



Awakening: A Call to Real Christianity

Not a checklist. A whole life with God.

If somebody decides they want to learn how to fly, what do we do? We don't hand them a plane and say, "Good luck." There's coursework, training, hours in the cockpit, and eventually that first solo flight.

But when it comes to faith, what do we often do? A person feels God stirring in their heart. They want to live differently. And too often, we hand them a Bible, invite them to Sunday School, or ask them to join a committee. That's the spiritual equivalent of tossing them the keys to a jet and saying, "Figure it out."

The truth is, people are hungry for more. Research shows young adults are leading a resurgence in church attendance. People are tired of cultural religion and powerless faith. What they long for is the life of God.

That's the vision behind our new series, *Awakening: A Call to Real Christianity*. Discipleship is not a checklist but apprenticeship with Jesus Christ — offering our whole lives to Him.

Series Overview

- **Oct 5 – Believe: Step Into the Life**
- **Oct 12 – Obey: Choose the Lord You'll Follow**
- **Oct 19 – Families 4 Families Sunday**
(Guest: Wayne Naugle)
- **Oct 26 – Follow: Join the Mission**
- **Nov 2 – Live on Purpose: Holy Calling for Everyday Life**
(All Saints Sunday)

Families 4 Families Sunday – Oct 19

On this Sunday, we'll celebrate the work of Families 4 Families and welcome Wayne Naugle as guest speaker. This ministry walks with vulnerable children and the families who care for them, and it's one of the most important ways we can live out our discipleship. Please make every effort to be present. God is awakening His people. Let's say yes to His call.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

Worship and Praise Gathering

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 5, 2025

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

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Tom Carruth

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

Prelude

Andante Sostenuto Op. 72, No. 2 Felix Mendelssohn
piano

*Hymn of Praise

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Standing on the Promises

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation

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Let Us Break Bread Together

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Anthem *Welcomed Home Again* arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
The Sanctuary Choir

*Like helpless sheep,
We have wandered far from the Shepherd's fold.
We have chosen a path of darkness,
Been lost out in the cold.
But God has laid on Jesus the burden of our sin,
And we have been forgiven,
And welcomed home again.*

*We come to this gracious table to take the heav'nly bread,
With thankful hearts partaking of the feast before us spread.
For God has laid on Jesus the burden of our sin,
And we have been forgiven,
And welcomed home again.*

*Doxology

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Scripture

Mark 1:14–15; Acts 2:38; John 14:5–6;
John 3:16–17; Romans 10:9–10

Sermon

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Holy Communion (gluten free rice crackers given upon request)

Music During Communion

Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Hayes/Gaspard
piano and organ duet

Shall We Gather at the River? arr. Joel Raney
piano

*Hymn of Commitment 540 Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

*Sending Forth with Blessing

*Postlude Fantasia on DUKE STREET arr. David Paxton
organ

*Stand as able

Acolyte: Anna Swift 11:00 Crucifer: Ben Bonney 11:00

Contemporary
Worship Service

Tonight at 6 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

- Our love, sympathy and prayers are given to Peggy Connor upon the death of her husband, Malcolm Connor on September 30, 2025.
- 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:

Rev. Tom Carruth, Senior Pastor	Rob Ray, Assistant Pastor
Krissy Walker, Children's Pastor	Christie Rooks, Education Assistant
Nichole Lawson, Youth Pastor	Caroline Peavy, Youth Assistant
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Weekly Schedule

Saturday, October 4-Tuesday, October 7

Youth Beach Retreat

Tonight, October 5

6 p.m. - Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, October 6

7 p.m. - Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 7

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast

11 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal

6 p.m. - Diving Deeper Bible Study for Women in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 8

6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 9

2 p.m. - Walking in the FLC



Sunday, October 26

6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Walker Barn

\$10 per person

Moes will cater dinner

Register on our website at perrymethodist.com/ministries/childrens to attend or scan the QR code.

Families must do a trunk to attend (even if it's just a pumpkin and candy)



Methodist Women

**Monday, October 13, 2025
12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Bring a sandwich or salad. Drinks, sides, and desserts will be provided. Our program will be presented by Terry Walker of the Perry Arts Council.



PVO Sugar Drive

It's that time of year again! Will the 9 a.m. service hold

their winning streak or will the 11 a.m. service break through with a win?

We are collecting 260 - 4 lb bags of sugar for Perry Volunteer Outreach. Mark your sugar with your service and bring it to the Narthex or the church office.

Ladies Bible Study

Starting Monday, October 13

5 p.m. in the Brad Brady Conference Room

We will study "Heaven: When Faith Becomes Sight". We have books in the church office for \$25 cash or check.

Operation Christmas Child



It's not too late to pack a shoebox for a child in a different country for Christmas. Grab a box from the narthex or the church office. Packed boxes are due back on Sunday, October 26.