



*Gospel Truth
Lighthouse Church*

Pastors Larry & Martha Perkins

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy
and peace in believing,
that ye may abound in hope,
through the power of the Holy Ghost.

- Romans 15:13 -

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"Spiritually Mature"

“When I was a child, I spake as a child, I thought as a child, I understood as a child:

but when I became a man , I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part: but then shall I know ever as I am known.” I Corinthians 13: 11&12

After all the years of my life I can still remember “dumb and silly” things I thought and said when I was a child. Then when my children were growing up, I remember those silly things that they said and did. Surely the scripture is true when it states that children do childish things. The thing that bothers me the most is seeing adults still acting like children. God’s perfect plan is for each of us is to **GROW-UP IN CHRIST** becoming **MATURE** men and women of God. This maturity takes place when we allow the Holy Spirit to correct and teach us, in the Word of God. The Word of God will transform our lives by the renewing of our minds. This can **ONLY HAPPEN** when we allow the Holy Spirit to tutor us. Many people are stuck not willing to **MOVE UP** and **MATURE**.

MATURITY COMES BY GROWTH.

The scripture tells us to **“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.” II Peter 3:18**

Growth in the Spirit can only happen when we set aside time to fellowship with God.

We **MUST** spend (quality) time with God.

Get acquainted with Him.

To grow in knowledge means we **MUST STUDY** the

Word of God and dig out the ‘Truths’ that causes us to see the scriptures as God see’s them. *“We see thru a glass darkly...”* means we see the picture of God and His plan, very dimly, but after we **MATURE**, we begin to understand and know what the plan of a God is all about. Even now in my life, after all the years of following Christ, I am just realizing what His plan and picture is all about. One more thing I have learned in this: when we grow up, our love becomes real strong, **like God’s love. Only God can help us to love someone “Unlovable.”** Only God can help us Forgive someone that has hurt and wounded us. When you can do these things: Love & Forgiveness - these two show great **SPIRITUAL MATURITY.**

I BELIEVE that Spiritual Maturity is a MUST.

I remember how mother and daddy would say to us children, *“When you get older you will see things a lot different.”* I used to wonder about this. Now that I am older I can see what they were saying to us. They were telling us, *“When you are MATURE you will see things a lot different.”* Becoming adults, we had to be trained and tutored. There were many bumps and knocks. We did silly and dumb things, but Mother and Daddy loved us anyway and helped us to **LEARN** a better way. This is the way it is with God. He watches us as we grow and mature, as we do silly and dumb things and wrong decisions. He just picks us up and helps us to learn a better way. We are **ALL** God’s children. Some of us are more Mature than others. Then there are some that will always be a child– not coming to the maturity that God’s plan has for them.

Pastor Larry Perkins

Joshua 24:15

**Watch
Pastor Perkins
and others**

**T.V. 24 Jacksonville, Alabama
Gadsden Cable— Channel 8
Sunday Morning
10 am & 10:30 pm**



March Calendar of Events

**March 7th—
Youth Service— 7:00 pm**



**March 21st—
Blake Minyard & Kim Parker's Wedding**

**March 29th, 30th, 31st—
Brother Keith & Margie Nix –Joshua Generation**



Finding a Treasure

In 1820, a man named Yorgos was digging, in his field, on the island of Milos, in Greece. As he was digging, he hit upon some stones. The stones turned out to be four statues. Three of the Greek god Hermes and one of Aphrodite. An archeological expedition purchased the Aphrodite, took it to France, where the king named it “Venus de Milo.” It was housed in the Louvre Museum and became one of the most famous works of art in history. All this forgotten in a field.

Jesus told two stories similar to this when he talked about a man who found a treasure in a field and another who found a pearl of great price. There are treasures to be discovered between the covers of your Bible. Have you been reading it lately?

Author Unknown

“The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.” Matthew 13: 45-46



Weekly Scripture Reading ...

Sunday: Mark 1:12-15 Genesis 9:8-15 Psalm 51:3-6,12-14,17

Monday: Matthew 25:31-46 Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18 Psalm 19:8-10, 14

Tuesday: Matthew 6:7-15 Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19

Wednesday: Luke 11:29-32 Jonah 3:1-10 Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19

Thursday: Matthew 7:7-12 Esther C:12,14-16,23-25 Psalm 138:1-8

Friday: Matthew 5:20-26 Ezekiel 18:21-28 Psalm 130:1-8

Saturday: Matthew 5:43-48 Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Psalm 119:1-8

Weekly Meetings

**Monday Night
Discipleship Bible Study
For information call
Jonathan & Angie Horton
256-538-6776**

**Collinsville, Alabama
Thursday Night at 7:00 p.m.
Collinsville Community Center
For information call 256-442-7359**

**Friday Night - 7:00 p.m.
2311 Hill Ave.
Brother Harold & Sister Betty Tidmore's
Home
For information call 256-547-5183**

**CENTRE, ALABAMA
Monday Night
Brother Ed & Sister Stephanie Sherrod
7:00 P.M.
For more information call: 256-927-6355**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March Birthdays

Rebecca Bozarth 1
Martha Audy 3
Ashley Perkins 3

March Anniversaries

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Jean Hutto	492-5099
Lucille Rainey	492-8573
Louise Barber	613-5353
Pastor's Prayer line	1-800-715-8868

**Pastor's
Prayer
Committee**
 "Where
two or three
agree.."

Service Schedule

Sunday School.....	10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship.....	11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship.....	6:00 pm
Tuesday Night Miracle Service.....	7:00 pm
Youth Service 1st & 3rd Saturday Night..	6:30 pm
Fellowship Breakfast is every 3rd Sunday of the month	
Time: 8 am	
Place: Western Sizzlin Restaurant in Rainbow City, AL.	