## PAYNESVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH EPISTLE

March/April 2007 Volume XXXI Number 2 Therefore, Brethren, hold steadfast the tradition, which you were taught by word and our Epistle. II Thes.2:13

## JOE'S JOURNAL

Thank God for the Resurrection!!!! So much of the gospel message and the life of Christ centers around His resurrection. We are reminded at the Easter season of the power of God over death, and the promise of life eternal through Jesus Christ. Someone has written-"If the Father desires to touch with divine power the cold and pulse less heart of the buried acorn and make it burst forth from its prison walls, will He leave neglected in the earth the soul of man, who was made in the image of his Creator? If He stoops to give the rose bush, whose withered blossoms float upon the breeze, the sweet assurance of springtime, will He withhold the works of hope from the sons of men when the frosts of winter come? If matter, mute and inanimate, though changed by the forces of nature into a multitude of forms, can never die, will the imperial spirit of man suffer annihilation after it has paid a brief visit, like a royal guest, to this tenement of clay?"

Our hearts were saddened by the accidental death of Daniel Alan Clapp in Clarksville, TN. Daniel was the nephew of Loren and Debbie Clapp Bair, and the grandson of John and Barbara Clapp. He and his sister, Angie, often worshipped with us at Paynesville when visiting relatives. May God bless and comfort the family. (Daniel was the 17 year old son of Brian and Tammy Clapp.) \*\*

We rejoiced to see Cathy Youngblood baptized into Christ on Sunday, February 25. God bless you, Cathy.

Allen Dew was installed to the office of Deacon at Paynesville on March 25. We welcome Allen into this "fellowship of service" and pray that God will bless him and use him in a special way.

Because of Calvary, Joe

\*\* It is duly noted the appreciation for the presence of Bro Joe and Velma at the funeral of Daniel Clapp in Clarksville, TN

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Our new pew cushions will be ordered soon. Selection of fabric will be completed shortly, and it will take several weeks after ordering to get the materials. Thanks for those who responded financially. Our recently organized church choir is preparing for Easter Services. Thanks to Judy Wheeler for her work as Choir Director and all who are participating. Many good things are happening in the life of the church. Keep on serving!!!

Joe

## CHRISTIANS PRAISING THE LORD

WEEKLY SERVICES –bible study, 9:30am ~worship 10:30 am March 25<sup>th</sup> Deacon Ordination during morning worship for Allen Dew April 5<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Services, 7 pm

April 7<sup>th</sup> Easter Services

Easter love donation and 30 pieces of silver donation will go to Brazil Missions.

**MOVIN ON:** A work day was held on Feb 28 to complete the following renovations to the new addition: baseboard trim, rehang door, install doorknobs, and general cleaning. Carpet in addition is to be treated with scotch guard. Blinds are needed. The vote was passed to purchase pew cushions. Persons may purchase a pew cushion for \$215.00. New gravel has been spread on the drive way.

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**LADIES:** It is said that laughter is the best medicine. Our ladies should be healthy. The reported responses from the mailing of the Valentines kept all at the Feb. meeting reeling with laughter. Some ladies actually opened the Valentine which was mailed to their husbands. Men rarely receive Valentine cards and so it was decided to acknowledge the men. There were almost two dozen cards sent, but only three persons knew of this plan. We are so BLESSED to have this many men in the congregation Thanks for the joyous memories. A great Valentine party was held with all sorts of Valentines being shared, even carnations and a red cake. All ladies are invited to share in the Christian fun and fellowship on the third Tuesday of each month. The March meeting was held in the fellowship room with Shamrocks as the theme. The April meeting will be with Irene Hutchins in Henryville.



The sanctuary was filled to capacity for the gospel singing group. As always, the listeners were treated with the praising of the Lord in song. The abundance of food was enjoyed by those attending prior to the concert. The fullness of the church's parking lot was a testament to the worthiness of the praises for the Lord.

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It is with great pleasure that the congregation acknowledges the birth of Everett Douglas Perschall on February 21. He is the son of Edith (Stanley) and Clay Perschall and the grandson of Douglas and Janice Hardy Stanley. Congratulations to the family.

\*\*\* We appreciated the note from a former minister, Ron Barnes and news of his new church ministry.

Paynesville Christian Church % J Hardy 7579 S 850 W Lexington, In 47138 Minister, Bro Joe McKay FROM THE CORNERSTONE: Excerpts from New Washington Courier 1922, 1923, 1924.

May 4, 1922 The members of Payneville Christian Church installed an electric light plant in their place of worship.

August 5, 1922 Members of Lexington Christian Church attend the revival at Payneville as Elder Trinkle will be the evangelist.

June 14, 1923 Bro John Allen preached two great sermons at Payneville Sunday. We are proud to have such a good man with us once a month and wish it were oftener.

June 21, 1923 The Sunday School of Payneville Christian Church will hold its annual picnic at Hearn's Grove on July 4. A prominent speaker will be secured and an interesting program arranged.

July 17, 1924 Bro J C Allen preached two excellent sermons at Payneville last Sunday. Dallas Noell and family entertained Rev J C Allen and family at Payneville, Sunday.

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October 7, 2007 is fast approaching for the centennial celebration. Anyone who has a story, pictures, and memories are asked to send them to Mrs Janice Stanley, 10570 E New London Rd, Lexington, In 47138. All information must be received by July 1, 2007.

Sympathy is extended to the families of: Mary Gray, Mary Stevely, Sissy Benham, Garland Bushong, Dwight Chamberlain, Daniel Alan Clapp, Minnie Blevins, Nora Brown, Glen Fair, Ray Keown, Tim Truesdell

The congregation wishes to acknowledge the monetary gifts to the church in memory of Gwen Bowman. Gwen's family sent a thank you note to the congregation for its efforts and quoted: I Thessalonians 4:9, also some very memorable photos of the

Bowman family. Thanks

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**Dates to Remember:** Gideon Speaker, **April 22<sup>nd</sup>**; Target Mission: Living Hope Ministries(Phil Lamaster) on **April 29th**; Movie Night, the Evening of **April 29th** 6 pm

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