

# Gospel Truth Lighthouse Church

Pastors Larry & Martha Perkins

*...and upon this rock I  
will build my church  
and the gates of hell  
shall not prevail against  
it. Matt. 16:18*

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WELCOME  
TO  
*WELCOME TO*  
*GOSPEL TRUTH CHURCH*

**As you enter this Sanctuary of Worship  
Leave your problems and worries  
At the feet of Jesus  
Enter into His presence  
With Praise  
Feel the Spirit lift you  
And  
Know that ALL  
Your needs have been meet  
And a  
Change has come into your life,  
Jesus Christ!**

**REMINDER:** We are still in need of those that will host a weekly prayer meeting in your home. Please contact Pastor J. Ben for details: 256-549-0908

**Watch Pastor Perkins and others  
T.V. 24- Jacksonville, Alabama**

**JOSHUA 24:15**

**Gadsden Cable- Channel 8  
Sunday Morn - 10 am & 10:30 pm**



*“Jesus Christ  
is only  
One Prayer away”*

# Change: An Impartation From God



“For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established”. (Romans 1:11)

Paul, while writing the letter to the church at Rome, addresses the saints by saying... *he wanted to see them that he might impart unto them some spiritual gift.* Paul realizes that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the “Word of God”. This impartation takes place when a person that is eager to hear and learn God’s word, will listen to anointed men of God that are preaching and ministering under the unction of the Holy Spirit. We must realize that we are products of whatever environment we live around. The people of Sodom became Sodomites because of the environment in which they lived. It is true that we either WILL CHANGE those who hang out with us or either they WILL CHANGE us to be like themselves.

We are influenced by who we see, hear and idolize, as role models. It has been said, *“we are what we eat”*. It is true whatever we digest or take into our lives, becomes a part of who we are. Godly influences are very important, helping to shape our character. This is why it is so critical for children, even from birth, through those first twelve years, to be in Sunday School and church, learning God’s Word. The first years are the most critical because a child learns the basic foundation of right and wrong, during these years.

During the teen-age years a child begins to idolize role-models that enhance his further development . Only as a young adult, at about the age of twenty-one to twenty-three, will the mental ability will change to be able to have wisdom. This is why Solomon gave instruction to his son, *“My son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments: that length of days and long life, and peace shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee, bind them about thy neck, write them upon the tables of thy heart. So shall thy find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.” Proverbs 3:1-4*

Godly parents, teaching by example, godly principles to their children, will impart them to their children. In the work place or where ever we go we also impart or influence by godly example. This is what Christ meant when He said, *“We should be like HIM”*. Let your light so shine that they may see your good works and glorify your father, which is in heaven. May we continue to affect the world and not infect the world. May God give you understanding in these things.

*heart to heart*



*Pastor Larry Perkins*

# JUST FOR TODAY

1. **I WILL NOT STRIKE BACK.** If someone is rude, if someone is impatient, if someone is unkind, **I WILL NOT RESPOND IN THAT WAY** (Romans 12: 19).
2. **I WILL ASK GOD TO BLESS MY ENEMY.** If I come across someone who treats me harshly or unfairly, **I will quietly ask God to bless that individual** (Matthew 5:44). I understand my enemy could be a family member, a neighbor, a co-worker, or a stranger.
3. **I WILL BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT I SAY.** I will carefully choose and guard my words, **being certain that I do not spread gossip** (James 3: 1-6).
4. **I WILL GO THE SECOND MILE.** I will find ways to help share the burden of another person (Matthew 5: 41).
5. **I WILL FORGIVE.** I will forgive those who hurt me (Luke 23:34).
6. **I WILL SECRETLY DO SOMETHING KIND FOR SOMEONE.** I will reach out anonymously and bless the life of another (Ephesians 4:32).
7. **I WILL TREAT OTHERS THE WAY I WISH TO BE TREATED.** I will practice "*the Golden Rule*" (Matthew 7:12). I will do unto others as I would have them do to me, with everyone I encounter.
8. **I WILL RAISE THE SPIRITS OF SOMEONE WHO IS DISCOURAGED.** My smile, my words, my expressions of concern and support can make a difference to someone facing a challenge (Romans 14:9).
9. **I WILL TAKE CARE OF MY BODY.** I will eat less...I will eat healthier...I will exercise... I will be thankful... My body will be a fitting temple for HIM who dwells in me (I Corinthians 6: 19-20).
10. **I WILL GROW SPIRITUALLY.** I will spend more time in study, prayer, and meditation. I will retreat from life's pressures and distractions and seek to learn God's will (II Peter 3:18).

## Weekly Scripture Reading ...

**Sunday:** Matthew 14:22-33 Psalm 85:8-13

**Monday:** Matthew 17:22-27 Psalm 148:1-2,11-12,14

**Tuesday:** Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 Psalm 119: 14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131

**Wednesday:** Matthew 18:15-20 Psalm 66:1-5, 8, 16-17

**Thursday:** Matthew 18:21-19:1 Psalm 114

**Friday:** Luke 1:39-56 Psalm 33:2-3,11-12,20-21

**Saturday:** Matthew 19:13-15 Psalm 16

**“Study to show thyself approved, unto God; a workman that needeth not to be ashamed; rightly dividing the Word of Truth...”**

**II Timothy 2: 15**



## Ladder of Achievement

**100%- I DID!  
90% - I WILL!  
80% - I CAN!  
70% - I THINK I CAN.  
60% - I MIGHT.**

**40% - WHAT SHOULD I DO?  
30% - I WISH I COULD!  
20% - I DON:T KNOW HOW.  
10% - I CAN'T.**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thursday Night Prayer Meeting  
Collinsville, Alabama  
Community Center, Church Street  
7:00 P.M.**

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**Friday Night Prayer Meeting  
7:00 P. M.  
2311 Hill Ave.**

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**From the Heart of  
Joseph & Melinda Carey**

For the past few months Melinda and I have traveled many miles and been many places. This past week has been a nightmare for Melinda and me. We ask that you prayerfully consider helping us to return to Alabama. We are tired and need a rest.

At this present time we are in Arizona. A lady was kind to allow us to stay on her property. This was an answer to our prayers, for we usually park in the Wal-Mart parking lots. She is a very nice lady. There has been a problem arise with a son of this lady. This week he went into a rage and has done tremendous damage to our motor home. At this point it is impossible for us to drive home. He physically attacked me and has attacked Melinda verbally.

I am so tired and I prayerfully ask that you, as our brothers and sisters, in the Lord, **HELP US!**

Brother Larry has been in touch with us daily and knows every fact.

**WE NEED YOU!!!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!  
I FEEL LIKE I AM MAKING A MACADONIA CALL!!!**

# Prayer Requests

- Marcine Gartman - McGuffey nursing home
- Eundine Rowan in Birmingham
- Barbara Hyde, Albertville Nursing Home
- Scarlett –Her house burned this week. She and her husband need our prayers. .
- Bobby Jones—Cancer
- Josephine Barron of -Florida.
- William Daszczuk -Etowah County Jail—to be released
- Sis. Lucille Rainey’s brother, Ray, in Gad Reg
- Catherine Wilkerson– Home form Hospital– Needs a miracle—doctor gave no hope.
- Alice Williams– Pray for her-
- Cora Gaskey– Not feeling well—need prayer.
- Lucille Simmons– Texas– In poor health and would love to come home to Al.



# CHANGE!

What is change? Change is a part of life and a part of being a Christian. To become Christ-like is to change (to repent) “to turn away from” and we as Christians are daily changing or repenting. Some people are afraid of change. It’s not change they are afraid of, it is the “*unknown*” (not knowing the outcome). Without Christ the “*unknown*” is dark.

**Change can make our lives better. We shouldn’t fear change - Change can make an addict clean and sober! With Jesus ALL things are possible.** Jesus never promised that life would be easy and like a bed of roses. He did promise that HE would be with us in everything we embrace in life.

Life is a choice.... Choose Jesus Christ as your Savior and begin the change in life HE has for you.

Let us not fear change but embrace change with life and confidence, knowing that Jesus Christ will see us through any situation we may face! He has helped me in many situations in my life and to this I am grateful. May god bless and keep you on your journey with HIM.

*Mary*

