

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

Good things happen when God’s people work together for His glory, even in the ordinary things of life. What a blessing to see Tessa Martinez accept Christ as her Savior and be baptized—a direct result of the VBS effort just weeks earlier. And what a blessing to see men “step up to the plate” in service, as Lee Smith was ordained to the eldership on Sunday, July 18. When each person fulfills the place of service of their capacity, Christ is honored, and His work is accomplished. Radio preacher Ed Bousman told of one Christian man in the church who always prayed, “Lord, help me fucitate my capacity.”

I like these lines by Eleanor Scott Sharples:

MY PLACE

“Father, where shall I work today?”
And my love flowed warm and free.
Then he pointed me out a tiny spot,
And said, “Tend that for me.”
I answered quickly, “Oh, not there;
Why no one could ever see,
No matter how well my work was done;
Not that little place for me.”
And the work He spoke, it was not stern;
He answered me tenderly,
“Ah, little one, search that heart of thine;
Art thou working for them or me?
Nazareth was a little place,
And so was Galilee.”

I want to thank all of you for your love, prayers, support and encouragement during Velma’s illness. What a blessing you are to us! Velma is now at Rolling Hills Health Center in New Albany. God answers prayer!

Love, Joe



Happy Birthday:

On July 18, the congregation celebrated Joe’s birthday with him. Cards and a song was the order of the day. His comment was: “I think that I would like to keep having these”. We do too, Joe.

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BIBLE ON LINE: The world’s oldest Bible can be found on the Internet. The Codex Sinaiticus is 1,600 years old and is the earliest surviving Christian Bible. It was written on sheets of parchment in Greek, and was unearthed in a monastery in Sinai in 1844. Scholars in the United Kingdom, Russia, Germany and Egypt are now working together to put the Bible on line. They’ve pieced together half of the book.

Photographed each page and uploaded it to www.codexsinaiticus.com for the world to see. Dr. Scot McKendrick of the British Library says the manuscript “offers a window into the development of early Christianity.”

Every person should take time daily to look at the road map of his ambitions. From: *Besides the Still Waters*.

MISSIONS

CRADLE is a charitable organization located in Scottsburg, which helps young mothers and their infants. Deanna Jackson is the director. She is always amazed by the amount of garments and money which our small congregation donates to the cause. This year the congregation donated 17 new infant garments and 7 afghans made by Moniee Tackett. The total money donated in the baby bottles and the birthday/anniversary money was \$242.00. On June 14, Linda and Alethea Sutherland and Janice Stanley took these gifts to CRADLES’ facility.

BRAZILIAN MISSION representative in USA, Jeff Chandler, presented visual and documented information regarding the work in Brazil by Ana and Magno Lanham. They have purchased property to establish a permanent church in a low income area. Part of the building is complete but in the plans are a kitchen, classrooms, restrooms, and a shelter. It is important to complete this structure. The permanent building and property guarantees continued mission work in this area. The property belongs to the mission and cannot be taken by others wanting to have their own facility. Money is needed now to finish the work. The USA advisors are asking Christians to make an investment in this work which is a project for the Christian life. Jeff asked for regular support and for prayers. The congregation donated \$600.00 on that Sunday. Kenneth and Joyce Lanham are now printing the newsletter for the mission. Contact the church if you wish to be on the mailing list.

VBS SONQUEST nightly programs were very lively and lots of fun. Arleen Smith led the group with action choruses and taught the theme song of Sonquest Rainforest. The VBS mission was designated for the Brazilian Mission. Every evening, Debbie and Loren Bair presented a visual and a talk about South America, the country of Brazil, and the mission. The total offering for this endeavor was \$260.64. Many adults made the week a successful learning experience. Not only were the children blessed but the adults noted that they had become acquainted with other members and enjoyed the joy of the children. One teacher dressed accordingly to the topic of the evening’s lesson: ex .a shepherd, an injured person, rain gear, night wear as a neighbor. As an added event because monkey’s were featured as part of the theme, a sock monkey was hidden each night and a prize was given to the finder. The ladies made refreshments exciting with clever presentations. We thank Joyce Aldridge and Pat Dew for our nightly goodies. As noted in Joe’s Journal, one young lady has given her life to Christ. She was in the class led by Loren Bair and Allen Dew. Loren Bair and Jonita Hardy were co-organizers for VBS week.

GLOBAL WITNESS was the target mission for May. Janet and Mark Layman are the missionaries. They take Bibles and other materials throughout the world. The congregation gave \$90.00 for this evangelist effort.

THESE MISSIONS WERE THE RECIPIENTS OF THE CONGREGATIONS’ SWEET SPIRIT OF GIVING.

MOVIN' ON Many gathered on June 12th to prepare the building for VBS. Rooms were decorated with posters and equipment for children was arranged. The category for physical needs is termed, **WORK OPPORTUNITIES**: front door repair, drape cleaning, stage closet door, /replacement, resealing of back porch and bridge, and plans to improve the church sign. The sanctuary windows will be repaired, repainted, re-caulked, and the rosette frame on the front of the church will be cleaned beginning on August 16.

ORDINATION of Lee Smith as Elder was on July 18 during morning services. Bro Joe read the statements to which the congregation and Lee answered affirmative. The laying on of hands was by Loren Bair, elder; Kenneth Lanham, deacon; and Bro Joe Lee has been attending the church for about 10 years. Arleen Hardy Smith is his wife.

JUBILEE is September 3rd and 4th. The plans for the members will be to have the traditional booth on the grounds. Be sure to sign for the drawing of free Bibles and one for the longest married couple. Yardsticks with the name of the church and the website address will be written on them. Some of the cloth grocery bags will be given again. Please stop at the booth and visit with the members.

MEMORIAL DAY AND THE 4TH OF JULY WERE acknowledged by the service hymns, choruses, pledges to the flags, honoring military servicemen, also, beautiful and inspirational screen graphics by Debbie and Loren Bair.

SERVICE TIMES
MORNING WORSHIP 10:30
CHILDREN'S CHURCH 11

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SYMPATHY is extended to the following families: Military deaths of relatives in the congregation: 1st Lt. Joel Gentz, Stout family, Pridham family, also, the Amos Sampson and Yancey families; Wilma McDonald Moore family; Kenneth Reed family



RESPONSIVE READING will again be reinstated as part of the service. The second Sunday of the month has been chosen for this biblical reading. Those Sundays are September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12. Members will be asked to lead this endeavor.



PICNIC
 Weather permitting – not too hot- the **August 1st** fellowship dinner will be held in the shelter house. The noon meal will follow the morning worship. If it is still sizzling, the meal will be in the fellowship hall. We welcome our readers to come and renew acquaintances. The fried chicken will be provided. Bring a dish to compliment it. Drinks and tableware are available.



A PERSON WAS espousing the idea that children should not be given religious training. Let them express themselves! In response, a Christian showed the liberal thinker his garden. The thinker looked and said this is not a garden. It is just weeds. The Christian replied, "I am letting my garden express itself."



Some church members are like vehicles: they start missing before they conk out. Are you missing or in need of being towed?

FROM THE CORNERSTONE: 1913 Obituary
 During a visit with Bertha Huttshell Benham in regards to Saluda. She shared an article about Rev. Chesterfield Hutsell, a Christian minister. His obit stated that he was a former resident of Clark County. He had drowned near Georgetown, In. His buggy had overturned as he was crossing a ford. Allen Hutsell of New Washington was a son. His other children were Joseph, Mrs. Wm Markwell, Mrs. Robert Kelly, Mrs. Goodman of Floyd County. Allen Hutsell* was a song leader for the Paynesville Church in the 1930's. *noted in the church history book.

SALUDA is the township in which the church is located. Often, a baccalaureate service or a school play was held in the sanctuary. A recent history of the schools beginning in 1870 A.D. has been written with pictures of various common schools, graduate photos, and athletic teams. If you wish the 70 page memory book, which costs \$15.00, please call-889-2726, or they will be on sale at the Jubilee. Any Saluda student is invited to a gathering on September 4th, 11:30 am to 1 pm. on the Jubilee grounds for a reunion.

HEY DAD! Thanks for the memories. The men in the congregation were given pens as an acknowledgement of their parentage on Father's Day.

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