

Paynesville Christian Church Epistle

JOE'S JOURNAL

These have been days of blessings for us as a congregation. We enjoyed great preaching, uplifting music and wonderful fellowship in our recent Revival meeting. We welcome our new members into our fellowship. Carlos May was baptized into Christ, and his wife, Charlotte placed membership with us on September 12. Shirley Gray has been worshiping with us for several years. On October 12, Shirley came forth, made her confession of faith and placed her membership with the congregation. We welcome with grateful hearts these three additions into the Lord's family here at Paynesville. Let us continue to encourage, lift up and strengthen one another in the faith.

This a great season of the year – with Thanksgiving reminding us of how God has blessed our nation and each one of us individually. Also, the Christmas season reminds us anew of the wonderful story of how the Son of God came to earth (Immanuel – God with us). Jesus lived among us, set the perfect example of how life should be lived, died for our sins on Calvary, and rose from the grave, victorious over death. And He is coming again. We want to be ready for His coming.

“No matter what else you are doing – from cradle days through to the end – You're writing your life's secret story; each day sees another page penned. Each month ends a thirty-page chapter; each year means the end of a part, And never an act is misstated, nor ever a wish from the heart. Each day when you wake the book opens, revealing a page clean and white. What thoughts and what words and what actions will cover its surface by night? God leaves that to you – you're the writer; and never one word shall grow dim. Till someday you write the word “**Finis**” and give your life-book to HIM.” (Author Unknown)

We'll look for you in worship.

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“Therefore, Brethren, hold steadfast the tradition, which you were taught by word and our Epistle.”

II Thessalonians 2:13

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**MAY THE COMING SEASON
BRING A RENEWAL OF YOUR
FATHFULNESS TO SERVICE!**

Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Program
During Morning
Services

Dec. 14 Nativity Pageant during
Morning Services

Dec 21 Christmas Cantata by
Choir 10:30 a. m.

Dec 22 Candlelight Service
7 p. m.

**A BLESSED THANKSGIVING
MERRY CHRISTMAS
THEN HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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**SUNDAY SERVICES  
BIBLE STUDY 9:30 AM  
WORSHIP 10:30 AM  
JUNIOR WORSHIP 10:30 AM**

**Veterans Day, November 11.** We want to thank the veterans of our congregation and others for their service. There was a tribute to the veterans during the church service. Some may remember it as Armistice Day. WWI ended, 11<sup>th</sup> month, 11<sup>th</sup> day, 11<sup>th</sup> hour in 1918.

We pray that God will bless the USA in the coming years.

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Or the return address on this letter.

MOVIN' ON- October 18<sup>th</sup> was a work day on the church campus. Debris from the storm on September 14 was the main focus for the men. The three women who attended: Linda and Alethea Sutherland, and Janice Stanley, cleaned windows, sorted cabinets and made other kitchen improvements. The Building Committee met on October 16<sup>th</sup> and continues discussing future expansion. Dry-Eraser boards for youth room have been ordered. The congregation will finance a cell phone for Bro. Joe.

The number is:

**1-812-725-5730.**

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**Sympathy is expressed to the following families:**

Jim Webster, Charles Tackett, Laverne Noe, Clinton Gibson, Scott Pickle, Patrick Powers, Margaret Bruce Kimberlin, Marjorie Long, Al Patton, Shirley Lanham &&&&

**Go Ye into All the World.....**

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the congregation had a surprise visit by Ana Lanham from Brazil. She came to visit her mother, Shirley, who was in the nursing home. Ana gave a brief review of their work in Brazil during our morning service. Shirley died on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

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This newsletter is late due to my illness. There will not be a Christmas letter. Signed, Janice Stanley

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**LADIES**-The October meeting was held on the 21st. The color theme was orange for fall and the roll call was answered with a fond memory of the ladies' activities in the past. Due a lack of interest the last two years, the Thanksgiving Dinner and program, which had been held for 36 years was discontinued. The organization was founded soon after the dedication of the church in 1907. If anyone is interested, the history of all the good works and faithfulness by the women can be found in the history book.

At the November meeting, it was agreed that the organization will dissolve effective as of the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Linda and Alethea Sutherland have been faithful members and workers. For me, Janice Hardy Stanley, this has been one of the most heart breaking decisions in my life. My great-grandmother, Julia; grandmother, Mary; and Mother, Beryl were devoted workers. As Christ said,

**"It is Finished".**

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**CINEMA**

October 19<sup>th</sup> was family movie night. Hot Dogs and the trimmings were the refreshments.

All the congregation and others are invited to the movie nights.

**Fruits of the Spirit**

For the **Holiday** Season, let us remember Galatians 5:22-23  
"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law"

**FROM THE CORNERSTONE:**

The following is taken from a newsletter printed in November of 1983. "A very memorable day was enjoyed by 19 ladies at the annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 17. Reno Taylor and Linda Bear entertained us with vocal specials. Several of the ladies had readings and Lillian Bair had an especially humorous story called, God Isn't Perfect. There were 7 plates delivered to the elderly in the community. Bro Claude Hardy had passed away on November 26. The ladies will be having their traditional Christmas party and luncheon with Georgia King on December 14. Gifts will be wrapped for the Kentuckiana Nursing Home which will be taken prior to Christmas. There are 60 patients and supplies will be needed to make nice packages for each one."

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
BRO JOE AND VELMA**

The month of October has been designated as clergy appreciation. Pat Dew and others planned activities in honor of Joe and Velma. There were goodies and a social gathering between services one Sunday. Gifts and cards were given to them from members of the congregation.

Bro Joe began his ministry in 1955, thus he has proclaimed the gospel for 53 years. They have served this congregation since January, 2000.

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