

Paynesville Christian Church Epistle

~~~~~ JOE'S JOURNAL

One hot day, Herman Trueblood, all clean and cooled off by a nice swim in the ocean, saw a sweating man and his two sons trying on a hot day to push his disabled car up an incline. Two voices started yelling at each other inside him. One said, "There is an opportunity for service; you ought to help them push." The other voice protested, "Now that is none of your business. You will get yourself all hot and dirty. Let them handle their own affair." He finally yielded to his better impulse. He put his shoulder to the task. The car moved and kept moving.

A simple thing then happened which Trueblood never forgot. The father stuck out his dirty hand and Trueblood stuck out his dirty hand. The father said, "I am very glad that you came along. You had just enough strength, added to ours, to make the thing go."

In the Lord's work, we need to add our strength to that of others, to make things go. Two things come to mind:

FIRST, We are preparing for a fall Revival at Paynesville Christian Church –October 2, 3, 4, and 5. Evening services Thursday through Saturday begin at 7 pm and Sunday Service will begin at 10:30 am. Chuck McNeely, President of Louisville Bible College, will speak on Thursday; Terry Peer, Academic Dean at LBC on Friday; Jim Bowyer on Saturday; and Phil LaMaster on Sunday Morning. A fellowship meal will follow the Sunday service. Join us for visitation nights on Wednesday, September 17 and September 24 at 6:30 pm to share the revival news with the community.

SECOND We are making plans for an addition to the facilities which will include a larger fellowship hall, new kitchen, new restrooms, and some re-arranging of present facilities. Several folks met with a builder recently, and later visited the Orleans Christian Church construction project to view some of his work. Pray for our leaders and for the Lord's blessing as we plan and grow for the future. The Lord is blessing us with a great spirit, and I believe He has great things in the future for His kingdom here.

KEEP LOOKING UP!

"Therefore, Brethren, hold steadfast the tradition, which you were taught by word and our Epistle."

II Thessalonians 2:13

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COMMUNION MEDITATION~ on Sunday, August 14th. By Lee Smith, Deacon

As many of you know one of my "hobbies is working with locks." Yesterday, I was called to a car with the keys locked in the trunk, both sets.

When I arrived at the job I was very confident this lock was going to open for me, after all I am a locksmith, right? I tried many times using many different methods. Three and a half hours later I had been humiliated by an 18 year old one inch lock. Humiliated and beaten and with the consent of the owner, I popped it open with a drill and a screwdriver. On the way home, I was really thinking of what went wrong. Then I thought of another locksmith the **GREATEST** of them all, whose job was/is to unlock the doors of our hearts. How humiliating it must be for the **LORD** himself not to be able to open one of those doors. He was not only humiliated, but was beaten and hung on the cross by the owners of those doors.

From time to time we must service broken and rusty locks. Sometimes a squirt of WD-40 will do the trick. Other times, we must read the instructions.

As for the locks on the door of our hearts, we have been given a book of instructions. **THE HOLY BIBLE**. Read them. Let our **LORD** in.

Lee Smith

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WORSHIP SERVICES

BIBLE STUDY 9:30 AM

WORSHIP 10:30 AM

JUNIOR CHURCH 10:30 AM

Members are alternating the leadership of Junior

Church: Teresa Lawson in July; Arleen Smith in

August; Pat Dew in September. We appreciate their

services.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Evangelistic Visitation-September 17 & 24 , 6:30

Pitch-In Supper- September 21, 6:30 pm at the Henryville home of Joe and Velma.

Revival- October 2, 3, 4, at 7 pm. And 10:30 am on Sunday, the 5th, followed by a fellowship dinner.

MOVIN' ON UP- New, quieter and more efficient air conditioners have been installed. Those who have signed to clean the building monthly are much appreciated. Some preliminary plans are being pursued to build a larger fellowship hall on the west side.

LADIES- The theme of the August meeting was the color purple. The ladies enjoyed good food and fellowship. The Biblical lady was Dorcas. Roll Call was answered with a school memory. There will not be a meeting in September. The October meeting will be the 21st, the color will be orange. All ladies are welcomed and encouraged to attend and become more familiar with each other.

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Sympathy is extended to the families of: Freda Graves, Verna Munier, Jeanette Lawson, David Zuber, Martha Taylor McNeely, Cecil Bruce, Becky Gregory, Roy Means, Helen Eppy.

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Website: A couple from Ohio visited the services on August 14th. They were traveling through the area and searched the web, found the church's site and chose our rural community and services. That was a very uplifting event for all of us. Thank you, Loren, for your efforts on this site.

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A pleasurable happening occurred on August 14th. The person scheduled for special music was not present. Arleen Smith cleverly created the special music. She asked her husband, Lee, and Bro Joe to come forward. The three of them sang the verses of a hymn and the congregation chimed in with the chorus. It was a refreshing idea.

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SMILE ! SMILE!

September 7th was grandparents day. Debbie Clapp Bair created a photo collage of many in the congregation and displayed it on the big screen during services. When the collage appeared~~it halted conversation and diverted her husband's Bible Study class from the topic. He, amusingly, had to call his class back to order.

Thanks, Debbie

JUBILEE! JUBLILEE!

The festival and the church hospitality booth were very enjoyable. There were many former acquaintances and visitors to the booth. Several new members helped this year. One lady said she had lots of fun meeting people.

Eddie and Mildred McCreary Davidson have been married for 60 years. They live downtown in old Chelsea. As the longest married couple, they received a large print Bible. The free Bible winner was Jody Ford of Madison.

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A note for those who may know Lee and Sara Noell Nighbert: they have sold their home and moved into an apartment at Mooresville.

FROM THE CORNERSTONE:

The topic of this column is not the normal subject, but it is history in the making. On August 8, 2008, **Martha Taylor McNeely** was called home to be with the Lord. She was baptized in the Ohio River on July 26, 1951 after her confession during a revival at the church. Martha had financially supported youth activities of the church for many years. She came for the centennial last year and enjoyed the reunion. Her memories are included in the history book, if you wish to read more. She noted the persons who had greatly influenced her Christian walk: Claude and Beryl Hardy, Olive Lawson, Doris Taylor and Hildreth Cleffman. Christians need to heed this testimony as young persons are watching and getting a glimpse of your walk with or without Christ's teaching..

Jeanette Lawson's funeral was held at Mt Zion Cemetery on the 23rd of August. Jeanette and her sister, Margueritte made many quilts by hand. They came for the Thanksgiving Dinners and exhibited their beautiful creations. Some members of the Lawson family have lived in the Paynesville/Saluda area for at least 150 years.

Becky Gregory passed away the last of August. She is noted in this column because she was the daughter of Carlos and Charlotte Banta May of Saluda and the niece of Velma Banta McKay.

**** History books are still available for \$5.00 shipping.**

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