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Jesus, the True Vine

1“I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. **2**He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. **3**You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. **4**Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

5“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. **6**Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. **7**But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! **8**When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.



I believe this is what our Father is doing to America. The Vines are being pruned and with the pruning will come a great harvest. Above is the picture I posted last fall after our muscadine vines where trimmed, below is the same vine. There is hope in the name and a purpose for His plan. Trusting the Lord to see us through this time of trial and trouble will no doubt

bring about a great harvest. We continue to walk by faith and most of the time, not by sight. Thank you Jesus for bringing us a mighty, mighty long way. Now, we ask that you would forgive our sin as a nation, heal our land, hear our prayer, and be glorified in our country. Clay

p.s. the jelly is GREAT!



Tuesday Hour of Power Prayer Gathering- Every Tuesday 6:30 PM at PPM

PRAYER FOCUS

Shane and Jennifer Clark are regulars at the PPM Prayer Gathering. This particular night, they just had a tremendous time of praise for what God had done and how He had answered a prayer of provision and protection. Each of us has this same obligation to share what our Lord has done. The Bible says, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so".



Praying via Zoom, phone call, in person, or even when the ones we pray for aren't even present, we count it a joy to approach the Father's throne of grace with requests from His children. Pictured on Zoom is Jerry Gerlofe's prayer group from Benmidji, Minn. after the riots.



RED AND YELLOW, BLACK AND WHITE, IT DOESN'T MATTER ON TUESDAY NIGHT. WE SHARE A BOND PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER.



GREGG COUNTY STRONG

Below: Over 100 Pastors and leaders of faith gathered to pray for our city right at the height of conflict in our country. As we began to pray and sing, the Holy Spirit filled a civic hall and it became a tabernacle of praise.



✦ *Below: Judge Stoudt holds a prayer gathering for the pastors of Gregg County to ask for God to intercede in our community and make Gregg an area of light for our state and nation.*



Below: Even with the threat of the virus, Satan does not have hold of God's kids. Pastors gather around our city and county officials Judge Bill Stoudt, Police Chief Bishop, Sheriff Cerliano, for a season of prayer for peace and protection, not only for our law enforcement, but also for our community.



“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.” 2 Timothy 2:1-2

“If my people shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, Then, Then, Then will I hear from heaven, I will forgive their sins, and will heal their land.” II Chron 7:14

**Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”
Jeremiah 29:7**

Let the Games Begin...



**Caden and Stacy
Helping a new
little Cowboy**



**Keeping Grandkids in Line
We finally decided painting a
target circle was easier**



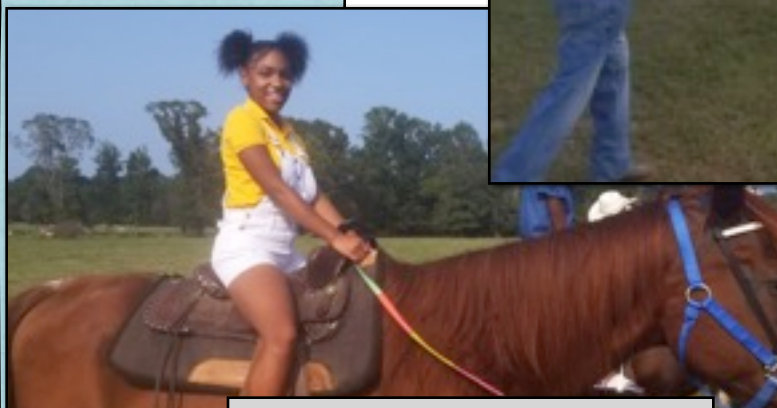
**Above: Chief
Bishop has a
new weapon
in his arsenal**



**Chief
Steelman
pitches
shoes**



**Above: Judge Stoudt
wins high score in
hatchet toss**



One happy cowgirl!



Man Meets Horse



John Bryant and Preston Dozier Sr., beat Clay Perkins and Preston Jr. at Corn Hole

**Below:
Chief
Bishop,
Judge
Stoudt,
Chief
Steelman,
Sheriff
Cerliano
Sing
"Amazing
Grace" for
Group**



Officer Brown Rides a horse for the first time.



Straight Shootin' BB Gun Challenge



Bishop Robert Evans, his lovely wife to his left, and fellow parishioners join in the fellowship loving on other community leaders at the ranch.

Sharing a Meal of Fried Catfish and Trimmin's

The atmosphere begins to change when Praise starts going up. If we are called to praise Him in the middle of a storm, then this is a good time to start praising. Our country is in the middle of a struggle, and we realize that the struggle America is in isn't against flesh and blood, but against the evil one. Satan wants to destroy not only our churches and fellowships, but wants to devastate our America. We stand on the Word of God and cry out to a Holy God that desires a relationship with each of us and wants to be exalted in our nation. As Bishop Evans said on this Saturday of the event, "UNITY - begins with U (N) and I, with the I being in the middle.

Bear, Mighty Joe and Paul lead in worship



Praise and Worship

Love One Another



Cedar Creek Band provides some great Bluegrass music for the attendees



A Little Ranch History...

This year is the 40 year anniversary of Perkins Ranch. We started on Loop 281 with 24 acres and an old tractor that belonged to my mother's daddy, (an International Harvester Super A) a white Charolais cross bred heifer named "Bossy" that would "beller" like crazy when she was put into a chute. Our little farm has grown to 17 Grandkids and 23 and counting Great Grandkids.

(Is that the way you count the size of your ranch?) Without much time during the day to work on the fences, mowing, spraying, haying, or working the cattle, we've mounted lights on all of the equipment and carry flashlights in every vehicle. Sometimes that does little good because most of the time, the batteries are dead. D-E-A-D. Ha!

The land is hallowed and blessed. It's been used as a learning tool, teaching tool, family gatherings, retreats for church staffs, PPM Christmas parties. Now, it's even far more special. It's the place where the earthly tent my momma lived in is kept. We hear her voice at meal time, on holidays, and even when we're just working in the fields. I know it won't be long 'till we hear that trumpet sound. Listen close...can you hear Gabriel warming up?



Clay, Tina, Dale II, Dale Sr., Renee' and Stacy stop to take advantage of a Kodak moment. It was an "All Hands on Deck" Day at Perkins Ranch

The Whole Purpose in the Gathering is UNITY, to BE the Church, not just attend a service.

AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

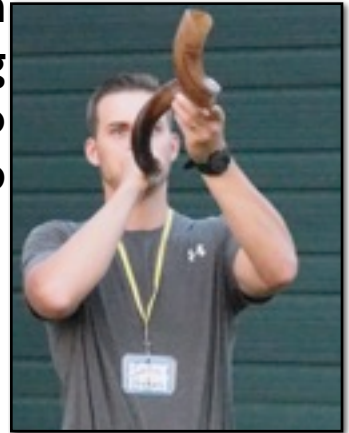


Living and Sharing the Good News



September 23, 2020

Collin Calling all to Worship



Dear Perkins ministry team,

What a wonderful occasion! We (our two church groups meeting as one) had 6 people attending the unity gathering last Saturday evening. At the time, we all commented about the prevailing mood of unity, joy and peace that we felt. We all enjoyed the games and the chance to meet new ministry friends. A truly unique and needed experience. Thank you ALL for your vision, your example of teamwork, and the hard work you put into preparation and hosting.

At church services this past Sunday, we cleared a space in the schedule and I asked our participants to share their thoughts with the congregation. Their comments were very positive, and it was inspiring to all to hear about the efforts being made to bring the Church closer together in harmony of spirit. Lee Berger

Many calls, texts and emails have been received since the Circle the Wagons event. Thank you for all that prayed for, paid for, attended, and pitched in for the event. Pray for God's leadership in the coming days for a mighty move of God in our East Texas area.



Michael and Stephanie try to straighten Alan Johnson on a few things, NO SUCH LUCK!

Dear Dale & PPM Team,
 Thank you for the invitation to the unity gathering last Saturday night. It was good to see such a variety of leaders (community and church) gathered together. I know it was a lot of hard work, but we pray God will bless the effort as we all get to know each other better. May God bless your efforts to share the love of Jesus in many ways.

Share with Jesus' love -
 Greg Martin

Promise for This Troubled Time...

27 Peace I leave with you; back to you.' If you loved much more to you, for the
my peace I give you. I do me, you would be glad that prince of this world is
not give to you as the world I am going to the Father, for coming. He has no hold
gives. Do not let your the Father is greater than over me, **31** but he comes
hearts be troubled and do I. **29** I have told you now so that the world may learn
not be afraid. **28** "You before it happens, so that that I love the Father and
heard me say, 'I am going when it does happen you do exactly what my Father
away and I am coming will believe. **30** I will not say has commanded me.

Dwayne Canup passed away from complications due to Covid this last week. He was a faithful follower of Jesus, and his desire was to go and see the one who gave HIS life for Dwayne's salvation. Dwayne always reached out to those in need and was totally unselfish in his servant spirit. He brought the speaker pictured below to our meetings so when we called those who needed prayer, the whole group could hear the conversation. His life was very



much like this speaker. It was an amplification of what the Lord would speak through him. He was merely a conduit of the message presented from our creator to His creation. Oh, that we could all learn a lesson from our dear friend that loved so much. Mr. Canup would move out of his home and let complete strangers stay in his house to help them in a time of crisis. He would cry for their salvation and the hope they would find the peace that the Lord had given him. Dwayne refused treatment because he felt his time here was done and desired to step into eternity to see Jesus. He has left behind a challenge for each of us to be that "speaker" that would do nothing but share the input that God has downloaded into us and

wants the world to hear. So, turn up the volume, someone needs to hear. God bless you and

protect you and make His face to shine upon you and give you peace, health, safety, blessing, prosperity, patience, grace, a word that will change the world around you.

