



## "I Was Born a Rebel "

*I was born a rebel, down in Dixie (hey, hey, hey)  
On a Sunday mornin'  
Yeah, with one foot in the grave  
And one foot on the pedal, I was born a rebel  
I was born a rebel  
- Tom Petty, "Rebels"*

About three years ago I was fortunate to get invited to play a little music with a local band known as Two Beer Bob. I had never played in a real rock band before, and though I knew some of the songs, I was introduced to many more songs that I had not come across growing up. One of those new songs to me was "Rebels" by Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.

Whether you are a native Southerner or not, there is just something catchy about that line, "I was born a rebel." This Sunday, we will worship God and we will also thank God for this incredible land in which we have been blessed to be born, America. As we honor our country and pray for its health, safety, and prosperity, we are mindful that our land is also broken and in need of redemption. The scripture passage we will read is from the prophet Ezekiel, who spoke to his native land, the nation of Israel, and called them "a nation of rebels."

What do we do with this dilemma that we are born rebels? That there is something in all of us that resists the pull of God towards the good, the holy, and the right? I deeply appreciate Tom Petty's insight that *we were actually born rebels*. It's in our DNA. It's not only that we have made a mess of things ourselves. We were born into a mess already!

But there is some very, VERY good news for all of us. God never gives up on us rebels. For several Sundays in July we are going to explore the incredible plan God has to restore and remake the world to be more like Jesus. On Sunday, July 11, we will explore a big Greek word, *tivampaAaithuaaa*. Paul used this word in Ephesians 1 to try to capture the tremendous plan God has to make everything new. Then on Sunday, July 18, we will look at Ephesians 2, where we are given a vision of A NEW HUMANITY. In a world that cannot get along no matter how hard it tries, we actually have the solution to tear down those dividing walls of hostility.

I know many people are frustrated, angry, or even cynical or bitter over the state of our nation and world, and perhaps justifiably so. But for Christians, there is no place for cynicism or despair when it comes to the state of the world. God has shown us in the Word that He has a plan to bring about a new kingdom, a new creation bursting forth right here in the midst of the old one. I sure hope you'll join us in person or online every Sunday in July as we seek to lay aside our rebelling and embrace the new thing God wants to do in each of us, in America, and to the ends of the earth.

Worship With Us on Sundays, 9am & 11am

July 4  
July 11  
July 18

A Nation of Rebels  
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A New Humanity

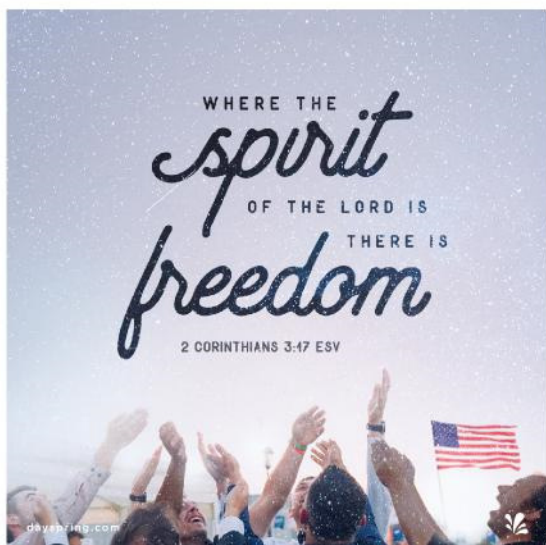
(Ezekiel 2:1-5)  
(Ephesians 1:3-14)  
(Ephesians 2:11-22)

See you on Sunday!  
Tom

## MUSIC MINISTRY

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### JOY Choir Gathering

**What:** After the Fireworks Party

**When:** Tuesday, July 6 at

11:00 **Where:** Fellowship Hall

**Wear:** Red, White, and Blue

**Music:** Patriotic Songs by Gene Salyer

**Dessert:** Red, White and Blue Smores



## PRIME TIME

Associate Pastor: Rev. Tommy Perkins

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### Macon Bacon Ballgame

### Macon Bacon Dinner and Ballgame

Thursday, July 29  
\$15 per person

Our Prime Timer's to travel to Macon to watch

the Macon Bacon play the Savannah Bananas on Thursday, July 29 at the Historic Luther Williams field. We will have an all you can eat dinner at the stadium.

We will depart from the church parking lot at 4:30 p .m. **You must register and pay in advance.** Register online at [perryumc.org/ministries/older\\_adults](http://perryumc.org/ministries/older_adults) or call the church office. The payment of \$15 can be done through your online registration for an additional fee. You may also pay with check or cash in the church office.

Register today! **There is limited space on the church buses! Registration and payments must be received by July 20, 2021.**

## MISSION MINISTRY

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**Honduran Coffee Fundraiser:** We still have plenty of Honduran coffee left! Our mission team got this straight from the source and brought it back to share with you! For a \$10 donation towards our next Honduras trip, you can take a bag home to try for yourself. You won't regret

it- this coffee is the best of the best! Come by the church office to pick yours up!



**Casseroles for Hospice:** We are still in need of Casseroles for Heart of Georgia Hospice. Casseroles may be homemade or store-bought, and can be dropped off at the church. Thank you to everyone who supports

this ministry and provides meals to families in their time of need!



**Compassion Sunday:** We are hosting our first Compassion Sunday event on Sunday, August 15! Compassion International is a leading ministry in child sponsorship. They

over 8,000 international church partners that have sponsored 1.9 million children around the world. Their sponsorship program supports families by providing children with education, tutoring, and ministering to them. This intervention helps to break poverty cycles while sharing Jesus. At our Compassion Sunday event, you'll have the chance to learn more about Compassion International and how you can make a difference by partnering with their program. Learn more at [compassion.com](http://compassion.com).

**Hospice Casserole Helper for the Pathfinders Sunday School Class.**

**No Missions Meeting this month! We will plan to**



### Audio Visual and Live Streaming Volunteers

We are in extreme need of several volunteers to help with the audio visual and live streaming at our 9 a .m. and 11 a .m. worship services.

You will receive training for this mission opportunity. **You do not need to know how it works in advance.** If you are comfortable with computers and willing to learn, please contact Emilee in the church office at [emilee.pumc@gmail.com](mailto:emilee.pumc@gmail.com) or 478-987-1852.



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 Children's Department



5th Grade Lock-In  
**New Dates: July 22nd-23rd**  
 8pm-8am  
 Family Life Center  
 Bring a tent!  
 A night of adventure  
 before you graduate to the  
 youth group in August!  
**Sign up online to attend!**

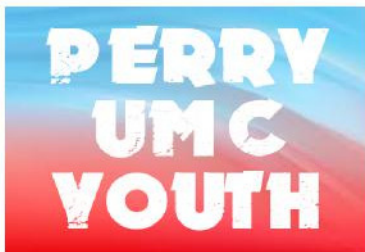


## DAYBREAK CHILDREN'S CAMP 2021

We have 45 campers and 20 youth and adults going to High springs, fl for the week of July 12th-16th

Please be in prayer for us as we travel, play, study, and fellowship that week. Campers should arrive at PUMC Monday, July 12th, at 9:30 wearing our "Summer 21: Reunited and It feels so good" T-Shirt. Let the church Office Know if you have not received a packing list!

The Lord's unfailing love and mercy still continue,  
 Fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise.  
 Lamentations 3:22&23



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### College and Youth Basketball Free Play



Come and play basketball!

July 7 and July 21  
 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
 in the  
 Family Life Center.



### Parent and Youth Meeting for the Denver Mission Trip

Parents and students that are attending the trip must attend our final meeting on the Denver Mission Trip. We will discuss departure times, flights and other imperative information about the trip. Final payments are due on July 1.

Tuesday, July 20 from  
 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. in the Youth Center.

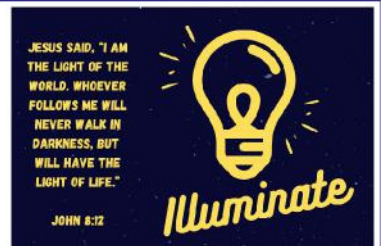
If you have any questions, please contact Nichole at [nhslawson@gmail.com](mailto:nhslawson@gmail.com)

Illuminate Youth Camp  
 July 12-17, 2021  
 Dooly County Campground  
 21 Parsonage Rd, Vienna  
 Rising 7th to 12th grade  
 \$200 per person

Parent pick up and drop off will be the campground. Perry UMC will not have bus transportation to camp.

Registration is open now on [perryumc.org/ministries/youth](http://perryumc.org/ministries/youth). The deadline to register is July 5.

A parent letter and packing list is on the website .



**Electronic Service Requested**

<b>Average Attendance as of June 2021</b>	
<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>332</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>Finance Report Month to Date</b>	<b>As of June 29, 2021</b>
Receipts Month to Date	<b>90,900.20</b>
Disbursements Month to Date	<b>95,501.35</b>
<b>Finance Report Year To Date</b>	<b>As of June 29, 2021</b>
Anticipated Budget Income	<b>621,363.00</b>
Receipts Year to Date	<b>563,450.78</b>
Disbursements Year to Date	<b>545,598.64</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>As of June 29, 2020</b>
Total Received	<b>2,357,812.80</b>

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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

**Tuesday**  
7 a .m . - Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Wednesday**  
6:45 p .m . - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal


**SPECIAL DATES**

July 1 - Men's Basketball at 6:15 a .m . in the FLC  
July 5 - Church Office is closed  
July 5 - Registration closes for Youth Camp  
July 6 - JOY Choir in the Fellowship Hall at 11 a .m .  
July 7 - Hump Day Partay at 10 a .m . at Monkey Joes  
July 7- College and Youth Basketball Free Play at 6 p .m .  
July 12-17- Youth Camp  
July 12-16- Children's Camp  
July 15-Men's Basketball at 6:15 a .m . in the FLC  
July 20 -Youth Mission Trip Meeting in the Youth Center at 5 p .m .  
July 20 - Registration for the Prime Time Macon Bacon ball game closes  
July 21 - College and Youth Basketball Free Play at 6 p .m .  
July 22-23-5<sup>th</sup> grade Lock In in the FLC  
July 25-July 31- Youth Mission Trip to Denver, Colorado.  
July 29-Prime Time Macon Bacon ball game at 4:30 p .m .

**NEW CLASS**

**New Sunday School Class**

The Bridge Sunday school class has begun meeting in the room above the Sanctuary on the left during the 10 a .m . Sunday school hour. This class is for ages 18-25 years old. Invite your friends and come and join us! If you have any questions, please contact Nichole at [nhslawson@gmail.com](mailto:nhslawson@gmail.com).



**PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS**

**Alex Powell, United States National Guard,** granddaughter of Corky and Suzanne Powell  
**Brandi Warren, United States Navy,** granddaughter of Bill and Mary Warren.  
**Captain Matt McNeal,** nephew of Susan Pierce. **Jacob Wesley Powell, United States Marines,** grandson of Corky and Suzanne Powell. **Lt. Col. Phillip Ferris,** son of Mark and Gloria Ferris  
**Major William R. Wright,** grandson of Elaine Wright.  
**Lance Corporal Thomas Blake Moore, United States Marines,** grandson of Nellwin and James Moore.  
**Seaman Walter Hartley, United States Navy,** nephew of Dot Price.  
**Staff Sergeant Brooks Warren, United States Air Force,** grandson of Bill and Mary Warren.  
**Staff Sergeant Christopher Lanning, United States Army,** son of Richard and Trisha Lanning .  
**Staff Sergeant Derek M. Livingston, United States Army,** Grandson of Liz Fauconniere .

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



Thank you for your faithful support of PUMC's ministries. You may make your gifts by several means:

**Text2Give**  
Text 478-796-9390, which is dedicated to receiving Perry UMC contributions. Enter the amount you desire to give in message line (example "give 200".) Follow prompts to confirm gift and enter bank information. Future texts will only require you to enter the amount and confirm the gift.

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

**Bill Pay from Online Banking**  
Set up a one time or recurring transaction on "bill pay" on checking account. Please indicate in notes any instructions about how you want the gift directed.

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