



What the Dirt Taught Me This Week



I've spent a good bit of time in the yard this week—pulling weeds, cutting back overgrown plants, digging into soil that looked like nothing but a mess. And as I worked, I listened to Rich Mullins—especially his song *What Susan Said*. One line stayed with me: *“How love is found in the things we've given up more than in the things that we have kept...”*

Because if you've ever worked in the dirt, you know—it's full of both death and life. You smell it when you dig.

Things that have died... becoming the soil for something new. And sure enough, under all that overgrowth, I started to see it—new shoots. Small, easy to miss, but unmistakably alive.

This time of year can feel like that. After a big Sunday, things quiet down. Schedules fill up, people travel, life feels a little scattered. Sometimes it even feels like what Ezekiel names: *“Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost...”* Or like Mullins puts it, *“If your home is just another place where you're a stranger, and far away is just somewhere you've never been...”* That ache is real.

But here's the good news: the miracle of resurrection doesn't wait for Easter. God is already at work—right in the middle of what feels worn out or uncertain—bringing new life. Even now, God is breathing life into dry places. Even now, new shoots are pushing up through the soil.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

***Doxology**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!******Praise God, the source of all our gifts!******Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!******Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*****Scripture**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sermon

Not Too Far Gone

Hymn**420 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*Closing Blessing*****Postlude***O Lamb of God Most Holy
organ*

Robert Lau

*Stand as you are able

Acolyte - Sadie Brooke Grahl 11:00

Crucifer - Lila Beth Grahl 11:00

A pre-school nursery is provided for children 6 weeks to 4 years old. Children's Church is provided at 11 a.m. for children 4 years of age through their completing first grade. An usher will be happy to assist you in finding these locations in the Education building.

Perry Methodist Church Staff:

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 22 - Sunday, March 29

Honduras Mission Trip

Monday, March 23

5 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study in the Brad Brady Conference Room

Tuesday, March 24

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Fellowship

11 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal

6 p.m. - Diving Deeper Women's Bible Study in the Brad Brady Conference Room

Wednesday, March 25

7 a.m. - Youth Prayer Breakfast in the Family Life Center

6 p.m. - Youth Worship and Bible Study in the Youth Center

6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 26

2 p.m. - Walking in the FLC

Saturday, March 28

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary Choir

NEXT SUNDAY!

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR
AND
ORCHESTRA
WITH
SKYLAR REGISTER, NARRATOR
PRESENT

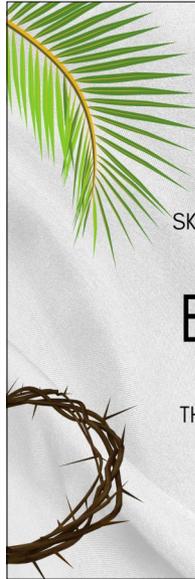
BLESSED

A HOLY WEEK JOURNEY
THROUGH THE BEATITUDES

PALM SUNDAY CANTATA

MARCH 29, 2026

9:00 AND 11:00



Prime Time Luncheon

Thursday, April 9, 2026

12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for \$11 per person

Join us for an amazing lunch and program!

Our program will be from
Heaven's Saints Motorcycle Ministry.

Our lunch will be sloppy joes,
pickles, chips, and dessert!

Call the church office at 478-987-1852 by
April 2 to reserve your spot!



PERRY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

HOLY WEEK

SERVICES ARE AT 12 P.M. WITH LUNCH TO FOLLOW

**MONDAY,
MARCH 30**

**CROSSROADS
METHODIST
CHURCH
1600 MAIN ST**

**PASTOR
LEWIS KIGER
MEMORIAL
HEIGHTS
BAPTIST
WILL SPEAK**

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 31**

**SOJOURN
CHURCH
2238 US-41 N**

**REV. DON
CAULLEY
GRACE
CHURCH
WILL SPEAK**

**WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 1**

**NEW HOPE
BAPTIST
CHURCH
1300
WASHINGTON
ST**

**REV. THOMAS
WEST
FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH
WILL SPEAK**

**THURSDAY,
APRIL 2**

**PERRY
METHODIST
CHURCH
1002
CARROLL ST**

**PASTOR MICHAEL
STOVALL
CROSS POINT
BAPTIST
WILL SPEAK**



Hey, PMC!

The Honduras team really needs some financial help to cover all their expenses for the medical clinic supplies.

We are collecting financial donations to make up for this cost. If you'd like to donate, please mark your donation "Honduras" and place it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office.

Thank you so much for all your prayers and support! We could not go without you all!

With love,
the 2026 Honduras
Mission Team

