News And Information For Perry Hill Road Members And Friends

Perry Hill Road Church Of Christ

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Making a Difference—"The Starfish Story"

For the most part, the memories people share with me about their mothers don't involve riches, monumental accomplishments or gestures. Rather it is more common for them to recall the small acts of kindness and caring that endeared their mothers to them and made the biggest difference in their lives.

The story below has been told many times to illustrate how small acts of kindness can make a difference in this life.

Once upon a time, there was a wise man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work. One day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought of someone who would dance to the day, and so, he walked faster to catch up. As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young man, and that what he was doing was not dancing at all. The young man was reaching down to the shore, picking up small objects, and throwing them into the ocean.

He came closer still and called out "Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?" The young man paused, looked up, and replied "Throwing starfish into the ocean." "I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" asked the somewhat startled wise man. To this, the young man replied, "The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die." *continued on the next page....*

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Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, "But, young man, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You can't possibly make a difference!" At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean. As it met the water, he said, "I made a difference to that one!"

Christians should take note, because every new day brings with it the opportunity to extend kindness or help to someone God has put in our path. Taking advantage of opportunities to make a difference means: having the courage to act on our faith; willingly displaying the love of God that lives in us; and showing love and kindness toward our family and others. These small gestures have a cumulative effect and have always been used by God to make a difference and change lives.

One example that shows courage of faith, and exhibits love and kindness for family, is found in Exodus 2.

So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months. But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank. And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him. Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. And when she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children…" (Exodus 2:2-6)

… And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water." (Exodus 2:10)

We don't know how God will use and/or multiply our acts of love and kindness — we are simply asked to act Christ like, do what we can, and leave the consequences to Him. In that vein believing mothers have been making a difference as starfish throwers for years.

Happy Mothers' Day

In Service to our Lord,

— Rod Ellison

Member Dashboard

LATEST MEMBER NEWS

Stephen Guy update

5/3/2016 - Scheduled for a kidney biopsy this Friday at 6:30 am at Baptist South. This procedure was suggested by Dr. McGlothan, my nephrologist to see if will help determine why my my kidney function took such a dip last year. Please pray for a trouble free procedure and good results. Thank you for all the cards and especially prayers, [Stephen Guy]

Ron Carr restored

Please welcome new member Ron Carr who was restored at the morning service May 1. His address is 5751 Oakwild Drive, Montgomery, AL 36117. Home telephone = 334-612-7167; Cell phone = 334-205-2925; email address = carrdoctor@gmail.com. You can always find his contact info in the PHR online directory. He is added to Care Group 2.

Becky Blake procedure Update 5/3

- Becky's procedure went well Monday and she got a good report. Thank God for his loving care.

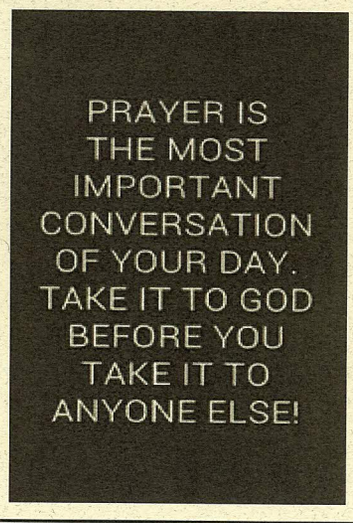
New Radio Program

In our effort to serve the Montgomery community (and the surrounding area) the Perry Hill Road church of Christ is beginning a new radio spot that will air on "The River" (FM 101.5 and 97.5). The name of the program is "'A Moment of Grace' with Marshall McDaniel" which will include a short inspirational message and an invitation to learn more about our congregation. The messages are scheduled to air Monday through Friday at 5:17 pm. Please listen for it, and let others know.

Keep In PRAYER

[When you have updated data, please call John Burch-202-6518]

Carrie Burks.. Broken foot
Jane Estes... is recovering in rehab.
Helen Darnell recovering from surgery
June Smith (Neal & Barbara's sister-in-law) - Terminal cancer
Stephen Guy - Stage 3B Chronic Kidney disease; plus other health problems
David Thatcher.....Marsha Williamson's brother pancreatitis.
Jan Russom - Health issues
Alicia Leverett—Chemo treatments for breast cancer.
Mildred Allmon– Linda Lashlee's mother .



Coordinators: Bill Knighten / John Demas
Ushers: Danney Watson / Darrell Puckett
Sound System: Chris Lloyd

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements: Rodger Cobia
Scripture: Gary Smith
Lead Singing: Charles Painter
1st Prayer: Bud Porter

Communion

Gary McDaniel — Neal Smith
Nathan Smith — Julius Tate
Daniel Jones — John Burch

Sermon

Marshall McDaniel

Closing Prayer: Kenny Roberts

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements: Rodger Cobia
Ushers: Danney Watson / Darrell Puckett
Scripture: Doug Williamson
Lead Singing: Michael Green
1st Prayer: Gary Hart
Sermon: Marshall McDaniel
Lord's Supper: Jim Keith
Closing Prayer: Blake Boren
Sound System: Jerry Hensley

LORD'S Supper Preparation

05/08 Emily McDaniel 05/15 Samantha McDonald

Wednesday Bible Study

Coordinators: Bill Knighten / John Demas
Ushers: Gary Smith/Blake Boren
Announcements: Rodger Cobia
Lead Singing: Michael Green
Opening Prayer: Charles Painter
Invitation: James Powell
Closing Prayer: Doug Williamson
Sound System: Darrell Puckett
Count Contribution:
Kerry Lashlee / Keith Hollis / Chris LLoyd

To our visitors:

- The people who assemble at Perry Hill Road are simply a group of Christians who belong to Christ and are devoted to serving God.
- Our aim is to glorify God by following the Bible, His inspired word, which is our only guide in worship and service.
- Our commitment is to preach Christ, who is man's only hope for eternal life, and live in such a way so that others may see Christ in us.
- We encourage an open study and discussion of the Scriptures in all our Bible classes and extend to all a sincere welcome.
- Personal studies are available upon request.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes	9 AM
Worship	10 AM
Evening	5 PM

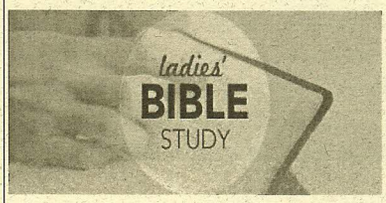
Wednesday

Bible Classes	7 PM

Records You Helped Make
For the Week of
May 1, 2015
Attendance

Sunday Bible Class..... 94
Sunday Moring Worship 140
Sunday Evening Worship..... 83
Wednesday Bible Study 85
Contribution ..$ 5,276

Care Group 2 Serves this month ... meeting tonight in the Library / Resource room



Tuesday morning at the home of Ollie Robinson. 10;30am

Don't forget singing class at 4pm today !