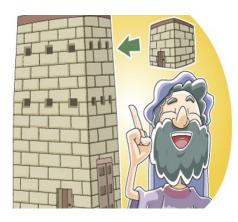




"A Life That's Full, Not Just Full of Stuff"



In Luke 12, Jesus tells a parable about a man who has a very good year. His land produces so abundantly that he doesn't have room for it all. So he makes plans. He tears down his barns and builds bigger ones. Then he leans back and says to himself, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years. Relax, eat, drink, be merry."

But God calls him a <u>fool</u>.

Not because he was successful. Not because he planned ahead. But because he confused having a full barn with having a full life. Today, as part of our membership series, we'll explore the call to be faithful to Christ through our gifts. That's one of the promises we make when we join the church: to give generously, not just to a cause we like, but as an act of worship to the One who gave everything for us. When we hold tightly to what we've been given, we may feel secure—but we risk missing out on the deeper joy of **trust**.

The parable of the rich fool isn't just about money. It's about control. It's about the illusion that we're in charge of our future, and the freedom that comes when we loosen our grip. The gospel invites us into a different kind of life—not one measured in square footage or savings accounts, but in faith, love, and open hands. Let's be a church known not for building bigger barns, but for building a bigger kingdom.

Grace and Peace, Tom

Worship and Praise Gathering

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost August 3, 2025 Liturgical Color: White 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rob Ray

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

Prelude	Give Me Jesus piano	arr. Mary McDonald
*Hymn of Praise	617	I Come with Joy

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation 641 Fill My Cup, Lord

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Anthem Then Sings My Soul Mary McDonald The Sanctuary Choir

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder. Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee; How great thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" Refrain **Scripture** Luke 12:13-21

Sermon Faith with What We Have Rev. Tom Carruth

Holy Communion (gluten free rice crackers given upon request)

Music During Communion

The Old Rugged Cross arr. Kenon Renfrow piano

I Would Be True (Londonderry Air) arr. Lloyd Larson Nanette O'Neill, soloist

*Hymn of Commitment 557 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*Sending Forth with Blessing

*Postlude Voluntary G.F. Handel organ

*Stand as able

Acolyte: Eva Kimbrel 9:00 Anna Swift 11:00

Crucifer: Eva Kimbrel 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.

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Weekly Schedule

Today, August 3

6 p.m. - Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, August 4

5:30 p.m. - Dinner with Sonny Perdue in the FLC 7:30 p.m. - CenterStage for Christ Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 5

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast 7 p.m. - CenterStage for Christ Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 6

6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 7

12 p.m. - Prime Time Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall 7 p.m. - CenterStage for Christ Rehearsal

Perry Methodist Church Picnic and Pivaise

Sunday, August 10 12 p.m. in the Family Life Center

You are invited to an old fashioned church picnic! Bring a dish or two to share! The church will provide fried chicken and chicken tenders.

The FLC doors will be open at 8:30 a.m. for food drop off!



Dinner with Sonny Perdue Tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. in the FLC

We have some tickets left for the dinner tomorrow night! Look for Buddy outside today or come by the office in the morning for one. Tickets are \$30 each (cash or check) and include dinner from the Horseshoe (fried chicken, squash, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls and peach cobbler).

CenterStage for Christ presents "Faith of a Mustard Seed"
September 8, 9, 11, 12, and 13, 2025
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Play starts at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door
(cash or check). All ticket sales are final.



Tickets go on sale on Monday, August 11 in the Church
Office (ticket sales are final) All proceeds from this play will go to benefit
the Community Assistance program at our church.