

# **PAYNESVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH EPISTLE**

*"Therefore, Brethren, hold steadfast the tradition, which you were taught by word and our epistle." II T hess.2:13*  
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## **JOE'S JOURNAL**

Thank God for freedom! We should be thankful everyday for the freedom we have –both our freedom as a nation, and also the freedom we have in Jesus Christ. We are indeed blessed-more than others, and more than we deserve. But freedom always has a price.

As a nation, our freedom has been bought and maintained by those who have paid the price-many even unto death-to keep us free. Roy Smith says, "No man has ever been independent; every man has leaned upon the past. Every liberty we enjoy has been bought at the cost of martyrs' blood; every achievement has been made at the cost of incredible toil. We drink every day from wells that we have not dug; we warm by fires we have not kindled; we live by liberties we have not won; we are protected by institutions we have not set-up. Our governments rest upon the foundations cemented in place by the blood of soldiers who tracked their way, barefoot, through icy battlefields or over burning sands. Our courts revered upon the bodies of those who died for freedom."

As Christians, there has been a great price paid to grant us freedom from sin. IT COST GOD SOMETHING. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 It cost God the most precious thing He had-His Only Son. IT COST CHRIST SOMETHING. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 And now, He has set us free. "So if the son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:26 IT WILL COST YOU SOMETHING. The Gospel calls us to obedience and service. Peter's message was a call to the people in that day, and today also. To "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." Acts 2:38 Are you willing to pay the price? Jesus says, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" Mark 8:34 May God continue to bless America!

David and Claudia Abel recently became members of the Paynesville Christian Church-David by transfer of membership, and Claudia by baptism. We welcome them both and appreciate their faithfulness in worship and in service. Welcome to the family at Paynesville Christian Church.

On July 1, John and Cindi Skirvin of Hanover were baptized unto Christ and became members of the congregation. It is with pleasure to welcome them into the service of Christ at Paynesville.

*JOE*

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE YOUR LORD**

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

Junior Church Worship 10:30 am

July 29<sup>th</sup> Mission Sunday- Global Witness, Mark Layman

August 5 Building Fund

August 21 Ladies Meeting, Irene Hutchins, hostess at Henryville

August 31 and September 1-Chelsea Jubilee~BoothVolunteers Needed

September 2 Fellowship Dinner

OCTOBER 7 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

*"The one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:8-9*

**MOVIN' ON~** Blue cushions have been placed on the pews and the cost has been paid in full. Hand cleanser dispenser and soap dispenser have been ordered. On work day, June 9, weed eaters cleared the south ditch and other areas, siding was power washed, railing painted, windows cleaned, and other improvements. In progress are annex blinds, gutter repair, preparation of dressing room for baptizings, new computer, and rest room improvements.

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**LADIES~**The month of May was designated to help clothe infants through the non-profit organization, CRADLE in Scottsburg. The garments donated were numerous and very beautiful. Some sweaters and bonnets were crocheted by Alethea Sutherland. Several persons filled baby bottles with coins totaling \$164.80 and the birthday/anniversary monies was \$30.00. This made the total cash donated to be \$194.80. PTL The congregation was so generous with its donations for this project. The July meeting was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> with picnic food being the lunch. Members wore red/white/blue and gave patriotic readings. Each month, a member gives a report about a biblical lady and Linda Sutherland's choice was Rahab. Next meeting will be August 21 at Irene Hutchins' home in Henryville.



**SING UNTO THE LORD~**Judy Wheeler, the choir director, is once again preparing the group to sing in the near future. Books and tapes have been distributed to the choir members. We will look forward to that coming attraction. New participants in the specials for the services are Paula Smith and Kambren Stanley on the piano.

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*Sympathy is extended to the family of: Butch Carbert, Lee Smith's uncle.*

**JUBILEE~AUGUST 31 & SEPTEMBER 1~ VISIT BOOTH, VIEW PHOTOS, RENEW ACQUAINTANCES, SIGN FOR FREE BIBLES AND LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE.**

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**FROM THE CORNERSTONE:** During the tenure of Bro George Uppling in 1971, the names of the teachers were published in his newsletter, The Paynesville Christian Church Newsletter.

*"You may not know the Sunday School teachers here at Paynesville Christian Church so here is a brief introduction; Bible Class: Teacher, Omer Hardy; assistant, Tom Noble Senior: Teacher, Ruby Lock; assistance, Claude Hardy. Youth: Teacher, Janice Hardy Stanley Jr. Hi: Teacher, Beryl Hardy Junior Class: Teacher, Doris Taylor Primary Class: Lillian Bair*

**OCTOBER 7, 2007**

**A GREAT CELEBRATION**

Plans are being finalized for the services to commemorate the 100 years which the congregation has served in the community. The day to recognize the efforts of all those disciples who thought it important and their mission to begin a church based on the Restoration Movement. It was a time of immense revival in establishing new congregations and securing great evangelists to come and preach about this New Testament church. There will be a fellowship dinner following the morning services and a program in the afternoon at 1:30 pm. Several former ministers and members are making the journey back home. Bro Jim Bowyer, who was minister in the early 1970's, will be the featured speaker. Photos will be displayed on the screen during the day and a printed historical booklet will be distributed. To get a sneak preview of historical photos visit the website, presently.

**PCC CONNECTIONS**

Visit the website: [www.paynesvillechristianchurch.com](http://www.paynesvillechristianchurch.com)

It is being constantly changed, and there is an opportunity for you to have input. The number of persons who are visitors on the site is continuing to increase. Loren Bair is the creator and we thank him for that mission work.

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