

# Paynesville Christian Church Epistle



“Therefore, Brethren, hold steadfast the tradition, which you were taught, by word and our Epistle.”  
II Thessalonians 2:13  
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## JOE’S JOURNAL

We are beginning preparation for Vacation Bible School this summer. It’s great to see the good response of those willing to help! We may never fully know the influence, on the children, of those who teach. John Gipson shares this with us:

“THE POOR THING! These are words which might be spoken by a mother to a child who has skinned his knee, or by a little girl to her doll who has lost a limb. But sometimes they are used in a different context. Consider this conversation: ‘you mean you teach a class of little kids? Oh, you poor thing, you’re a glutton for punishment!’” Wanda Owen responded to all of those who pity teachers of little children:

‘Poor thing indeed! There are few moments so precious as to see dancing eyes of a little child as he sees the big fish (made of a bleach bottle) literally swallow up Jonah (a puppet), and then to see relief come and his whole body relax and settle down against the chair when he sees that “God took care of Jonah and he will take care of me, too, if I obey him”. Or the excited voice of a little one tugging at mother or daddy to ‘come see the ten lepers whom Jesus made well’. Me a poor thing? When I hear from three rows back the loud whisper, ‘Mommy, that’s my teacher or when I receive the most moving, most enjoyable, most blessing-filled hour of the week? No, I would not trade all that for a comfortable chair in a quiet adult classroom; and who knows that Bible you teach may lead someone to heaven that otherwise might not have seen the way. Sorry, friend, that poor thing is not me’ May God give us more heroes and heroines in the classroom! *Joe*

## LORD’S SUPPER MEDITATION

The time that we set aside to observe The Lord’s supper is also meant to be a time of self examination (I Corinthians 11:28). When we reflect on our progress in the battle against sin what often comes to mind is our struggle with the big sins of the world; the seven deadly sins; Sin with a capital “S”. We campaign for pro-life candidates, sign petitions, and boycott adult bookstores. We are repulsed by the thought of sex offenders, homosexuals, and child abusers. We proudly display the Ten Commandments for all to read. After all, aren’t Christian soldiers called to be on the front line in the fight against sin?

But what about our own personal battle with sin? Scripture makes it plain that we are to be much more concerned over the struggle with sin in our own life than with our attempts to bring the rest of the world to righteousness. Just how serious is this issue of personal sin? Paul talks about struggling with sin to the point of shedding our blood. Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, goes as far as telling us that if our right hand causes us to sin, it would be better to cut it off and cast it away than for our whole body to be thrown into Hell.

Did Jesus intend for us to take this verse literally? I don’t know about you, but I don’t have enough body parts to cover the multitude of my sins. This verse does however highlight the seriousness with which God takes our sin. What a difference we would see in the lives of Christians, and hence the life of the Church, if we would look on our own sin with the same seriousness.

And when you reflect on your battle with sin, don’t compare yourself to the guy next to you. We can always find someone we perceive having more sin than us, and justify our own failings. Still others, who appear to be doing better than us, can cause us to become discouraged. No, we are to keep our eyes fixed upon Jesus as our standard. Only when we realize how far short of the mark we fall, and how much we need Christ’s atoning sacrifice are we truly ready to partake of communion.

*Loren, Elder*

(This was used for communion meditation in February.)

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### Appointment: Bible Study, Each Lord’s Day

The following is the next two reasons NOT to attend Sunday School:

1. If one goes to Sunday School he hasn’t much time to desecrate God’s day by reading a Sunday newspaper, and then he must give up going on Sunday excursions.
2. To go to Sunday School one has to be industrious and show some reverence for God’s command to “KEEP” and not lazily “SLEEP” away the Lord’s Day.

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### BIBLE STUDY -9:30 am

The lessons for the coming weeks will be from the book of James. We must study the word in order to practice its teachings. Do you not read a recipe to bake a cake or read the amount on your bills before writing a check? Information is necessary to complete an action. How can you know what Jesus wants if you do not learn His Words

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### SERVICE TIMES

#### EASTER-

April 2 Good Friday Service  
7 pm, candlelight

April 4 Bible Study 9:30 am  
Worship 10:30 am

Junior Church every Lord’s Day at 10:30 am.

**MOVIN' ON-** We thank Tony Williams, owner of Chelsea General Store for removal of the snow in the parking lot. We thank Lee Smith and Allen Dew for their assistance to members from their cars to the door. Plans are in the making to build shelves in the back room to store Christmas decorations. Plans for a VBS have been initiated, possibly, the week of June, 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **SINGSPARATION-**

“We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.” Our sister church in Christ, Lexington Christian, have a service in which the hymns from the song books are used. The selections are chosen by those present. Lets go and support their effort and enjoy the pleasure of singing and listening to the old familiar songs. The time is 7-8 pm followed by refreshments and fellowship. It is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday evening of each month.

**Sympathy is extended to the families** of: Janie Dixon, Patsy Marsh, Irene Hutchins, Betty Wolf Buckles, Linda Cummins, Lawrence Kemper, Jimmy Tilley, Larry Leas, and Betty Banet

**From the Cornerstone:** “New Washington Courier”, October 1905

A Lodge of Odd Fellows will be organized at Payneville on Saturday night. The degree work will be conferred by the Madison Lodge. The charter bears the names of twenty-five applicants.

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### **SONSHINERS:** March 7

A great song fest and food. The congregation was blessed with Sunshine and no SNOW. 112 persons enjoyed the praise service. As a tribute to veterans, they sang Stand Up for the USA. It was a standing response. Hanover Christian Church dismissed services to attend. Sonshiners will be at Hanover on March 28. We thank all who brought food, prepared the tables, cleaned up and attended.

### **THOUGHTFUL THOUGHTS**

The reason it is so hard for some people to be honest on general principles is because they haven't any general principles.

### **MUSIC SPECIALS:**

We have many persons who share their talent of music with the congregation on a regular basis.

They are all appreciated and reverend. However, one of the specialists who gives us great joy is Emily Sandlin, 5<sup>th</sup> grader. She sang a long medley of hymns on February 28<sup>th</sup>. We thank her so much for the many smiles which are on the faces of the members.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO :**

Kathy and Jerry Youngblood for celebrating 37 years of marriage on Feb. 17.

Carlos and Charlotte May for 54 years of marriage on Feb. 12

**John 2:1,2** “ On the third day was a marriage in Cana and the mother of Jesus was there. And both Jesus and the disciples were called to the Marriage”.

### **ARE YOU REALLY A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST?**

Thinking as John F. Kennedy in his inaugural address:

### **DON'T ASK WHAT YOUR CHURCH CAN DO FOR YOU BUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR CHURCH.**

The congregation was asked to write what they could do for the church in the coming year.

These were the responses:

- .Read more Bible Chapters
- Pray for those on the congregations' prayer list
- Participate in VBS
- To have good attendance for Sunday School and Worship Service
- Show loyal support to church functions for example: upkeep, work days and participation in church services
- Arrive at church early to prepare communion tray
- To expand, refresh, try new things with the music program
- Plant daffodils and tulips at the church sign
- For the congregation to grow not only in numbers, but also grow in maturity as a family
- More men stepping up to the plate serving the Lord and His church
- More unity and patience with each other
- Go out to eat at the Pines or Cracker Barrel

Very interesting: there are TWELVE ideas, same as apostles. Let each of us adopt six of these and concentrate on making it happen.

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