

PAYNESVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH EPISTLE

JOE'S JOURNAL;

What a great time of the year to enjoy and appreciate the Lord's blessings! As "nature" (God's Handwork) brings life to all around us once again, every day opens up new wonders of God-given life in nature. This is just a small example of how God brings life where death has reigned. This time of the year is a blessing in our church calendar, with emphasis on the resurrection of Christ (Easter, and every Lord's Day) and Mother's Day and Father's Day reminding us of the blessings of the family. We should rejoice and be glad.

We are looking forward to Josh Hicks beginning his Youth Ministry with us at Paynesville. He is from Georgia, and is a student at Louisville Bible College. He will begin his ministry on June 7. This a good step forward in the work of the Lord here.

The **Toney Brothers** will be returning to Paynesville Christian Church for a Gospel Concert on **Saturday, May 23, 7:00 pm**. Pick up several handbills at church and invite others to join us for an evening of gospel music. After the concert, a time of refreshments and fellowship is planned.

Keep on serving, praying, worshipping, working and inviting! God Bless You.

MOTHER'S DAY:

The second Sunday of May is special for our congregation and for families. It is the day designated to give recognition to mothers. Bro Joe's sermon was about a mother, Hannah, who gave her son, Samuel, to the Lord for His service. The points of the sermon were: **1:** mothers are to pray for their children **2:** mothers are to love their children **3:** mothers are to give their children to God **4:** mothers bless others through their children.

As is the custom of the congregation, each lady was given a beautiful flowering plant. We thank Jonita Hardy for that yearly gesture. We thank Adam Bair for his deliverance of these plants to the ladies for most of his life. We will miss his presence as he graduates from Purdue, marries and joins the active Air Force. We have truly been blessed by this child of Loren and Debbie Clapp Bair and grandson of John and Barbara Clapp.

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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

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

II Thessalonians 2:13

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LETTER FROM THE ELDER:

Following Sunday morning worship service on March 29, the congregation at Paynesville Christian Church ordained David Abel and Kenneth Lanham as Deacons of the Church by oath, by the laying on of hands and by prayer. As part of the ceremony, the congregation also affirmed their promise to honor, encourage, support and aid these men in the fulfillment of their duties. David and Ken have both been faithful workers at the church for some time now, and their ordination brings the number of Deacons currently serving at PCC to four.

In Acts 6, when the early Church needed workers to attend to the physical needs of the people, the Apostles told the Church to "choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom". Accordingly, men at PCC who express their desire to serve, and who meet the qualifications outlined here, and elsewhere in the scriptures, are chosen and appointed to this lifelong position by the Eldership.

The word deacon is derived from the Greek *diakonos*, which means "servant" or "minister." A deacon in the Christian Church serves as a steward to both God and the Church. So, while we often think of a Deacon's responsibility primarily in terms of physical tasks, they are also called upon to preside at the Lord's Table, lead in prayer, and to profess their faith to those around them through their daily walk. Like them, may we all follow the example of Jesus Christ, who washed the feet of His disciples and set the need of others before His own.

Signed,
Loren Bair,

Elder, Paynesville Christian Church

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Thought Provoking Statement:

If a person looks like a sheep but barks like a wolf, fights like a wolf, feeds on sheep (Christians) like a wolf, HE IS A WOLF = A killer of Christians.

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9:30 am Bible Study,

10:30 am Worship & Junior Church

MOVIN' ON:

As spring arrives and there is newness in the air, cleaning is on most persons' agenda. The men gathered on Saturday in April and cleared the church campus of the debris caused by the winter storms. The inside is cleaned weekly by monthly volunteers. We thank those persons for donating their time and talents for these tasks. The window air conditioners are installed.

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Jesus Loves the little Children

Even though the ladies's group is no longer active, the congregation is supporting CRADLE, a non-profit organization in Scottsburg, which helps mothers and infants in need in the surrounding area. The month of May is designated to donate new infant clothing up to the size of 4-T. Baby bottles can be filled with coins to defray other costs. Any reader, who wishes to make a financial contribution, may make the check to CRADLE and send to the newsletter return address.

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Sympathy is extended to the families of: Leslie Cook, Paul Gammons, Jimmie Davis, Marilyn Stanley
"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted"
Matthew 5:4

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MISSIONS: The congregation supports five missions. Each fifth Sunday is designated with a target mission. On May 31, the monies will be given to World Mission Builders. Our contact with this organization is Jim and Rhonda McKay Bowyer. It has been noted in the congregation that Bro Lawrence Layman would state that "one could give financial help if one could not go to the mission field". Bro Jim Bowyer once stated that "we should all prepare our donation prior to Sunday. If not, we will just give what we have. We do not go to the grocery store without a certain amount of money. Giving what is left over is not making a sacrifice." Give up something which you desire, i.e. a soda or other drink at a restaurant.

Make your plan.

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ARE YOU BEING A TESTAMENT FOR CHRIST?

If not, you should reconsider. As I, Janice Stanley, researched the internet for genealogy material, I found all manner of information about myself and my family. Of course, God and Christ know of our sins but now the entire universe knows about our lives.

YOU ARE BEING WATCHED!

"Our moral fiber is becoming unraveled and we seem not to care.

The distance and distinction between the church and the world is becoming blurred." *Living Waters
Devotion

FROM THE CORNERSTONE:

On May 9th, the alumni of Saluda High School met at Clifty Falls Restaurant for its annual banquet. One lady, Pauline Giltner, was celebrating the 70th anniversary of her graduation. Congratulations to Pauline. The high school existed for 50 years, 1910-1960. Many of those graduates were members of Paynesville Christian Church and several Baccalaureates were held in the church building. A member of the congregation and teacher, Cowin Benham, is quoted as saying to his students, "Saluda is the center of the universe, you can go anywhere from here". What a wonderful and positive thought to have given those students. This idea can be applied to our congregational members as well. A question which the members should be asking themselves: Am I going anywhere with my faith?

*The Saluda alumni will be celebrating the 100th year from its founding in 2010. Memorabilia is needed. Please contact Janice Stanley.
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SATURDAY, MAY 23, 7 PM TONEY BROTHERS QUARTET

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