

PAYNESVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH EPISTLE

JOE'S JOURNAL

As we begin a New Year, and a new decade, it is a good time for two things – a reflection on the year just past, and a look ahead as we plan for the future. Sometimes we get so busy with life and its demands, that we do not really take stock of where we have been, and of where we are going. We need to examine our priorities in life, make some corrections in our course, and plan to grow and develop into the person we want to become. It is a good time to renew our commitment to God, and seek His help in our walk with Christ. Let's make this the best year yet!

Larry Patterson shares the following with us;

LIFE IS A JOURNEY: I will live it trustingly – “Though I walk through the valley of the shadow... I will fear no evil: for thou art with me.” Ps. 23:4

LIFE IS A TASK: I will live it obediently – “We keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.” 1 John 3:22

LIFE IS A MISSION: I will live it helpfully – “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another.” Eph. 4:32

LIFE IS A CONTEST: I will live it earnestly – “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.” I Cor. 16:13

LIFE IS A BATTLE: I will live it courageously, “Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid; for the Lord thy God is with thee.” Josh. 1:9

We welcome into our fellowship those who have recently accepted Christ and been baptized into Him:

Kim Conway

Eric Schirmer

Carlos, Jr. and Gail May

May God bless you in your new life in Christ and in the fellowship at Paynesville Christian Church.

PRAISE THE LORD!

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

II Thessalonians 2:13

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We, the congregation, wish to thank Bro Joe and Velma for their service throughout this past decade and welcome them into the new decade with us. The following verse expresses God's promise to them for their devoted service.

John 12:26 “If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; where I am there my servants will be also. If anyone serves Me, him my father will honor.”

DON TODD: Don is with Memphis InterCity Organization. He entreated the congregation with a concert on January 10. During his song fest, he enlightened the attendees with his mission work in Memphis, in the prisons-juvenile and adult, Haiti, and India. Three new buildings, which the mission funded, are being used in Haiti, two as schools and one for a medical clinic. There is no electricity or modern facilities. As a sidelight, he had viewed the movie, **Blind Side**. The mission is across the interstate from the ghetto from which Michael Oher, the football player, came. It was possible that he had been to one of their youth activities as many of those youth did attend.

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AS CHRISTIANS YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE GREATEST GROUP ON EARTH-PARTICIPATE

January 31

Living Hope Ministries Mission

March 7

Sonshiners Concert

Soup Supper prior

STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED....

II Timothy 2:15

****Bible Study every Lord's Day 9:30 am.**

Present Study: **THE FAMILY OF GOD**

Beginning in this newsletter and following ones will be **TEN REASONS WHY PEOPLE SHOULD**

NOT ATTEND SUNDAY-SCHOOL

(From New Washington Courier, 1905)

1. Because in going to Sunday School one forms a habit of doing good and that is opposed to bad habits.

2. Because in going to Sunday School one sets a good example for Bible Study and that opposes the study of meanness. (forth coming next 8 reasons)

****Appointment 9:30 am–each Lord's Day**

MOVIN'ON~ The Christmas decorations have been removed. Thanks to all who came on January 8th to help. Members have signed the list to clean the building monthly and to fill the communion trays. As is the normal procedure, special music has been assigned to the participants. Thanks are extended to those who cleaned the walks during the recent snow storms.

MISSIONS- The members were very generous with the donations for the two Angel Tree families. It was a new project but was well received by the members. Thanks to all who gave and to those who helped with the sorting, wrapping, and delivery. The Christmas love offering for Global Witness, Mark Layman's missionary work was \$215.00. That total meant that 43 yellow stars were hung on the tree. PTL

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Sympathy is extended to the families of: Wayne Garret, Tracy Beach, Melvin Green, Kay Truesdell.

THANKS: We thank those who have sent a donation to the church: New York and Michigan. We are grateful for this financial assistance. The newsletter costs approximately \$5.00 per year per addressee. If anyone wishes to receive their letter by e-mail, send notice to: janstan1937@yahoo.com We thank Bushrod Bayless for his correspondence with the church.

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FEBRUARY 1903 The Bible in the Public Schools

The Bible was banished from the public schools of Australia for a quarter of a century. As a result a generation of ruffians and hoodlums grew up. The people saw their mistake and the Bible was hastily reinstated in the schools. In Germany the Bible was excluded from the schools for eighty years. Then its study was made compulsory. Sometime the United States will realize the terrible blunder she is making in excluding the Bible from their public schools, and will make its reading and study compulsory.

God's Biblical Plan:

Longest Chapter in the Bible Psalm 119

Shortest Chapter in the Bible Psalm 118

Middle of the Bible Psalm 118

594 chapters before Psalm 118, 594 chapters after 118.

This totals= 1188 Note: center verse is Psalm 118: 8.

DIVINE PLAN OR NO PLAN, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

FROM THE CORNERSTONE: New Washington Courier, March 10, 1898

It seems that life may change but the basics of living do not change since the beginning of time. Actions of persons are the same for all time and over all the earth. This article is a testament to that idea.

“Teach the boys morals as well as business. There are serious faults in American education. This is true since so many young men of intelligence, well educated, and capable to a business way, never amount to anything in life. Some persons lay all stress on information to be gained from books, some much stress on making money, and only a few the main stress upon morals of religion. All education does not consist, in the knowledge learned from books, though that is important. Nor is it enough that the boy should be taught simply business. But added to knowledge of books and of business especially the business in which the boy is expected to engage should be through training in morals.

YOUTH: THERE IS JUNIOR CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY. Plans are being formulated for VBS the week of June 20. This is a must for the future of the church. Volunteers needed. Sign the list at church. Josh Hicks, the youth leader, since July has resigned. We wish him well in his future ministries. He was from Georgia and attended Louisville Bible College.

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