
◆ THE BRIGHT LIGHT ◆

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Wonderful Things Happening at Perryville Baptist Church

FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER: What exciting times to be a part of Perryville Baptist Church! The Lord has blessed us with more than 15 new members since our Revival. We have seen several baptized and numerous others join by letter or statement. My prayer is that we shall continue to be ready for what God is going to do. We have started a new Sunday School Class for adults, and will add another class in September especially for the ladies. Please keep these two classes on your prayer list.

Carol and I have just completed our sixth year as Pastor and wife of Perryville Baptist Church. I thank God for the blessings He has given us through you. You are truly very special people of God. Thank you for allowing God to use you. As we embark on the seventh year, my prayer is that it will be the greatest year yet with God's help and guidance.

As you know, or may not know, Carol and I both work full time outside the home. Please feel free to call us anytime night or day. If you need us or if you just need us to be here, do not hesitate to call. Even though we both work full time, our schedules and our jobs permit us to be free anytime we are needed. Our cell phone numbers are 903-790-0160 for me, and 903-790-0152 for Carol.

Let us pray and work together to let our BRIGHT LIGHT SHINE.

Lifting Him Higher,
Brother Marion Coon



Perryville Baptist Church located on FM 852 in Perryville, TX near the FM 852 and FM 2088 intersection.

Our church had a wonderful four night Revival and it was well attended. Brother Gary Fields from Piney Grove Baptist Church and Jessica Davis from Welcome Home Baptist Church headed up the music program and it was nothing short of awesome. Brother Marion's messages each night were wonderful and fulfilling.

We need to put our heads together and come up with ideas of how to encourage people to want to come to church. We want everyone so excited they cannot wait for the next service so they can be a part of it. We have the best Pastor in East Texas and probably in the whole state of Texas, so now we must all pitch in and do our part. God Bless each and everyone of you, and please let's continue to pray for each other. *From the Editor*

Welcome New Members!

Take time to welcome our new members:

Karen Julian
Van and Lori Harder
Dale and Linda Sims
Ron and Vicki Craddock
Quincy Goodson
Johnnie and Betty Jo Estes
Cory, Amy, Chris, Micah and Alexis Whitworth

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How to become a Christian

To become a Christian, a person must first realize that he or she is “lost” — totally estranged from God, separated from God by a sinful nature. Get a Bible, the history of God’s relationship with humankind, and read:

Romans 3:23: “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (NIV)

- A person alone cannot reconcile the lost relationship between himself or herself and God. To provide a remedy, God sent his only Son, Jesus, to live the perfect life God demands. Romans 6:23: “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- Although humanity through sin has separated itself from God, the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross bridged that gap. Romans 5:8: “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
- All that God asks is that a man or woman repent of his or her sins turn from them and accept the sacrifice Christ made on the cross for those sins. Romans 10:9: “That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”
- God promises in the Bible that anyone who accepts Christ as Savior shall be saved. Romans 10:13: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
- Baptists believe that a person who accepts Christ as Savior should also follow him in believer’s baptism by immersion and join fellowship of a local church of like minded believers.

Article Provided by: Carol Coon

**Remember those on our prayer list who
need spiritual and physical healing!
PUSH: Pray until something happens!**

Is Your Life a Sweet Fragrance of God’s Love to Those Around You?

Upon your own strength you cannot rely
There’s a fount of strength and grace on high
Go to the fount, your strength renew
And the life of Christ will shine thru you -

God’s word refreshes our minds
God’s spirit renews our strength

Live your life in the manner that you
Would like your kids to live theirs

When we forgive, we free ourselves from
The bitter ties that bind us to the one who hurt us.

From Our Youth!

The Youth Class is preparing to return to school— they need your prayers to stay committed to their Christian Walk. To be good witnesses to their friends, to be strong in their faith and to build a strong relationship with Christ.

- On August 21st Robby Wren is preaching at the Perryville Baptist Church at the evening service. We are looking forward to hearing him. Please pray for him to answer God’s call.
- S.O.S. (Sold out Students) will be September 15th at Winnsboro High School. We are looking forward to attending that.
- Jessica Ledbetter surrendered to be Youth Minister. She spoke to youth group on “Being Left Out”.

The Power of Prayer!

US Forces Worldwide for their safe return home.

Howard & Mary Jo Honaker

Woody & Linda Barnard

Trish & Jessica Ledbetter

Red & Mary James Patty Pilgrim

Kevin Sewell Randy Sewell

Betsy Lindsey Jo Lindsey

Preston Seals Don Brown

Barbara Hartman Bailey Bigham

Norma McIntyre Braydon Smith

Tony Farrer Dot Deuel

Jimmie Teams Tammy Delgado

Shelly Holmes Steve & Sandy Wade

Suzann Kellam Donald Springer

Lilly Hammond Joe Morris

Glen Johnson Andy & Anita Angelo

Freda Anderson B.J. Daniel

Tommy Hollis Jerry & Carolyn Green

Brenda Howell Dorothy Copeland

Just to show you love Jesus!

A Puzzle About Love

C B E A F T O S T N N I P U E R E
 F E T G L H U I O O C S E I N P T
 I A E A I S P L I N E T R X E U T
 P C R Z E W N T F V E A R H V N E
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 G L O R Y L L O J E P I H S R O W

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| 1. Jesus | 14. Love |
| 2. God | 15. Youth |
| 3. Bible | 16. Pastor |
| 4. Matthew | 17. Sunday |
| 5. Mark | 18. Worship |
| 6. Luke | 19. Heaven |
| 7. John | 20. Glory |
| 8. Salvation | 21. Repent |
| 9. Christ | 22. Perryville |
| 10. Risen | 23. Savior |
| 11. Believe | 24. Lost |
| 12. Old Testament | 25. Eternal |
| 13. New Testament | 26. Life |

See answers on page 5

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

JULY		SEPTEMBER	
James McKee	1	Quincy Goodson	2
Ginger Mitchell	1	Clydene Cohen	5
Brent Persinger	3	Marion Coon	6
Robbie Robinson	3	Kira Spence	11
Betty Jo Estes	5	Pat Price	11
Brandon Gozick	7	Jerry Anderson	14
Andy Angelo	8	Dessie Moore	16
Tracy Guinea	8	Florence Summers	19
Becky Clemens	10	Tom Hopper	21
Amanda Hampton	15	Kaitlyn Fine	22
Jack Cessor	16	Keaton Russell	23
Johnnie Estes	18	Gay Colbert	23
Alvin Moss	30	Wyatt Bradberry	24
Chance Fine	31	Don Santa Anna	25
AUGUST		Christie Goodson	29
Ty Sewell	2	Shirley Glasscock	30
		BJ Seals	30
		Mary Jo Honaker	31

“Under Construction” Vacation Bible School!

Perryville Baptist Church was busy, noisy and just plain fun during the week of July 11th. **Vacation Bible School** was underway with “**Construction Zone**” decorations on display in hallways, class rooms, in the pulpit, in the basement. An exciting work is in progress, but not just with bricks or wood or stone. The children were challenged to “**become just like Jesus**”. When everyone gathered in the kitchen area each evening to march into the church with the flags flowing, hard hats on everyone’s head and excitement in the air it was a sight to behold. An average of 70 children were present each evening enjoying the new songs to be sung, a new Bible verse to memorize, the tools to remember; **HUMBLE, OBEDIENT, FAITHFUL, CARING, and FORGIVING**, the Construction Foreman chatting with “Darrel” the Barrel (voice: Jessica Ledbetter), pledge allegiance to the American Flag, the Christian Flag and the Bible. The contest between the boys and girls to see who raised the most money when it came time to give an offering \$602.89 total was received. The money would be going to the HOPE MIGRANT group in Hope, Arkansas. As each age group filed out to their appointed class whether to Crafts, the Bible story with real life characters coming to life, the wonderful animated Music time or Snack Time, the children all had a good time. The many teacher’s helpers scurried about working with the children and making sure each group made it to their next class. The final program was held on Sunday morning, July 17th, to hand out the certificates to the children who attended, the teachers who made it all work and a special thanks to Carol Coon for her energy and effort to pull it together.

Share Your Recipes with others....

If you have recipes you would like to share with others, we will have a place to enter them in the newsletter each quarter. This is just another part of sharing with your fellow man and taking advantage of the good things God has to offer. If you have recipes for the next newsletter pass them on to Carol Coon or Betty Jo Estes and they will ensure they get into the newsletter. Recipes provided at this time will be in the next newsletter.

History of Our Community.. First Segment July 2005

You can't take it with you!! WRONG!! In 1900 at the turn of the 20th century, Lincoln had been assassinated in 1865, slaves were freed, the Civil War had ended. Perryville and its sister community directly east, Wallenville were thriving. Between Perryville and Wallenville they had banks, mercantile stores, saddle shops, saw mills and telephone switchboards with real live operators. Two doctors were also in the community.

Residents of note in the Perryville Community were: Richards, Shirley, Turner, Corbitt, Hollinshead, Mane, Bradley, Henson, Byrns, and others. Some of these probably lived in Wallenville, as the boundary was obscure. It began approximately in front of the house Margie Sansom lives and running due north. Wallenville was on the east and Perryville on the west. The principle residents that were remembered in Wallenville at the time were several families of Wallens.

A Methodist Church and Baptist Church were located in Winnsboro and a Presbyterian Church was in Wallenville. For some reason which escapes Ina Bolar's memory, in 1925 the Wallens decided to move in mass to Newsome, Texas. And, Guess what?? They did it, and took the Presbyterian Church with them!! Sure nuff! And would you believe it, in 1941 Ina Richards along with Otha Bolar traveled to Newsome and were married in that same Presbyterian Church!

Ina Bolar and Jo Lindsay are probably the only two left who will remember most (or some) of the happenings stated above. Some of it may be hazy, real hazy!

As you know the congregation of a church constitutes the church, so you can, and they did, take it with them. While generally speaking we know, you can't take it with you. We do know specifically you can make arrangements to plan ahead so you will know where we will be in Eternity. Simply by accepting Christ as your Savior and confessing to Him as your Savior.

MORE TO COME IN "THE BRIGHT LIGHT"

By Andy Angelo with help from Ina Bolar and Jo Lindsay

Martha's Kitchen a Success!

A tradition at Perryville Baptist Church in the months that have five Saturdays is to go to Longview, prepare the main course, salad, bread and desserts for Martha's Kitchen. This is to feed the homeless people that walk in the door. My first outing with the group that gathered at the church to drive to Longview was April 30th. I had no idea what to expect, but found a group of friends working together to prepare a meal for fellow brothers and sisters, and make it as pleasant as possible. Brother Marion said the prayer after quiet a few people had their food and were seated. We encouraged everyone to have seconds as these were people down on their luck and grateful for the hot meal on a rainy afternoon.

When Cathy Moss, her mother Helen, Billy Ray and Patsy Jacobs, Rex and Betty Hester, Sally Carter, Shirley and Donnie Sewell, Jean and myself got together July 30th I knew more about what was going on. A hot afternoon, but we unlocked the door and got to work. We opened the door to start serving at 11:30 AM and served about 140 meals with about 60 coming back for seconds. Cathy Moss said the prayer for the folks and I believe each one of them were grateful for us being there that Saturday.

Article written by Betty Jo Estes

Happenings and Pleasantries!

Congratulations to Linda Klicka and Jimmy Gilbert who were married in July 2005. Linda has been a member of Perryville Baptist Church and we welcome Jimmy to become part of our Church Family. A reception was planned and given for the newlyweds by their Sunday School Class.

The church van did not want to cooperate while we were trying to fulfill the duty of taking the money from VBS to the HOPE MIGRANT group in Hope, Arkansas. The air-conditioning went out about an hour into the journey. Those on the trip included Brother Marion, Carol, Clydene, Robin Bell, Jessica Ledbetter, Montana Hearn, Justin Hooten, Cory Thompson, Anthony Plunkett, Carl Short, with guests J.R. and Bryan Hughes of Cason First Baptist Church. Everyone stayed calm and collected and we all had a good time with mission accomplished.

Wednesday Night Fellowship, Your comments and input.....

We have been entertaining the idea of a Wednesday Night fellowship time between 5:30 and 6:30 P.M. We would have an evening meal and share our blessings and happenings with each other. The first meal to get things started would be provided by Johnnie and Betty Jo Estes and Dale and Linda Sims. They will buy the food, cook the food and serve the meal. We have discussed the idea of donations or just charging a flat rate and the money will be used to buy food for the following week. Betty Jo with the help of three or four other volunteers would accept the responsibility of preparing the food each week. The charge would be \$3.00 per person and if money accumulates extra, above and beyond the food cost it could go toward the building fund. The \$3.00 will be a set amount, but individuals can give as much as they would like to help keep the program going. If you come to the fellowship hour and do not have money that does not mean you cannot eat. Everyone gets to eat, but we have to fund the program to keep it going so keep that in mind.

We would like your comments. Do you like the idea?

YES NO

Please let us know your thoughts. See Brother Marion or Carol Coon, Betty Jo Estes or Linda Sims.

My times are in thy hand. Psalm 31:15

Of these three things I pray:

- To see Thee more clearly
- To love Thee more dearly
- To follow Thee more nearly

Day by Day

THE BRIGHT LIGHT STAFF:

EDITOR: *Johnnie Estes*

REPORTER: *Betty Jo Estes*

REPORTER: *Carol Coon*

Our Church Schedule, join us!

Sunday

Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
Worship Service	11:00 A.M.
Evening Service	6:00 P.M.

Tuesday

Choir Practice	7:00 P.M.
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Wednesday

Youth Bible Study	6:30 P.M.
Adult Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
Children Play Time	8:00 P.M.

Pastor:	Marion Coon
Music Director:	Bill Cohen
Pianist:	Marian Henson
Youth Director:	Carol Coon

ANSWERS

Something About Love

C B E A F T O S T N N I P U E R E
 F E T G L H U I O O C S E I N P T
 I A E A I S P L I N E T R X E U T
 P C R Z E W N T F V E A R R H V N E
 Q K N J K K A E E M E L Y S A S M
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Perryville Baptist Church Sharing our schedule....

August 2005

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Choir Practice 7:00 PM	3 Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM Children Play Time 8:00 PM	4	5	6
7 Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Evening Service 6:00 PM Ice Cream Social 7:30 PM	8 Baptist Women 12:30 PM Nursing Home 2:00 PM Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM	9 Choir Practice 7:00 PM	10 Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM Children Play Time 8:00 PM	11	12	13
14 Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Fellowship Supper 5:30 PM Business Meeting 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM	15	16 Choir Practice 7:00 PM	17 Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM Children Play Time 8:00 PM	18	19 Game Night 7:00 PM	20
21 Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Evening Service 6:00 PM	22	23 Choir Practice 7:00 PM	24 Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM Children Play Time 8:00 PM	25	26	27
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