

Welcome
DeQuincy -
A City of Churches

DeQuincy is known as a "Railroad Town" for its railroad heritage that goes back more than one hundred years. It also can be known as a "City of Churches" for its many churches of all denominations, some of whom also go back over a century.

DeQuincy has compassionate and giving citizens who help their neighbors (and strangers) during natural disasters, death, illness, and life's other challenges.

The DeQuincy News presents this special section which tells the story in words and pictures of many of our area churches. From the city's very beginning churches have played a major role, not only in the spiritual realm, but in promoting family values and helping raise our children as responsible citizens. This section is a recognition of these contributions.

If you haven't been to church lately, now is the time to come back. All will welcome you with open arms.

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Community Outreach Center - The Name Says It All

By JUDY MOORE

The Community Outreach Center... the name says it all. Our center helps community members who are in need. Our mission statement is: "Showing God's love in practical ways."

Those ways include distribution of food, little or no cost clothing and household goods, a non-denominational ladies Bible study, an outlet for those needing community service hours, and general fellowship. We are also gearing up to help clients with SNAP (food stamp) applications, as well as online applications and renewals for our food pantry.

With help from several churches in the DeQuincy area, civic clubs, businesses, and caring individuals, we are able to serve the poor and working poor in the area. We would like to thank all these organizations and individuals for their continued financial support, volunteer work, and prayers. We look forward to working with these folks in the future.

In February 2017 we were able to distribute about 10,000 pounds of food to 183 families (363 individuals). During that same month, we were able to assist 195 families (515 individuals) with approximately 1194 pieces of clothing or household goods at little or no cost to our clients. The money earned from the sale of these items is used to purchase additional food and supplies that are not furnished by the



Judy and Bill Moore

USDA or Second Harvest.

We would like to invite community members to volunteer at the center. We are open every Tuesday, from 8-noon. We are also open the first Saturday of each month from 8-1 p.m. for sales of clothing and other items.

Volunteers are always needed and very much appreciated. We have a variety of jobs in need of volunteer workers. We even have a church group that mixes, bottles, and

labels laundry detergent. Thank you Hargrove Bible Baptist Church!

If you would like to bless and be blessed as a volunteer, please contact Judy Moore at (337) 540-9854, or stop in at 1006 E. 4th St. (across the street from Dairy Queen) any Tuesday morning.

You may also contact our sponsor church, New Hope Baptist Church at (337) 786-7520 for volunteer information or any need you might have.

Who gets the family Bible?

By DORIS A. BLACK

Personal belongings, such as the family Bible, an antique armoire, or a silver tea set are usually not accounted for in a will. What happens to these items upon the owner's death? They may have special meaning to one or more family members. Who decides what family member, if any, will receive them? You can, by making decisions before your death.

Unlike titled property, such as real estate and bank accounts, personal items, like those mentioned above, have no written documentation of ownership. Referred to as non-titled property, these items are often the cause of family conflict. It is easy to assume that family members will divide your belongings equally upon

your death. However, greed has a funny way of rearing its ugly head during times of grief and has destroyed many families. There are steps you can take now to ensure the smooth transfer of your non-titled property upon your death.

It is important to recognize that certain family members may have strong emotions toward objects they associate with you. Try to respect their feelings and the value they attach to the objects in question when making decisions.

There is no one method of distribution that works for each and every family. But there is a way to determine the best method for yours. Ask family members to make a list of the items they value and why each item is so special to them. You may be surprised at

some of their answers. Whatever your decision, keep in mind that family disagreements can't always be avoided. Listen carefully to what your family members have to say and be prepared to manage conflicts as they arise.

Everyone has a different definition of what is fair. To avoid hurt feelings and misunderstandings, you may want to share your definition of fair with family members and explain why you've chosen a particular method of distribution.

The transfer of non-titled property concerns all individuals regardless of their financial worth or amount of personal property. Through thoughtful planning, you can ensure the distribution process will take place with a minimum amount of family conflict.

Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church

"Growing Stronger Since 1889"

129 years ago a small group of Christians who identified themselves Baptist, met to organize a Baptist church. They met from time to time over a long period in a one room school building, located on Ham's Creek, about six miles northeast of DeQuincy.

Formal organization took place in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Andrus on Hickory Creek, Feb. 17, 1889. T. J. Jackson was moderator of the organization meeting. He was also called as the first pastor. Ten men and women pledged themselves to walk together in brotherly love to the glory of God. They were not to forsake the assembling of themselves together to uphold the public worshipping of God and the ordinances of His house.

Charter members included: Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jackson, J. H. Cannon, G. W. Devore, J. A. Andrus, John Hill, William Arrington, N. B. Alston, James Eason, Thomas Clark, Gilbert Jackson, Francis Thornhill and Mary Jean Jackson.

Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church was the name selected for the church and they referred to the church as a Missionary Church.

During the first 25 years, several pastors were called and for some unknown reason, would serve only a few months and the church would refer to the church as a Missionary Church.

In the early years the church met once a month for all day services and dinner on the ground. They came by wagon, buggy, horseback and on foot. They usually met in homes in bad weather. In good weather they would gather at Hickory or Beckwith Creek bridge for all day services.

The minutes state that once in 1902 they met at Alston Cemetery for all day services. Some times bad weather caused them to cancel the meeting, but bad weather did not dampen their spirit. New Christians were added to the church roll



Pastor Brad Johnson, wife, Britny and daughters, Brooke and Baylee

after being baptized in the nearby creek.

The church did not meet regularly from 1902 until 1908, the reason was not stated. The records were not kept as efficient as in the past. In 1908, there was a committee appointed to clear up the church roll. It was during this time that the church relocated to Springhill School house, about one mile from its present location.

In May 1909 they hosted the Calcasieu Baptist Association meeting.

From June 1914 until 1920 some of the pastors were R. L. Meyers, P. W. Mitchell who served four years after which W. A. Hughes was called as pastor in 1920. In August the church acquired a building at Gordon and met there for six years.

In 1926, land was given by Desmond Alston and the church building was moved to this land which is the present location. Brother Mitchell returned in 1926 as pastor and served until 1955.

A new building was built in 1955. The pastors following Brother Mitchell were Gordon Ash, James Dicker-

son, Luther Dickerson, Gayle Blankenbaker, Charles Willis, Steve Manuel, Deloy Shows, J. A. Allen, Rickey Cain, Roy Parham, Joe Poole, R. T. Bridges, Bob Colquette, Dustin Royer, and our present pastor, Bro. Brad Johnson who began leading the congregation in February, 2017.

We thank the Lord for His watchcare over this church and give Him all the glory for the ones added to His kingdom through the efforts of Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church.

If you want to feel the love of Jesus Christ, come visit Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church.



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PILGRIMS REST BAPTIST CHURCH

Established 1889

~ Join Us For Services ~

SUNDAYS

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

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Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church

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BRAD JOHNSON, PASTOR

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalms 122:1