

PAYNESVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH EPISTLE

“Therefore, Brethren, hold steadfast the tradition, which you were taught by word and our Epistle.” II Thess. 2:13

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JOE’S JOURNAL

With Mother’s Day in May and Father’s Day in June, this is the season when we often emphasize the importance of our family relationships in the Christian life. The Bible says, “*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother -which is the first commandment with a promise- that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth. Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord*”.

Michael Stone shares “Six Ingredients for a Strong Family” with us:

1. The members of the family like each other and express their appreciation! They give each other very positive feelings of self-worth, and this makes them feel happy and united. The most important force in keeping families together is mutual affirmations.
2. The family does a lot of things together. They keep in close touch with each other as much as they possibly can, in work and play, so they get to know each other well.
3. All the family members are deeply committed to each other. They stand together and devote themselves to helping and supporting each other. After Christ, the family has first claim on their loyalty.
4. The family members communicate very well with each other. They talk together a lot and their talk is open and honest. They listen well too, so they keep in close touch. They have disagreements, but these are faced out in the open until solutions are found.
5. Religion plays a vital part in the lives of the family. They go to church, but they also live their faith at home. They draw strength and security from their shared spiritual values. This makes them loving, kind, and forgiving toward each other.
6. They are able to cope with crises. They suffer hard times, but they try to be positive about their hardships and they stand firmly together until the troubles are overcome. They believe that every cloud has a silver lining. Their strength is in the Lord and in each other.

We’ll look for you and your family when we meet for worship.

PS ~I enjoyed the “Ministry to Ministers and Church Leaders” conference held recently at the Church of Jasper, sponsored by Living Hope Ministry, Phil Lamaster, Director. Bob Russell, retired minister from Southeast Christian Church, and three elders from there shared in very informative and inspirational sessions. Emphasis was on the importance of harmony and leadership among the elders and ministers in the work of the local church.

Joe

Just a footnote: Remember Reno Taylor in your prayers as she is not feeling her best.

WORSHIP FOR LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

WEEKLY SERVICES-Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30 am~~Worship 10:30 am

Junior Church at 10:30 am

Sunday, May 27th~~Memorial Service

Sunday, June 24~~ Movie Night 6-8 pm

Sunday, July 1~~Fellowship Dinner

Month of May “Clothe An Infant”

TAKE A PLEASURE TRIP AND VISIT THE CHURCH WEBSITE: www.paynesvillechristianchurch.com

MOVIN' ON-The materials for the pew cushions have arrived and we thank those readers who have sent donations for this project. Plans for restroom renovation are being made. Workday is set for June 9-grounds improvements, gutters, rail painting, enclose crawl space, ad infinitum. Everyone is WELCOME!
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Sympathy is extended to the families of Melissa Hackney, Susie Tompkins, and Charles Keeton

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Matthew 25:43 ..."**I was a stranger but you did not welcome me in your homes, naked but you did not clothe me...**" The ladies are sponsoring "clothe an infant" for the month of May. An organization titled CRADLE in Scottsburg gives assistance to mothers and infants in need. In the year 2006, there were 1,517 client visits. Clothing up to 18 months is needed and other supplies, plus if you choose you may fill an available baby bottle with change. The May Ladies' meeting was held at CRADLE.

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OCTOBER 7, 2007

Plans are being made for that great day of celebrating the 100th year of the church founding. A historical booklet is being printed plus a photo disc. The photos will be shown on the screen during the celebration. July 1st will be the deadline for material and photos. You have about 6 weeks to contribute: photos, memorabilia, stories, baptism accounts, or other information. Three ministers have recently sent information: John Penn, George Uppling, and Warren Brattain. Send material to Mrs Janice Stanley, 10570 E New London Rd. Lexington, In 47138 or via e-mail janstan1937@yahoo.com

"The fear of the LORD adds length to life." Proverbs 10:27

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MISSIONS-On April 29th, the congregation continued the mission of supporting the spread of the gospel. This was the fifth Sunday which is now designated as the target Lord's Day for a particular mission. The target offering of \$275.00 was given to Living Hope ministries directed by Bro Phil Lamaster. The Easter Love Offering during the month of April was donated to the Lanham Brazil Mission, which totaled \$325.00. Praise God that the disciples in our congregation are so committed to this type of evangelism.

LIGHTS OUT – that was not exactly how it happened as it was still daylight but the projectionist dropped the drapes. The latest movie was well attended and all enjoyed the refreshments of tacos and drinks. Date for next movie will be **June 24th**.
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Gideon Bible Society-

Mr Earl Stewart was the guest speaker for the annual Gideon presentation.

There are two hundred thousand Gideon members throughout the world. The congregation's contribution was \$454.51. This generous gift will purchase many Bibles for free distribution. The motto to be remembered: "**place Bibles in places where people will stumble upon them**".
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CONGRATULATIONS~ Marc Stanley graduated from Indiana University, Bloomington with a BS degree in HPER and Alyssa Hardy is a graduate of Southwestern High School, Hanover, IN.
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As postage increases the cost of the mailing this letter is more expensive. It is estimated that the yearly cost is about \$5.00 per letter, if you wish to contribute send donation to the return address.

FROM THE CORNERSTONE:

Recently, Janice Stanley was contacted about the sinking of the boat, Sultana, on the Mississippi River just north of Memphis, TN in 1865. It was too heavily loaded with Union soldiers and as a result the boilers exploded. Many were burned, killed or died of drowning. These soldiers had been prisoners of war and were being returned home by private boats to the north. Two of the survivors from Saluda were **Romulus Tolbert** and **John C Maddex**. These soldiers were transported by railroad to Indianapolis and home. Mr **John C Maddex** was one of the founding disciples of this congregation. Gwen Bowman was a great-grandson of Maddex. The granddaughter of Tolbert, Mabel Tolbert Eliot, a Saluda graduate, lives in the Lexington neighborhood. Sophronia Nighbert Hooker, a member, was Tolbert's granddaughter. Alan Huffman is a noted Civil War writer from Bolton, MS and plans to write a book about the lives of these two men upon their return. Bob Gray is assisting with this endeavor as he wrote an article in the Roundabout telling of this tragedy. If you wish to use search: type "**Romulus Tolbert**" and you will find Gray's article and a listing of the Civil War soldiers from Saluda.

PCC CONNECTIONS

Please visit the website:

www.paynesvillechristianchurch.com

The number of visitors to the site is continuing to increase. Loren Bair is the creator and now has a blog, which you may wish to visit and participate. He keeps us updated on the latest happenings and you too, if you are so inclined. There are multiple photos, newsletters and a statement of beliefs. We thank Loren for his dedication and spiritual guidance.

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