

Testimony Time- You Have Had a Hand in ALL This! Praise the Lord. It's Not Possible without YOU!

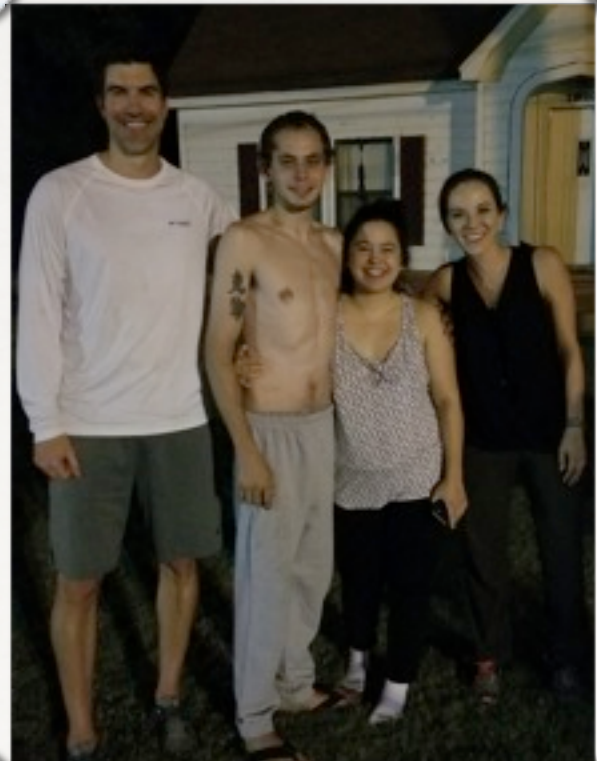


from Donna Gass, wife of Dr. G. David Gass Board of Directors

David Meece, Cole, Ashley, Ashley Hollis

Dear PPM —

I want to thank you all for your constant prayer for my healing over these past few months! The Lord has been good to me!! Not only does He continue to grant me healing but I have felt His Presence so very near. His mercy and love never cease to amaze me and your love and prayers have been an off shoot of that I know! So thank you from my heart.
Blessings Donna Gass



David Meece was having trouble at one of his practices, so being the hands-on kind of CEO, he decided to travel to Marshall to see if he could handle the situation. Finding it to be more extreme than originally thought, he knew a higher

intervention would be in order. It just so happened that he and his friend, Ashley Hollis, had called daddy (Dale Perkins) for lunch in Longview. What



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You are Called

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ".

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose"

You are Chosen

"for you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. A peculiar people, that you should show forth the favor of Him, who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light".

"just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him In love"

You are Loved

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that who soever believeth on Him, shall not perish but have eternal life".

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flames scorch you"

College Sunday at the Perkins. Clay and Stacey host the college group for lunch for a time of fellowship and a home cooked meal



These are the Stakes...



Dale Perkins, Marshall Police, Ashley Hollis, David Meece



should have been a 30-minute lunch turned into an afternoon and night of God showing up and showing out. From the people they came in contact with, to the scriptures they read, The Lord had some wonderful plans in store. After a Monday night service at Woodland Hills Baptist Church, plans were made to have a prayer walk around his business in Marshall and drive stakes with scriptures engraved on them on each corner of the lot. Well, walking around a business at 11:30 pm on the south side of Marshall raises some suspicion. Two patrol officers arrived and asked if we needed assistance, our answer; YES. We prayed over and blessed the officers and explained our plan. One of the officers had a much-needed hammer and a flashlight, and even drove the first stake in the ground. After all 4 corners were covered and the building and the business was prayed over, we noticed a couple sitting on their front stoop. They just so happened to be the people who called the police. It obviously caught them by surprise that we were grateful they called authorities.

Explaining what we were doing just two doors down from their home, that we believe the Lord has a plan for everybody and in everything, both Cole and Ashley admitted their need for a savior and a desire to follow Christ. Sharing with them the only way to be saved is through Jesus and not just by works, by doing what the scripture says and "believing in your heart and confessing with your mouth, you shall be saved". At midnight on their front porch, by the light of an old streetlamp and a dim 40 watt bug light, both Cole and Ashley prayed to receive Christ. Pray for this young couple to grow in love for the Lord. David Meece's daughter returned from a mission trip with a Bible that was to be handed to someone the Lord lead them too, but never felt impressed to give it away. After hearing about this couple, she knew this was to whom it was supposed to go. Aint God Good?! Thank you for listening to the voice of the Lord, David. Because you did, there are two more in the kingdom. Glad I could be a part. Clay Perkins

Tuesday's at

Hallelujah Healing for Harriet

We have been having the Tuesday evening prayer meetings at the PPM office, and I've had the privilege of attending most of them. What a great time we have singing, reading the Word, sharing and praying...good old-fashioned praying! Since we have been given the freedom to approach the throne of God with our problems and praises, that is exactly what we do.

I have lost track of the number of critical issues we have seen resolved and the times we have witnessed healing that can only be called miraculous! We believe "He is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." We have all experienced the verse that says, "*I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and He heard me.*"

Right before one of those meetings, I received a disturbing phone call about my cousin, Harriet. Now it was going to be REAL personal! It was late June, and she was diagnosed with an unusual type of cancer. Within 72 hours she was at MD Anderson having lots of tests and already scheduled for surgery to see what exactly was going on in her abdomen. Surgery showed many, many tumors, and we started saying many, many prayers! So, she and her husband moved into an apartment and decided to try chemo and other experimental treatments for ten weeks. We kept



on praying, and I was sending her texts and scriptures each day during treatment. Side effects were tough to say the least, but she persevered. There was no negativity through the whole ordeal, but laughing about the things she could find a little humor in. What a testimony of how a suffering Christian should act and look! She relied on the Lord for strength, and we asked Him to hold her up with His "everlasting arms."

At the conclusion of treatment, she was given two weeks to rest, go home, and see her family. She returned to MD Anderson facing CT scans, tests and then extensive surgery. Her doctor said the scans looked amazing and he would see her in surgery the next day. What that doctor said the next day brought ALL of us to our knees. **He saw NO evidence of cancer anywhere.** Another miracle! Facilities, doctors and treatments ALONE don't, and never will produce results like that! ONLY a Merciful Heavenly Father (who hears and answers prayers) yields these results. Harriet was Heavenly healed with two of the most important instruments we will ever use-praise and prayer! Now, do I think that I can pray for something and God will always grant me exactly what I asked for?

FROM THE EDITOR

This old tune came to mind when putting this paper together. **God answers prayer in the morning, God answers prayer at noon, God answers prayer in the evening so keep your hearts in tune.**

Each of us has a petition or praise we wish to pour out at the feet of Jesus. All are welcome to join us on Tuesday evenings because, There's **Power** in the name of Jesus, There's **Healing** in the name of Jesus, There's **Hope** in the name of Jesus.

No, but when I praise and pray according to His will, He will hear and answer. He will provide what I NEED every single time. He will do it for you, too!

Barbie Baker- PPM Advisory Board Member



Harriet Beasley and Barbie Baker

Lives Changed • • •

Saved out of a life of addiction, violence and crime, this young man came to know Christ on the streets in Longview. His mother never gave up on him, and was there waiting when he emerged from the cold Saturday morning baptismal waters. We serve a God that told Jeremiah, "I chose you before I formed you in the womb; I set you apart before you were born. I appointed you a prophet to the nations." The God of yesterday, is the help for today and our hope for tomorrow.

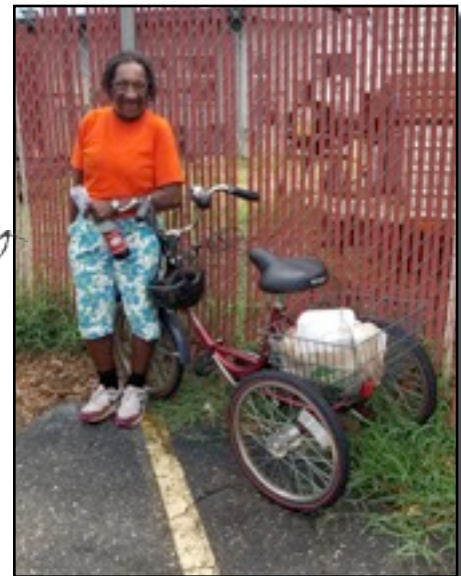
SHADE TREE FELLOWSHIP



"Do not be afraid of anyone, for I will be with you to rescue you. I have now filled your mouth with my words. See, I have appointed you today over nations and kingdoms..." Jer. 1:9,10

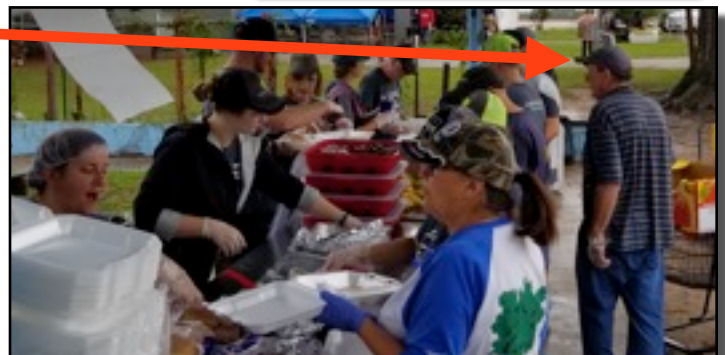


Precious Ruby got her a new ride and takes over the roads racing folks to Jesus Burger. Ruby has been with us since the first, welcoming us with hugs and encouragement.



Michael Lyons used to walk the streets of Longview with pockets full of dope and loaded firearms. Now Mike is sharing the love of Jesus with people on the street that used to know him for pushing dope and now are getting to know him for praising Jesus.

Terry Jackson, Longview City Attorney, heads up the crew to feed at Jesus Burger on a cold and rainy Saturday morning. He never waivers or complains, just serves and serves and serves. He really is the feet of the one who sends. Even the one who serves is blessed.



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Longview News Journal's Story on Perkins ETBU Event-

by JoLee Ferguson



A conversation with men in the Perkins family turns on the occasional outburst of song. Seven of them, and a teenager, from three generations were sitting around a table together, talking about their family's generational calling in music ministry when it happened — a song, Chris Tomlin's "Jesus Messiah" to be exact. One moment, they were talking and ribbing each other in gentle good humor, and then, they were singing. It was unplanned, but they all joined in, someone singing bass, others harmonizing, a couple of them drumming a soft rhythm on the table, voices entering and exiting the song, naturally, without hesitation.

Does this happen often? Caden Perkins, the teenager, who attends Hallsville schools, said yes. As he describes it, family gatherings are affairs that never run on schedule, because songs happen.

That's how it is in the Perkins family, led by patriarch Dale Perkins, the man who started what some might say is an East Texas music ministry dynasty, except that he probably wouldn't like that description.

"I'd rather be in the most obscure, obsolete place on the face of God's Earth and know that he had put me there than to stand on the pinnacle of what men call great and know that my ambition brought me here," Perkins said.

He served more than 40 years as music minister for Mobberly Baptist Church in Longview before retiring about 11 years ago. He now leads Perkins Partnership Ministries, which includes a ministry at Angola Prison in Louisiana and his family's worship group — Classic Praise East Texas. A number of his children and grandchildren are church music ministers around East Texas — in Longview, Atlanta, Hughes Springs, Lufkin and Carthage. They and other family members frequently perform together as Classic Praise East Texas, but later this month, they've been asked to do

something they've never done before: a reunion concert with the East Texas Baptist University Concert Choir as part of the college's homecoming festivities.

The free concert is set at 7 p.m. Oct. 26 in the Ornelas Spiritual Life Center. Members of the churches where the men lead music also will join the group, said Scott Bryant, vice president for university advancement at ETBU. "The Perkins family has had a great impact in leading worship throughout East Texas, and many of the family members are alumni of the institution," he said. "It's a great opportunity to allow them to lead us in a night of worship during our homecoming celebration."

More than 15 members of the Perkins family either graduated from ETBU or are students there, but not the father of the family's music mission.

"We grew up in a small country church," Perkins said. "It was so small the preacher didn't want to call the women 'beloved' because they would take it personally. I started leading music when I was probably 8 or 9 years old in church. I didn't know a thing about it. I just did it, and everybody said I was going to be a preacher. That wasn't my goal. I wanted to play athletics or be a cowboy."

That's how the story frequently goes in the family.

"I think every one of us tried to do something else," said Dale Perkins II, music minister at First Baptist Church in Atlanta, of the men who became music ministers. They all discovered, though, that "joy didn't come" through those other things. Music ministry is where they found their satisfaction.

The older Dale Perkins said he comes from a poor family, with nine children. "There was no such thing as music lessons or anything like that for me," he said, but he sees God's hand in his life. God gave him athletic ability, he said,

ETBU Cont... which made it possible for him

to attend what is now Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi. He later earned a master's degree as well.

Perkins and his wife, Shirley, married when he was 19 and she was 17. They have five children, 17 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. "As we moved, everywhere we went, we never advertised what I did... and everywhere we went, a church looked us up. I don't know how they knew," Perkins said. "It had to be God's hand." He never filled out a job application or sent a resume to a church, he said. In fact, he said he's never written a resume.

There was a time even he tried doing something else — selling cars with his brother in Louisiana. He remembers that time and how well his family did financially. One day, though, he was in a pawn shop, shopping for a gun for a planned hunting trip, and thought he heard his brother's voice, quoting Luke 12:14: "Life comes not of the abundance of things a man possesses."

When he heard it a second time, that was it. Perkins quit his job, returned to school, and, ultimately spent the rest of his life's work in music ministry.

That's another thing that happens around the Perkins family: Scripture, a lot of it, for every moment in life. Family traditions include reciting Scripture at family gatherings, and, as the men described it, even some of the youngest members of the family quote Bible passages.

Perkins' sons Stacy and Clay talked about how their father taught them to follow Scripture in how they lead church worship service, drawing from Ephesians 5:19:, which says,

"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord." Worship in that manner meets everyone's needs in church, said Clay Perkins, vice president of Perkins Partnership Ministry.

"When you do that, God honors it, always," the older Dale Perkins said. The end result often is that the

music complements the message the preacher presents, without any effort to coordinate the themes, he said.

And, Stacy Perkins said, worship conducted that way means each person who comes to worship service "can leave with a song that has touched them."

As the family considered the upcoming concert, they talked about the role East Texas Baptist University has had in their lives: each of the men in the room that day, other than their patriarch, attended ETBU for their undergraduate degrees. Dale Perkins said he had wanted his children to attend school there because of the "spiritual atmosphere" and the school's commitment to the authority of Scripture.

As the family members were finishing talking about their upcoming performance at the university, he asked each person at the table to share a relevant verse — something he himself frequently does in conversation with other people.

Then, as they left, they stopped on the sidewalk of the building where they had gathered and formed in a tight circle to pray together — another thing that happens with the Perkins family.

It's also how they had started their gathering that day, with Dale Perkins praying a sentiment the men frequently expressed as they talked: "We ask the seed that is produced today fall on good ground, so that it may produce much bountiful blessings for you and you alone."

Dale Perkins prepares ETBU's Choir for Homecoming Event



Hallsville Neighbors Magazine

features Clay and Stacey Perkins

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calls himself an “out of the box” thinker and that could explain why there’s a Hallsville wash for cars—and dogs. “I don’t like to be put into a box as far as what I do,” he said. “I’ve always had my hand in different things.” Clay was a longtime minister

of music, serving with his dad—Dale Perkins Sr.—at Mobberly Baptist Church in Longview. Now, he serves with his dad in Perkins Partnership Ministries, which focuses on ministry to the homeless and incarcerated. And for 34 years, he has installed window-tint film for business and residential customers.

Clay has had his hand in the car wash business since 2000 and became sole owner of the Hallsville Car Wash in 2006.

Two years ago, he added an ice machine at the car wash site—101 E. Main St.

He bounded out of the box a year ago with the installation of Clean Pup Pet Wash.

After selling his other car wash in Longview, Perkins said he wanted to invest more in his Hallsville location.

“I was looking for something that would go good with a car wash,” he said. “Then, I started noticing these people who would pull up to the car wash. They’d have a dog in the car. I’m not talking about one out of 10. It’s one out of four or five who would have a dog in the car with them.”

Clay said he started thinking about how he could tap into that market. His investigation turned up the dog wash idea.

He said the publisher of a national car wash magazine pointed out that he has three businesses on just a third of an acre—the car wash, ice machine and dog wash.

“I told them I was looking for a place to put my hot dog stand,” he said, jokingly.

another business to the small area—a shampoo fragrance vacuum cleaner.

He added that he has a goal to get people who live here, driving a pickup truck with a cooler in the back and a dog in the seat to stop, get ice, wash the dog and wash the truck.

“And I’ve had that happen time after time,” he said. The cost is \$10 for a 12-minute dog wash.

Stacey, Clay’s wife of 29 years, explained why they chose to sell the Longview car wash and keep—and upgrade—the one in Hallsville.

They don’t live in the Hallsville city limits, but they have three children who attended Hallsville schools—Madison, 21, and 19-year-old twins, Makenna and Rylan. Their fourth child, 15-year-old Caden, is a freshman at Hallsville High School. And Stacey was a Hallsville Independent School District teacher until this year.

“The pull was toward Hallsville,” she said. “That’s what we think of as our community because that’s where our kids were, that’s where I worked, that’s where our business was. We basically spent our whole day in Hallsville.”

Stacey has taught school for 15 years, the first six as a sixth grade teacher at Pine Tree Middle School. For 10 years—while the kids were little—she worked at home as a copy editor for LeTourneau University.

When their youngest child started kindergarten, she started teaching at Hallsville Independent School District.

She taught kids with disabilities until 2017. That year, her duties focused on Section 504, which is part of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that prohibits discrimination based upon disability.

This school year, she started a new job with Region 7 Education Service Center in Kilgore. Her job is to teach teachers who teach special education students.

While Clay has had a passion for entrepreneurial pursuits, Stacey has had a “heart for struggling learners.” There was a time, however, when she did not want to teach. She didn’t declare a major in college until her junior year. “I would tell anybody who asked me what I was going to do, I just know that I’m not going to be a teacher. I don’t know what I’m going to do, but I’m not going to be a teacher.” She earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in English and thought that if she taught at all, it would be on the college level.

“It’s like the Lord changed my heart toward education,” she said. “I was just born to teach. It is

very rewarding to me. I've never wondered if I was in the right profession. I've never wondered if I made the right choice and I've never wanted out, either."

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Stacey said she has learned that her story is almost every teacher's story.

"It's just such a ministry and such a calling," she said. "I think we all find our niche. Clay found car wash, dog wash and ice machine. Some of us want to work with gifted kids. Some of us want to work with just your—I hate to say average because there's just not an average kid.

"I want five kids who are struggling to get it sitting across from me. That is my niche."

Clay is a member of the Perkins family that has six ordained music ministers spanning three decades.

When he graduated from seminary, Clay said, several fairly large churches pursued him to come serve in their congregations. Clay decided to serve with his father, who was minister of music at Mobberly Baptist Church more than 40 years. When asked by his pastor why he wanted to stay with his father, Clay said he responded: "Because I think that I can learn more under Daddy and I can further his ministry. That was my goal." Clay directed the Mobberly youth choir for over 24 years and it grew from about 25 to over 150 young people.

"About 10 years ago, he shifted his ministry toward street ministry—homeless, prison," Stacey said. "We're not on staff anywhere officially. We, of course, attend church, **Woodland Hills Baptist Church**. It's got the greatest pastor around, bro Charles Hunt, and my nephew, Aaron is minister of music. Our faith is a huge part of our lives. We felt the pull to ministry outside the church."

His father is president and Clay is vice president of Perkins Partnership Ministries. Clay is also a part of Classic Praise, a group that travels throughout the nation participating in events called the American Renewal Project. The project's premise, he said, is "rediscovering God in America."

"My ministry, I always thought of, is holding down

the home front," Stacey said. "I stay here with the kids and he is able to travel. We're in it together, but our ministry doesn't work the same."

In church, Stacey said, she was always active with the kids.

"When our kids were in children's choir, I taught children's choir," she said. "When our kids were in children's Sunday school, I taught children's Sunday school."

Ministry involving their children has taken a turn. With three of their kids in college, they help with the college and career ministry. A big part of their ministry is serving lunch at their home the first Sunday of every month to members of the college and career group.

The group usually ranges from 40 to 50 young people. There have been times, they agreed, when attendance has "pushed 60."

Stacey said her husband's love for people extends to the car wash.

"I see him all the time talking and praying with people right there at the car wash," she said. "And when someone calls about something that's wrong at the car wash, he's talking them through it and the next thing you know, they're praying together."

Dale and Shirley Perkins visit the Clean Pup Pet Wash with their Brazillian Fila, Hoss



YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO US AND TO HIM

Healing Through Prayer-

Dave Alexander PPM Advisory Board Member

Some folks well-familiar with my medical history call me "Miracle Man," and I definitely believe in healing through prayer – At 3-months old, the doctors told my parents they had done all they could to stop the pneumonia, and the only hope was a miracle. Obviously, our Lord sent a miracle.

I was an athlete growing up, playing 4 sports in high school and 2 in college. At about age 17, I began having stamina problems, and by age 20, they became significant. At age 37, when I had my first coronary bypass surgery, the doctors told me that, in addition to my unfortunate blood chemistry, one of my main coronary arteries was considerably smaller than normal. They said it was a miracle I had not dropped dead of a heart attack during my athletic career.

In my early 30's, I had been part of a NASA study comparing scientist and engineers to the astronauts who had been in zero gravity for significant amounts of time. In that study my unfortunate blood chemistry was first discovered, and the NASA doctors told me that I would be fortunate to live to age 50. I will soon be 79, and I consider every day over the last 25-30 years as a miracle.

At age 54, I underwent a second coronary bypass surgery. Extreme complications were involved, and the doctors told my family that I had maybe a 10% chance to survive. Thousands of folks prayed for me and several came to lay hands on me and pray. Miracle number whatever – I've lost count.

But the latest specific miracle has occurred over the last month or two and is directly connected to PPM. At the end of a Tuesday evening prayer meeting about 2 months ago as everyone was starting to leave, I privately asked Dale to please remember to pray specifically for my arthritic knees that had become very painful. He immediately called everyone back to lay hands on me during a special prayer. It was not an instant healing, but the pain gradually began to subside. A week later there was no pain at all, and there is still no pain in my knees.

I believe that God often uses doctors and modern technology in the healing process – but did I mention that I definitely believe in healing through prayer?!

God has heard and answered prayer. He has been faithful and gracious. He is close to the broken hearted. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. He is our provider. He is our source of strength. He is our overcomer. He is our healer. He is our Redeemer. He is our Comfort. He is our Joy. He is our Help in ages past. He is our Hope for years to come. He is LORD of all, and in All, Blessed be the Lord!

FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you for making Perkins Partnership Ministry a priority, for believing in the work and furthering the Gospel. We have much to do and WE NEED YOU to help us accomplish it. Pray, Pray, Pray. Be a Part. God is still on His Throne

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