

## The Land of My Sojourn



We are living in a world at war. You can feel it—even when nothing obvious is happening. A constant hum of anxiety. Fear of what is... and what might be. Nations posturing. Systems straining. People on edge. Even something as simple as travel carries weight now. This week, we are especially mindful of our missionaries in Honduras as they prepare to come home. We are praying for them, aware of government instability, long airport lines, and how quickly inconvenience can become something more.

And into that kind of world—this world—Jesus rides into Jerusalem. Not on a warhorse, but on a donkey. While the world braces for power, he chooses weakness. While people cry out, “Hosanna—save us!” he refuses to save them the way they expect. He does not come to take control of the kingdoms of this world—he had already rejected that offer. He comes to establish a Kingdom that does not run on fear, domination, or control.

Holy Week is not something we observe from a distance; it is something we enter. It is a week to lay down our fear, our need for control, our quiet grasping for power—and to follow Jesus all the way to the cross. As we move through this week and into Easter, we walk together through these texts and themes:

**Easter Sunday (April 5): John 20:1–18 — “The Risen Christ Calls Your Name.”**

**April 12 (Easter 2): 1 Peter 1:3–9 — “A Living Hope.”**

**April 19 (Easter 3): 1 Peter 1:17–23 — “The Time of Your Exile.”**

**April 26 (Easter 4): 1 Peter 2:19–25 — “Following the Shepherd.”**

We are not just remembering a risen Savior—we are following one. The One who was crucified is risen. The One who is risen has ascended. And the One who has ascended now reigns—and intercedes for us. Which means this: we live in the land of our sojourn, but we are not alone here. We belong to another Kingdom, but we are not abandoned here. Christ is not distant; he is present as our King, our Shepherd, our High Priest who even now pleads for us.

So we do not have to live like the world around us. We do not have to be driven by fear, grasp for control, or attach ourselves to power. Our life is hidden with Christ. Our future is secure in him. Our citizenship is already established in a Kingdom that cannot be shaken. So we can live here—faithfully, calmly, courageously—as people who know this is not our home, but it is the place we have been sent.

“Nobody tells you when you get born here how much you’ll come to love it and how you’ll never belong here...” — Rich Mullins

This world is not my home, I’m just a-passing through; my treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue. The angels beckon me from heaven’s open door, and I can’t feel at home in this world anymore. Because this is the land of your sojourn.

And you don’t belong here. In the words of the anonymous poet...

*This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through  
My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue;  
The angels beckon me from heaven's open door,  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.  
O Lord, you know I have no friend like you,  
If heaven's not my home, then Lord what will I do?  
The angels beckon me from heaven's open door,  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.*

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Director of Music/Organist: Dr. Jane Kimbrel  
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**JOY Choir 40th Anniversary Ruby Jubilee  
1986-2026**

**The J.O.Y Choir (Just Older Youth)  
is celebrating  
40 years of singing!**

**Spring Musical: O What a Savior:**  
A Southern Style Easter Celebration  
Sunday, April 12 at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall.  
Reception to follow.

**Sing in Worship**  
Sunday, April 19 at 9:00 and 11:00

**Choir Tour to Epworth-by-the Sea**  
Tuesday, April 21-Wednesday, April 22  
Performances:  
HomeLife on Glyngo in Brunswick  
Douglas First Methodist Church

### Men's Ensemble to Sing at Mercer Baseball Game

Our men's ensemble will sing the National Anthem at the Mercer Bears Baseball game on Tuesday, April 7 at 6:00 pm. Contact the church office for unlimited free tickets!

Blessings,  
Jane

## PRIME TIME

Assistant Pastor: Rob Ray  
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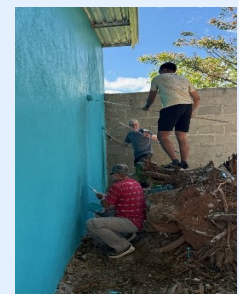
**REMINDER!** Prime Time Luncheon on April 9 with Heaven's Saints Motorcycle Ministry for \$11 per person! Reserve lunch (sloppy joes, chips, pickles, and dessert) by Thursday, April 2

by calling the church office or bring your own lunch!

## MISSION MINISTRY

Mission Coordinator: Katie Cawthon  
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Thank you so much for all your prayers, encouragement, and support of our Honduras mission trip! Over 870 patients seen in the medical and dental clinics, 40 blessing bags delivered to families in need, new classrooms painted at the high school, and daily VBS for over 150 children... it was an AMAZING week! We are so thankful and honored that God has allowed us to participate in the work He's doing in Subirana, Honduras!



We also brought back Honduran coffee for sale for \$10 per bag – it's delicious and straight off the coffee farm of our dear friend Raquel! Make sure you get some before we run out in the office!

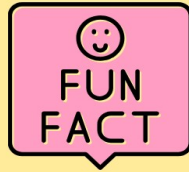
Thank you again for all your support of our ministry in Subirana! Your support is impacting the lives of many!

**Next Missions Meeting: Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 12pm**

**The April Hospice Casserole Helper is the I.H.S. Sunday School Class**

# April

## In Children's Ministry!



Typical Families have fewer than 10 meaningful conversations per week!  
Let's change that statistic!

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### Children's Led Worship Service

May 3<sup>rd</sup> at both morning worship services

Kids will usher, preach, read Scripture, pray, and even serve Communion!

If your child would like to participate, please fill out the form online.

Practices will be each Wednesday afternoon of April (excluding Spring Break) from 4-5pm in the sanctuary!



### Moms Bible Study will meet

April 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> to wrap up our study of The Great Morning Revolution.

Moms of any stage and age are welcome to join us.

We meet on Mondays at Noon in the children's church room on the main floor of the Education Building.

Bring your on lunch for fellowship time from 12-12:30.

Study lasts from 12:30-1:30

**CHILDREN'S CAMPERS!  
THE AMAZING RACE IS COMING!  
MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 4:00  
RACE TO THE FINISH WITH YOUR WHOLE FAMILY TO LEARN THE CAMP THEME!  
THE WINNER GETS TO GO TO CAMP FREE!  
CHILDREN'S CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>.**



## PERRY METHODIST YOUTH

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### Come Bounce With Us!

Sunday, April 19  
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
\$20 per person



Scan the QR code to register or go to [perrymethodist.com/ministries/youth](http://perrymethodist.com/ministries/youth).



### Baccalaureate Sunday - Sunday, May 10

We will have breakfast for the families at 10 a.m. in the FLC before the service where we will celebrate our graduating seniors at 11 a.m.

Text or email a picture of your child to Nichole at [nhslawson@gmail.com](mailto:nhslawson@gmail.com) or 478-230-2237.



**PERRY YOUTH CAMP  
MAY 31 - JUNE 6, 2026  
DOOLY COUNTY CAMPGROUND  
\$325 PER PERSON**



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**Electronic Service Requested**

Average Attendance As of March 2026	
Morning Worship	374

Finance Report Month to Date	March 2026
Receipts Month to Date	186,430.50
Disbursements Month to Date	111,108.46

Finance Report Year to Date	March 2026
Receipts Year to Date	516,816.82
Disbursements Year to Date	249,263.16
Difference	151,468.30

Building Fund	March 2026
Total Received Year to Date	22,532.00
Building Loan Balance	847,699.34



Thank you for your support of our church ministries. You may make your gifts by several means:

**Perry Methodist Website**  
[perrymethodist.com/give](http://perrymethodist.com/give)  
Click the "Make a donation" button and follow the instructions.

**Online Giving**  
Text "PERRYMC" to 73256  
or and follow the prompts.

**Postal Mail**  
PO Box 73, Perry 31069

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**

9 a.m. - Morning Worship  
10 a.m. - Sunday School  
11 a.m. - Morning Worship

**Monday**

10:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting  
12 p.m. - Mom's Bible Study (April 13, 20, and 27)  
5 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study

**Tuesday**

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast  
11 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal  
6 p.m. - Diving Deeper Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday**

4 p.m. - Children's Led Worship (beginning April 8)  
6 p.m. - Youth Worship and Bible Study  
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday**

1 p.m. - Walking in the FLC

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

April 2 - Perry Ministerial Holy Week Services in the Sanctuary at 12 p.m. with lunch to follow in the FLC  
April 6 - Maundy Thursday Services at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
April 5 - Easter Sunday - bring flowers for the Cross  
April 6 - Church Office is closed  
April 7 - Sanctuary Choir Men sing the National Anthem at the Mercer Bears Baseball game  
April 9 - Prime Time Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at 12 p.m.  
April 12 - Communion at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
April 12 - JOY Choir Musical at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall - Reception to follow  
April 13 - Methodist Women at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
April 16 - Mission Meeting at 12 p.m. in the Mission Space  
April 17 - PMC hosts Thee Lord's Table Meal at Memorial Heights  
April 17 - Emmaus Reunion Meal at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
April 19 - Youth trip to SkyZone Trampoline Park at 2 p.m.  
April 21-22 - JOY Choir tour to Epworth by the Sea

**METHODIST WOMEN**

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

Bring a sandwich or salad. Drinks and sides are provided. Our program will be from Randall Walker, Mayor of Perry. All women are invited to attend.

**PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS**

**Brandi Warren, United States Navy**, granddaughter of Bill Warren  
**Lt. Col. Phillip Ferris**, son of Mark and Gloria Ferris  
**CPL Connor Hill, USMC**, grandson of Linda Loewen and the late Arthur Loewen  
**Lt. Col. William R. Wright**, grandson of Elaine Wright  
**Staff Sergeant Brooks Warren, United States Air Force**, grandson of Bill Warren  
**SFC Christopher Lanning, United States Army**, son of Richard and Trisha Lanning  
**Sergeant First Class Derek M. Livingston, United States Army**, Grandson of Liz Fauconniere  
**CPT Harrison Booth, United States Airforce** son of Bill and Dawn Booth  
**Brian Sikes, United States Navy**, nephew of Mike and Lisa Klug

**Please help us keep this list updated by calling the church office.**

***Perry Methodist Church Staff***

Rev. Tom Carruth	Senior Pastor
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Dr. Carol Goff	Collaborative Pianist
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