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Pinelake honors Civil Rights leaders with \$200,000 donation to JSU



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Pinelake Church recently donated \$200,000 to establish an endowment fund at Jackson State University in honor of John and Vera Mae Perkins.

By Guest Columnist Kim Miller

Last month, Mississippi’s largest Southern Baptist church donated \$200,000 to establish an endowment fund at Jackson State University to create a scholarship honoring John and Vera Mae Perkins, two of the state’s oldest living civil rights leaders.

John Perkins is thrilled that Pinelake, a predominantly white congregation, is teaming up with the black community in Mississippi to provide a scholarship at the historically black university.

“God is reconciling our hearts to each other,” Perkins said. “This scholarship will help put knowledge in the minds of young people who might not otherwise have access.”

Fifty-one years ago, John Perkins suffered a severe beating by a white deputy in Brandon that almost cost him his life. As he recovered in the hospital, Perkins struggled with bitterness but chose love instead.

Senior Pastor Chip Henderson of Pinelake said, “Dr. Perkins has taught me what it looks like to show grace, forgiveness, and love to people who have hurt you deeply. Some people talk a good game, but rarely live it. I’ve watched Dr. Perkins teach a message of grace and live it out without demands or accusations. His example makes me want to be a better man and a better Christ-follower.”

Shawn Parker, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, appreciates Perkins’ courage and compassion.

“Dr. Perkins is truly a hero that should be celebrated by both the black community and the white community. He demonstrates the love of Jesus in ways that bring the races together,” Parker said. “I hope this scholarship becomes a lasting tribute to Dr. Perkins’ courage and Christian compassion.”

John Perkins had many reasons to hate. As a teenager, he deeply admired his brother Clyde, who was honorably discharged from the U. S. Army after serving in World War II. His brother’s life was cut short in 1946 when a deputy shot him. The officer had commanded moviegoers outside a theater to “shut up.” When Clyde continued to talk to his girlfriend, the officer clubbed Clyde on the head with a stick. His brother grabbed the stick, and the deputy shot him twice in the stomach.

During the 1960s, Perkins was beaten, kicked and spat upon while he participated in civil rights boycotts. In February 1970, the beating that almost

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