

PAYNESVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

EPISTLE

JOE'S JOURNAL

THANK GOD FOR RESURRECTION!!!!

As we were digging out of the recent snowfall, it was good to think that the winter is nearly over, and spring time is coming! Life is a gift from God, birth in nature and in the promise of life eternal.

God's work in nature is His handiwork, and it gives us life, and beauty, and promise, and a grateful heart. It is a time of turning soil, buying seed, and preparing for that gift which the Lord gives to the earth, and to us. The cold deadness of winter is cast aside and we rejoice in the hope of the future.

God's new life is also given to us in the spiritual realm, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which we celebrate in the Easter Season, and also on each Lord's Day in worship. We are reminded anew of the wonderful hope and sure promise that we have life beyond the grave. It has already been demonstrated through Jesus' resurrection!

A little girl whose baby brother had just died asked her mother where the baby had gone. The mother replied, "To be with Jesus". A few days later, talking to a friend, the mother said, "I am so grieved to have lost my baby". The little girl heard her, and said "Mother, is a thing lost when you know where it is?" "No, of course not". "Well, then how can a baby be lost when we know he has gone to be with Jesus?" Her mother never forgot this. It was the truth.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORSHIP EASTER SUNDAY, AND TO THE SPECIAL MUSIC BY THE CHURCH CHOIR. WE WILL LOOK FOR YOU. JOE

Matt.26:67 & 68

"The men who were guarding Jesus made fun of Him and beat Him. They blindfolded Him and asked Him, "Who hit you? Guess?" And they said many other insulting things to HIM."

Mark 4:65

*"Therefore, Brethren, hold steadfast the tradition which you were taught by word and our Epistle. II Thessalonians 2:13
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"Lazarus, come forth!" Christ offers this same saving grace to you, if you will come Forth.

**GOOD FRIDAY CANDLELIGHT SERVICES
MARCH 21, 7 PM.
SPECIAL MUSIC AND READINGS,
SCRIPTURE READ, MEDITATIONS,
LORD'S SUPPER.
EVERYONE WELCOME TO THIS VERY
INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE.**

***RESURRECTION DAY,
MARCH 23
RISE UP AND WORSHIP
THE RISEN SAVIOR
You will never have another
opportunity to enjoy this day
on March 23rd again in your
life time.***

The next time Easter will be March 23rd will be in the year 2228. (220 years from now) The last time was 1913, so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that have already witnessed this occasion. The next time it will be March 22 will be in the 2285. Sorry, it is doubtful that you'll experience this resurrection day except in heaven. The last time it was March 22 was 1818.

**IT IS YOUR, NEVER IN A LIFE TIME
OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF A
PHENOMENON.**

**BIBLE STUDY 9:30 AM
WORSHIP 10:30 AM
JUNIOR CHURCH 10:30 AM**

MOVIN-ON There were “movin’ ons” on the campus of PCC on January 27. Mother Nature decided to make her wind power known. Limbs and trees were rearranged and damage to the roofing. Some members of the congregation had extensive damage from a tornado on that same night. Other changes during the past two months are a computer desk and chair for the office, a welcoming table in the foyer for the register book and other materials. It has taken years to finally appropriately display the materials near the entrance. PTL It is now complete.

SOUP WAS ON!!! March 2, was one of those, “We Met and We Et” evenings. The congregation provided a variety of soups/chili, sandwiches, desserts for the visitors. Followed by another kind of food-spiritual, the Sonshiners Quartet. There were more than 100 persons present for a song fest this side of heaven. To the congregations delight, Bro Joe sang with the quartet and our very own pianist, Jerry Youngblood, played Amazing Grace as the closing song. **THE GREATEST OF DAYS.**

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YESTER YEARS

History books are still available.
Contact Janice Stanley.

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LADIES The new year brought some new members on January 21 for the annual soup luncheon at Janice Stanley’s home. Officers were elected as follows: Janice Stanly, president; Velma McKay, vice-president; Secretary-Treasurer, Linda Sutherland. Reno Taylor had been vice-president for 15 years, we miss her. Plans were made for the coming year. The members will continue to support the crisis center, CRADLE, in Scottsburg. As Mother’s Day is in May, we will be collecting new garments for them up to the age of 5. Red was the theme of the February meeting. Members brought red food, wore red clothing, and sang songs about “the heart”. Members shared stories of Valentines and showed some which they had received. The March meeting-18th- will be the “wearin of the Green” at the church with an 11 am luncheon. All ladies are encouraged to attend and enjoy the fellowship of each other.

BIBLE STUDY-9:30 AM EVERY LORD’S DAY

The recent lessons have been about learning to implement the instructions from the Bible, also, how to use these guide lines to meet our daily tasks and problems. The last lesson was about meditation. Do you **meditate** with the Lord’s teachings in mind or do you **vegetate**? Come for these studies so you can **meditate in His presence!**

SURPRISE

FROM THE CORNERSTONE:

Revisiting Joe Rowlett’s ministry. There are many notes which Bro Rowlett recorded during his ministry at PCC in the history book. On March 2, persons unfamiliar entered the sanctuary. As with most curious humans, class ceased to meet our visitors. John Rowlett introduced his wife, Barbara and friends to Bro Joe McKay. John is the son of Joe Rowlett who was minister in mid-50’s at PCC. Bro Joe McKay had been friends with Joe Rowlett also. Rejoicing and smiles were the order of the day. They live in Ft Wayne and he works for Lutheran Nursing Homes. Another surprise was the fact that his wife is the daughter of Wilma Benham Wykoff, a Saluda graduate. A real homecoming. Thanks, John and family, for giving us great joy.

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ON LINE

The webmaster reports that there were 25 downloads of Bro Joe’s sermons per week for two months. Visit: paynesvillechristianchurch.com and be a part of the count.

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