



It is quite often that I find myself driving north on I-75 to various destinations. And it is on this drive, just about 10 miles from Perry, that I see off in the distance what first appears to resemble the pearly gates. A few miles pass and I then wonder, "could it be a double rainbow opening just below the heavens?" I eventually arrive at exit 144 to realize, it's not the pearly gates or a transcendent double rainbow. It is the Buccee's gas station sign in all of her glory.

Buccee's has quickly become the most popular spot for all of Middle Georgia's interstate travel needs. Is it because of the 24 hour, clean (I repeat, CLEAN) gas station bathrooms? Is it because they have a beaver mascot, to entice anyone under the age of 5 to get a picture (as well as anyone over the age of 5)? Or might it be the strange chants that are repeated, while employees make barbecue sandwiches. Truth be told, it is probably all of the above. And to be honest, I've convinced myself of its greatness simply by typing this.

In many ways, Buccee's has come to represent an ideal of American life. A secular heaven. Utopia in physical form. I mean, ask yourself, "how could a gas station get ANY better than this?"

In 1951, Richard Neihbuhr wrote a book called "Christ and Culture." In this classic work, he detailed a number of different ways that Christians often go about dealing with the culture around us. But at the heart of it's premise is this idea that God's kingdom is not of this world, and our relationship to this world (and our current culture) ought to be notably different because of this truth.

Let me be clear - Buccee's should be enjoyed in all of its glory. But, if God's kingdom is merely convenience and clean bathrooms, we might be missing the mark.

Where is God's kingdom and what might it look like, inside of a world that so often wants the kingdom, but doesn't want the King. Let's find out together!

Rob

Worship and Praise Gathering

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2026

Liturgical Color: Green
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Rob Ray

Please register your attendance on the pads found in each pew.

Prelude

How Great Thou Art
Natalie Bradley, flute

arr. John Purifoy

Hymn

371 *I Stand Amazed in the Presence*

*Affirmation of Faith

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The Apostles' Creed

*Gloria Patri

70

Glory Be to the Father

Pastoral Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

365

Grace Greater than Our Sin

Offering

Feel free to give as you feel led

Offertory Anthem

There Is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Robert Lau

The Sanctuary Choir with Natalie Bradley, soloist

Michael O'Neill, conductor

Refrain: *There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.* Refrain

*If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all."* Refrain

*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

Genesis 22:1-14

Sermon

What We Place on the Altar Rev. Tom Carruth

Hymn

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*Trust and Obey***Closing Blessing*****Postlude**Postlude on *TRUST AND OBEY* arr. Dennis Eliot
organ

*Stand as you are able

Acolyte: Lily Peck 11:00

Crucifer: Jameson Applegate 11:00

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- The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Dr. Wayne Bohanan.
 - 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.
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Weekly Schedule

Tuesday, June 30

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall

6 p.m. - Administrative Board Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 1

Reservations and payments due for the Prime Time Macon Bacon game

6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 2

6 a.m. - Men's Basketball in the FLC
1 p.m. - Walking in the FLC

Friday, July 3

Church Office closed



Perry
Methodist Church

**New Member
Brunch**

**Sunday, August 9
10 a.m. in the
Family Life Center**

Learn about our church, our ministries, and ways to get connected. Whether you're considering membership or simply want to know more, we'd love to have you join us! **Scan the QR code to sign up or call the church office to sign up.** (This helps us ensure we have enough food and materials for all).



PMC METHODIST MEN HOSTS

* Breakfast — ACROSS — Borders

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 8
8 A.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**



Join us for breakfast with Cole and Katie Schumacher, missionaries serving in Tokyo, Japan, as they share how God is working through their ministry.

Enjoy breakfast, fellowship, and an inspiring update from the mission field.

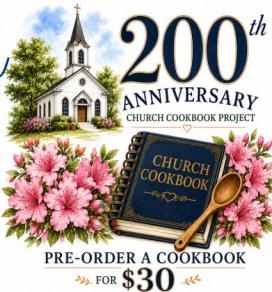
A love offering will be received to support their ministry.

Men and Women are welcome!

Scan the QR code to register or call the church office at 478-987-1852.



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We are taking pre-orders on our cookbook! Scan the QR code or go to perrymethodist.com/cookbook to pre-order your cookbook for only \$30!

Pre-ordering helps us gauge interest and ensure that we have enough books for all!

We will collect jelly for the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank next Sunday! Bring your donations to the baskets at the end of the hall in the Education Building.

