing Prayer Chad Chauncey

5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Announcements Donnie Carnathan

Song #567 Restore My Soul Michael Hurley

Song #753 Farther Along

Prayer David Bell

Song #464 Because He Lives

Song The Battle Belongs To The Lord

Sermon: "Perfected In Weakness" Bill Allen

Song #679 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Song #83 God Is So Good

Dismiss Robert Lee

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY

Bible Class 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.  
 Morning Worship 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.  
 Evening Worship 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY

Karing Kitchen 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Tuesday Lunch Bunch 8:00 a.m.-12 p.m.  
 Clothing Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Food Distribution 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Bible Study 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Food Distribution 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

**SERVING TODAY**

**Communion**

Don Durham	Rick Fedell
Wyatt Gruver	Kevin Keele
David Hammond	Jeff Horton
James Hughes	Michael Hurley

**Pick Up Attendance Cards**

	Jude Everson
Jett Monahan	Koen Monahan
Tyson Tapley	Maddox Chandler

**Greeters**

Info Center

Randy & Stacy Turner

Main Doors

Wayne & Bitsy Berryman

East Doors

Lee & Camille Mink

**Sound**

A.M.: Clifton Lindsey & Cody Mitcham

P.M.: Clifton Lindsey & Michael Willis

**Children's Care**

Nursery

Julie Ables

Toddlers

Shelia Harris

Abby Lindsey

**Shuttle Driver**

Wynne Weathers

**Safety Team**

A.M. North Door

Debbie Bymun

A.M. Worship

Wynne Weathers

P.M. Worship

Ken Culpepper

Wednesday, December 12

Debbie Bymun

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS**

Help and hope as you navigate the Christmas season

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Christmas?  
 Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?  
 Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

**Join us on Wednesday nights, Dec. 12 & 19  
 7:00-8:00 pm in Room 403**

## **BILL'S BLOG**

Bill Allen, Preaching Minister

Through the rest of December I will share four sermons on the topic, "God's Greatest Gifts." Here's a hint of the first one, some excerpts from a great old hymn...

I love Thy kingdom, Lord,  
The Church our blest Redeemer bought with His own precious blood.  
I love thy Church, O God!  
Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows; her hymns of love and praise.

## **Growing Faithful Families**

**Danny Snell, Family Life Minister**

**Please note that West Erwin's date for hosting the Karing Kitchen has changed from December 10th to December 17th.**

Bible Class - Join us for Bible Class this Sunday @ 9:00.

Bible Study for December

Dec. 9... When Wisdom is Lacking - Proverbs 8:5; 12:15; 29:16; 3:21-23

Dec. 16... Getting it Right - Proverbs 23:24-25; 19:1; 29:23; 5:1-8

Dec. 23... Wisdom at Christmas - Matt. 1:18-2:12

Dec. 30... One Day at a Time - Proverbs 10:4-5; 21:23; 23:4-5; 14:29

Have you lost a loved one?

Join us for Surviving the Holidays on Wed. Dec. 12 & 19 for a special evening to help us get through these tough times. More information in the bulletin.

## **Davy's Diary**

**Davy Carter, Outreach Minister**

Love doesn't sit there like a stone. It has to be made, like bread; remade all the time, made new." - Ursula K. LeGuin

If I am understanding the quote correctly, it appears as though to love takes work. Love does not just happen. Love suffers long, is patient, kind, and is not easily provoked. Love bears, believes, and hopes all things. (I Cor. 13)

Paul writes about the Thessalonians "labor of love". Working for the church is a labor of love. It requires time, energy, sacrifice, compassion, an understanding heart, and many other things.

In a good marriage relationship the couple continually grows deeper in love with one another. This is because love does not seek its own. Love esteems the spouse above self.

Finally, we are to love as Christ loved us. He gave all He had because of his love for us. To love is not easy. Love requires work.

## **Donnie's Desk**

**Donnie Carnathan, Benevolence Minister**

### **A NEW CHAPTER FOR ME!**

Starting in January of 2019, I will be opening a new chapter in my life. For the first time in my life, I will be a part time employee. The elders have graciously allowed me to continue my work as your Benevolent Minister on a part time basis. What does that mean for West Erwin? In the big picture of things, it probably won't look very different. I will still be in charge of the Benevolent Center, but I will only be working Tuesday through Thursday (the busiest days for the Center). I will still be teaching on Sundays. I will still be involved in the day to day activities around the office and I will still be involved in the Benevolent Center Worship. I am very appreciative of the Elders for allowing me to do this. I hope to be able to slow down a bit, but still remain active with a work and a staff that I love very much. At my age, I have found out that I need some extra time to get things done around the house now. I hope to have some Monday naps if I so desire! I want to have some long weekends for a little travel and I want to be able to visit my Houston grandchildren a little more. I want to have a little more PaPaw time with all my grandchildren while they are younger. It has been a privilege and an honor serving the Lord here at West Erwin. I love ya'll very much! I pray that this new chapter in my life will allow us to continue to be together for years to come.

BLAST WORSHIP PROGRAM...

Parents, we encourage you to send your children (ages Preschool-Grade 3) to the Sunday AM BLAST Worship program after communion each Sunday morning. This is an opportunity for your child to further their study of God's word and worship in an age appropriate manner with other children their age. Children in Grades 4 & 5 are encouraged to pick up a Worship Notebook in the foyer before service and follow along with Bill's sermon using the sermon outlines as a tool to focus on learning from God's Word during service.

**WINTER WONDERLAND**

Parents, See the details below about the Winter Wonderland schedule for WE KIDS!

Who: Children Ages (Birth-Grade 5) When: Sunday, Dec. 16

Schedule: 3-5pm: Pictures with Santa and Christmas Craft Project in the FLC!

(Parents of Children Ages Birth-2 are encouraged to stay and help their child with the Christmas Project & pictures)

Pick up your children for the... 5-5:30pm: All Church Devo 5:30pm: Dinner for All Church Members

6-7:30pm: More Holiday Fun Activities with Miss Donni & Teens in the Lighthouse (while the adults enjoy our entertainment)

It's gonna be fun! Hope you will join us! Miss Donni

**STUDENT MINISTRIES**

David Keen, Youth Minister

Dec. 9th ~ Christmas Koinonia at Santa Land - bring \$4 per person and each family bring drinks to share. Pizza will be provided. We will meet at the Chauncy's home first(find in directory), eat, then head over to S.L. together with a big trailer. This is for all Youth Families.

Dec 16th - Winter Wonderland Church-Wide Holiday Party..See details in column above

Dec. 27th - Holiday In The Park ~ if you are wanting to go, RSVP on the band APP by today!

Jan. 18-20th: Winterfest Arlington - register today through band app. Cost is \$75 per person.

If you're new or not connected to our student ministry, please download the band app and search for WESM, and also please email [dkeen@westerwin.org](mailto:dkeen@westerwin.org)

*Sixth through twelfth graders meet Sundays at 9 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at 415 West Erwin St. in the Lighthouse.*

*Please bring an ornament for our church-wide holiday party before the 16th.  
Markers will be available for you to sign your ornament.*

**Benevolence Center  
Potluck Luncheon**  
for our workers & staff  
Tuesday, Dec. 18th 11am  
Bring your favorite  
dish to share.

**West Erwin Ladies Hammer & Stain Night Dec. 18th 6:30pm**

We will distress, stain and stencil creating our own sign boards.  
Place: Bergfeld Center next to First Watch Restaurant. (The Egg and I)  
Space is limited to first 40 ladies.  
Come join the fun! Go online to website and look for West Erwin group.  
Pick your design for your board and reserve/pay.  
Boards range from \$35-\$75.  
Go to web address: [hammerandstaineasttexas.com](http://hammerandstaineasttexas.com)  
\*\*\*Consider sponsoring someone and sign them up!



The Family Table  
Dec. 12th  
Breakfast w/ Pancakes

**WEST ERWIN'S  
ANNUAL  
SPECIAL  
CONTRIBUTION  
WILL BE  
DECEMBER 16TH.**



If you would like to volunteer to help with the annual Christmas parties in the FLC on Dec. 10 & 11 for special needs children from Whitehouse ISD, please contact Cathy Hallman ASAP.

## “The Gift of God’s Church”

Introduction: Today is the first of four sermons in a series, “God’s Greatest \_\_\_\_\_.”

A. The church is one of God’s greatest gifts because of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Isaiah 59; Rom. 1-3; Eph. 2:1-10; Titus 3:3-8; 1 John 1:7  
Heb. 3:12-14; 10:19-39; 11:1-12:3  
Matt. 20:20-28; John 13:1-17; 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4:1-16; Col. 3:1-17

B. The church is one of God’s greatest gifts because of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25-27; 1 John 1:7; 2:1-2  
Rom. 3:21-26; Col. 1:13-20; Eph. 1:3-14

C. The church is one of God’s greatest gifts because of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:8  
Acts 2:36-47; 10:34-48; 1 Cor. 12:12-27  
Col. 1:3-23; Eph. 1:15-23; 1 Peter 2:9-12

Conclusion: Jesus has given you the opportunity to be a part of His body, the \_\_\_\_\_ . And He wants you to \_\_\_\_\_ that opportunity with others.



The Young at Heart Christmas Potluck  
Dinner Party December 13th at 6 P. M.

**New Office Hours for 2019 (Effective January 11th)**  
**The church office hours will be Monday through Thursday**  
**8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.**

### Prayer and Care

Wendell Potter is in UT Health - East Texas. No visitors, please.  
Winnie Bell is in Mother Frances.  
Marla Cannefax will have surgery on December 11th.  
Kalli Huff is home. Betty Holt is home.  
Shirley Chandler is in the hospital. She is improving. No visitors, please.  
Jim Boyd was expected to go home Saturday.

**Church Family:** Stan Mallory | Liz Albritton | Sylvia Tharpe | Fred & Sara Powell | James Hardin | Pat Crow | Joyce Farrar | Elmer Miles | Billie Bob Hickman | Carolyn McCune

**Friends & Family:** Stephen Pettit, nephew of Melanie Murry | Randy Davis, brother of Shirley Denman | Dixie Boothe, sister of Shirley Denman | Bailee Fleming, family member of Suzanne Braly & friend of Donnie & Nerene Ingram | Greg Jones’ sister-in-law, Nancy Jones | Holly Parish, daughter of Ron and Jean | Betty Boles’ son, Paul Boles | Dick Albright, father of Leanne Knight | Kristi Rich, friend of Cayla Ables | Holt Price, 3 year old cousin of Linda Marts

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or our West Erwin APP.

## Thank You

Thank you for the outpouring of love you have shown us during the loss of our precious grand mother, Frances Glass. The cards, thoughts, hugs, and prayers meant so much to us all. With love, Taylor, Moore, Alvey, Diller and Glass Families.

The Lord has blessed us through you for so long by calls, cards, visits, and prayers. We want to say “Thank You” again and again.  
Love Dale & Dot White

### Our Records for December 2, 2018

Bible Class	226
Worship a.m.	434
Worship p.m.	102
Youth p.m.	No Meeting
Pilot Life Group	12
Wed. p.m.	160

#### Contribution

Assembly	\$27,533.00
Online	\$1,812.15
Weekly Budget	\$27,447.00
Building Fund	\$565,675.53

**When you check your attendance on the APP please list the first names of your family under the ‘comments’ section of the form. Thanks!**

The Elders of West Erwin are available to meet with our members at mutually agreeable times for counsel, questions and general information. You may make an appointment with one or more of our elders by seeing them at any of our church meetings or by a phone call at the numbers listed below:

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