

# PAYNESVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## JOE'S JOURNAL

This Christmas season is a great time of the year. It brings the best in us. Family gatherings, the spirit of giving to others, the general "good will toward men" that is felt by many – these things are a blessing. But if we miss the real purpose of the season, we miss Christmas. The message is summed up in John 3:16 – "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. Jesus is our "Immanuel". (Isa. 7:14) which means "God with us". (Matt. 1:23) Christmas is our time of celebration that we have a Savior who lived among men, died for our sins, rose from the grave, and is coming again. Jesus is the real spirit of Christmas.

I wish to thank you for all your prayers, support, cards, kind words and deeds, and all you have shared with us during Velma's illness. You are a blessing to us, and we love you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

*JOE*

### Christmas

Christmas comes but once every year  
Bringing glad tidings, and lots of good cheer  
Telling to all that our Savior was born  
On a calm, cold December morn.  
In a manger, on a bed of hay.  
Wrapped in swaddling clothes, he lay  
"No room at the inn" was what one had said  
So in a stable Mary made his bed.  
Let us remember that Christmas morn  
When Our Lord, Jesus was really born.

SYMPATHY is extended to the families of: Judy Way and Lloyd Wimp

"IN LOVING MEMORY" donations have been made to the church for Larry Sedam. We thank all who made this a lasting dedication for him. The funds were placed in the building fund.

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

Thessalonians 2:13

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## YOUTH NEWS

Christmas is such an exciting time of year. Christmas trees, family time, desserts, and time off from school and work helps build the anticipation we all have for this time of the year. The most exciting aspect of Christmas for Christians is that Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, came to this earth and was born. This is worth singing about, telling others, and worshiping God in spontaneous adoration. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!**

We are excited about a special activity that we have planned for young and old alike this month. On December 12, we will be meeting at the church building at 5:30 pm. We depart ASAP to go caroling to our dear sister Velma McKay in New Albany. Then we'll come back to the church building to enjoy hearing the young people carol to the adults and eat some pizza. Jesus' Birthday cake, and yummy desserts. Then the youth will have their White elephant exchange. Please come and join us this evening: **IT WILL BE AN EXCITING TIME FOR ALL.**

I am anticipating a great year for 2011. Watch for new programs and activities that you can be a part of as we continue to minister to the youth of our area. Come as you are and then go and seek and save the lost!

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

<>< Rylan, Youth Minister

Youth Christmas Humor, etc: (answers on next page)

- 1 - What did Adam say to his wife on the day before Christmas?
- 2 - What falls at the North Pole and does not break?
- 3 - What kind of spice did the wise men bring to Jesus?
- 4 - The weather at the time of Jesus' birth was A- cold, B- Bible does not say, C- warm
- 5 - Where did the first Christmas celebration take place in the United States?
- 6 - Where is there a Bethlehem near Paynesville Christian Church?

**"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."** Winston Churchill

MOVIN' ON The hanging of the greens was completed on the evening of December 3. Thank all those who came to help. With the original woodwork, the church is especially beautiful in all its Christmas finery. View the website. The annex door jam has been repaired and the replacement stage door has been installed. Rylan has visited with his youth members at their schools for lunch.

The Quietness of Christmas

There's a quietness of Christmas  
And it sparkles with the glow  
Of the birth of baby Jesus  
In a stable long ago.

There's a quietness at Christmas  
And it reaches o'er the lands  
Like an endless gift from heaven  
Touched by angels' holy hands.

There's a quietness at Christmas  
In the hearts of all who care  
We call this silence,  
**CHRISTMASTIME**  
**For God is everywhere.**

By Patricia Emme

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FROM ALL OF US.**

**LORD'S DAY**

**WORSHIP 10:30 am  
Jr CHURCH 11:00 am**

Rylan Allen, youth minister is the director of the youth services.

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**FROM THE CORNERSTONE:** New Washington Courier, December, 1907

“Christmas was first celebrated in the year ninety-eight, but it was forty years later before it was officially adopted as a Christmas festival; nor was it until about the fifth century that the day of the celebration became permanently fixed on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December. Up to that time it had been irregularly observed at various times of the year-in December, in April, and in May, but more frequently in January.”

It is thought that December 25<sup>th</sup> was chosen because the Romans celebrated their fall harvest festival, Saturnalia at that time. This gave the Christians an opportunity to acknowledge the birth without placing undue attention on themselves. Thus, their festivities did not get the attention of the Roman Empire's anti-Christ officials.



**BE IN HIS SERVICE**

- December 12 Morning Social, 9:45 am  
Donuts, coffee, juice
- December 12 5:30 pm Caroling & Youth  
Activities-details on front page.
- December 19 10:30 am. Christmas Program with  
Nativity-Children needed for pageant.
- December 21 7 pm Candlelight Service-specials  
needed

Charity Activities this Season: Christmas Love Donation is going to **Memphis Intercity Outreach**; non-perishable food donations for community deliveries by Dec. 19; Christmas Card Exchange, if you wish.

Answers:

- 1. Its Christmas, Eve. 2. Snow 3. Myrrh 4. (B) 5. Tallahassee, Fl 6. Southeast about 10 miles on Ohio River.
- Many persons have their Christmas Cards post marked from there with a star of Bethlehem cancellation stamp. .

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