

On Tom's Heart | July 2026

First, thank you. By now you've probably heard that I managed to break my ankle playing basketball with our F3 men's workout group. I wish I had a dramatic story to tell. All I know is it was routine basketball, I bumped into someone, and the next thing I know I was on the floor with a foot that didn't look right! As I write this, surgery is tomorrow, so by the time you read these words I'm hoping to be well on the road to recovery.

Several years ago some of the men in our church started inviting me to join F3. After Shelly and I moved into town, I finally ran out of excuses. I even texted John Holbert and told him, "Meet me in my driveway at 6:00 a.m. If you don't, I'll find a reason to stay in bed."

Since then I've been there nearly every Tuesday and Thursday morning. We run, do push-ups, dips, sit-ups, and whatever other misery someone dreams up. Every other Thursday or so we play basketball in our Family Life Center. Ironically, basketball is supposed to be the "easy" day. The workouts have been good for me physically, but the friendships have been even better.

One of the greatest dangers for all of us—especially men—is isolation. We stay busy. We convince ourselves we're fine. Before long we're carrying burdens by ourselves that God never intended us to carry alone. When I went down, I immediately knew something was wrong. Within minutes, friends had me in the van and I was receiving excellent care from Dr. Dan Grahl and others from our own church family.

Since then, I've watched Perry Methodist simply be the Church.

Dr. Marcus Tripp graciously stepped in to officiate Dr. Wayne Bohanan's funeral while I recover. Staff members have covered responsibilities without complaint. People have prayed, called, texted, brought food, offered rides, and one afternoon I looked outside to discover my neighbor mowing my yard and trimming around the edges like he'd been hired to do it. It's humbling to be on the receiving end of all that kindness.

Thank you—for every prayer, every meal, every text, every visit, and every act of love. You have reminded Shelly and me once again what a privilege it is to be part of this church family.

Looking Ahead

By the time you read this, our Administrative Board will have heard the recommendations that came from our Vision 200 Listening Retreat. Many of you prayed and fasted before that gathering, and it showed. About thirty church members spent a day listening to one another, seeking the Lord, and asking where He is leading Perry Methodist next. It was one of the most encouraging meetings I've been part of in a long time.

You'll be hearing much more in the coming weeks. I truly believe God has some exciting days ahead for our church.

Celebrating 200 Years

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Sunday, August 23 as we celebrate 200 years of Perry Methodist Church.

Our planning team is already hard at work, and I hope every member of our church family will be here. We'll celebrate God's faithfulness, remember those who came before us, and thank Him for allowing us to write the next chapter together.

Pray First

One of the biggest things you can do right now is pray. Pray for our Music Search Committee as they seek the person—or perhaps persons—God is calling to lead worship at Perry Methodist. We've received applications from across Middle Georgia, around the state, and from other parts of the country. God already knows who He's calling. Our job is simply to listen.

Pray for our children, who are heading to camp after an incredible Vacation Bible School.

Pray for our students, who experienced an amazing week at Perry Youth Camp at Dooly Campground.

Pray for our Missions and Outreach Team, our Bible studies, our volunteers, and every person who walks through our doors.

Here's the question: Are you praying as much as you're planning? The Holy Spirit accomplishes far more than any committee ever could.

Congratulations, Rob!

One more celebration is coming in July. Rob Ray will be ordained at the South Georgia Annual Conference at Epworth by the Sea. Please pray for Rob, Anna, little Robbie, and their growing family as they begin this new chapter. Watching God call and prepare Rob for ministry has been one of the great joys of my time here. Perry Methodist has had a front-row seat to what God is doing in his life, and I can't wait to see what comes next.

Eyes on Jesus

There's a lot happening at Perry Methodist right now, and that's a wonderful thing. But let's never confuse activity with faithfulness. Our mission hasn't changed.

Love God. Love people. Make disciples. If we keep our eyes on Jesus, everything else has a way of falling into place.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

MUSIC MINISTRY

Director of Music/Organist: Dr. Jane Kimbrel
Collaborative Pianist: Dr. Carol Goff
Music Assistant: Tammara Shipes
janekimbrel@gmail.com (478) 987-1852

The JOY Choir is celebrating America's 250th BIRTHDAY with the RED, WHITE, and BLUE!

WHAT: Trivia Fun for Seniors!

WHEN: Tuesday, July 14 at 11:00 AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Hall

LUNCH: Hamburger, Chicken, BBQ Sliders, Sides and Dessert

WEAR: Red, White, or Blue!

MISSION MINISTRY

Mission Coordinator: Katie Cawthon
katie.pumc@gmail.com (478) 987-1852



Thee Lord's Table: We have our next Thee Lord's Table meal on Friday, July 10th at Memorial Heights Baptist Church. We will provide a meal for anyone who shows up hungry! If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please email Katie at katie.pumc@gmail.com.



School Supply Drive: We are collecting school supplies and bookbags during the month of July for foster families and families in need that we know through our assistance program. All school supplies and bookbags can be dropped off in the church office. Thank you for supporting this cause!



Clothing Drive: We will also be collecting socks, underwear, and bras for school-aged children for WROC's (Women Reaching Our Community) clothing closet. Many children and teens in our community are going without these necessities. Please help us clothe those in need!

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.



No Missions meeting this month!

The Hospice Casserole helper for July is the Redeemers Sunday School Class.

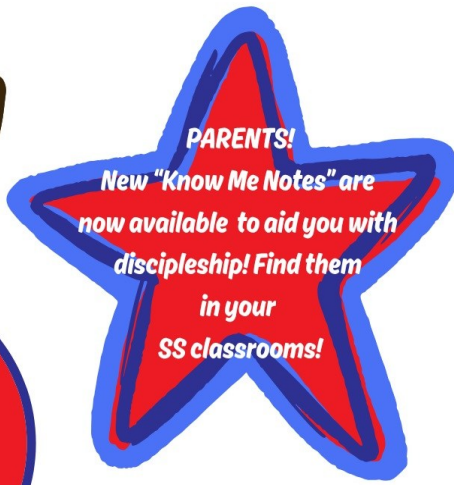
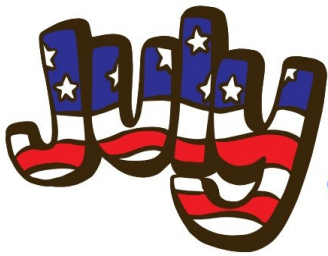
New Member Brunch

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026
AT 10 A.M. IN THE FLC

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 at 478-987-1852.





PARENTS!
 New "Know Me Notes" are
 now available to aid you with
 discipleship! Find them
 in your
 SS classrooms!

INFLUENCERS
SUMMER STUDY FOR KIDS
AGES 4YO-5TH GRADE
 JULY 22ND 10:30-11:30 AM
 JULY 27TH 10:30-1:30
 FELLOWSHIP HALL
 NO SIGN UP NECESSARY
 JULY 27TH WILL INCLUDE LUNCH &
 WATER ACTIVITIES!

KRISSY WALKER
 CHILDRENS PASTOR
 KCPTEACH@YAHOO.COM
 CHRISTIE ROOKS
 CHRISTIAN ED. ASSISTANT
 CHRISTIEROOKS.PMC@GMAIL.COM



*****THERE
 WILL BE
 NO
 CHILDREN'S
 CHURCH
 SUNDAY,
 JULY 12TH.
 Books
 available
 in narthex
 chest for
 kids to use
 during
 worship.**

All Good Children's Camp 2026

July 6th-10th

**Campers should arrive Monday, July
 6th, at 10am in the Family Life Center.**

***If you need to sign the 2 forms or get
 your T-shirt for camp, you can come by
 the church office or do it that morning
 before we leave!**



Save the Date!
5th Grade Day
Wednesday, July 29th
 A last day of fun with the
 children's department before
 Promotion Sunday!

**PERRY
 METHODIST
 YOUTH**

Follow Us!



Nichole Lawson
 Youth Pastor
 nhslawson@gmail.com
 478-230-2237

Caroline Arnold
 Assistant
 Youth Pastor

Harrington Arnette
 Summer Intern

PERRY METHODIST CHURCH SUMMER 2026

**YOUTH
 bible study
 & worship**

meet at 5:30pm
 THURSDAYS IN THE YOUTH CENTER

**We will not meet on July 2,
 2026. We will meet on
 July 9, 16, and 23.**

**The trip to
 WILD ADVENTURES
 HAS BEEN POSTPONED.**

We will update with new dates
 when they are known.

HARRINGTON DAY!

JULY 21!
 6 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

**MORE INFO TO
 COME SOON!**

**OPEN GYM
 COMMUNITY DAY**
 TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026
 5 P.M. - 8 P.M. IN THE FLC

YOUTH AGES 11-18
 MIDDLE AND
 HIGH SCHOOLERS

FREE FOOD
 AND DRINKS

ALL
 STUDENTS
 ARE
 WELCOME!

PLAY
 BASKETBALL
 AND
 GAGA BALL

**YOUTH
 LOCK IN**

JULY 24

7 P.M. TO 7 A.M.
 DROP OFF AT THE YOUTH CENTER

Perry Methodist Church
1002 Carroll Street
Perry, GA 31069

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PO BOX 1037
PERRY GA 31069-1037
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**Average Attendance
As of June 2026**

Morning Worship	351
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Finance Report Month to Date	June 2026
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Receipts Month to Date	119,655.00
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Disbursements Month to Date	43,435.08
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Finance Report Year to Date	June 2026
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Receipts Year to Date	891,636.75
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Disbursements Year to Date	638,081.38
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Difference	253,555.37
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Building Fund	June 2026
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Total Received Year to Date	35,975.00
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Building Loan Balance	836,140.69
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Thank you for your support of our church ministries. You may make your gifts by several means:

Perry Methodist Website
perrymethodist.com/give
Click the "Make a donation" button and follow the prompts.

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

Tuesday

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday

6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

1 p.m. - Walking in the FLC
5:30 p.m. - Youth Bible Study in the Youth Center - meets July 9, 16, 23
6:30 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study in the Sanctuary - meets July 9, 16, 23

SPECIAL EVENTS

July 3 - Church Office Closed
June 6 - 10 - Children's Camp
July 7 - Youth Mission Day "Open Gym Community Day" 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
July 8 - Breakfast Across Borders in the Fellowship Hall - 8 a.m.
July 14 - JOY Choir "America's 250 years" BBQ at 11 a.m. in the Fel Hall
July 15 - Cookbook Submissions Due
July 15 - Prime Time Macon Bacon Game
July 21 - Youth Harrington Day
July 22 - Children's Summer Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fel Hall
July 22 - Blood Drive in the FLC from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
July 24 - Youth Lock In in the Youth Center 7 p.m. - 7 a.m.
July 27 - Children's Summer Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fel Hall
July 27 - Trustees Meeting in the Office Conference Room at 6 p.m.
July 29 - 5th Grade Day



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
Rob Ray	Assistant Pastor
Krissy Walker	Children's Pastor
Christie Rooks	Christian Education Assistant
Katie Cawthon	Missions Coordinator
Nichole Lawson	Youth Pastor
Caroline Arnold	Assistant Youth Pastor
Dr. Jane Kimbrel	Director of Music Ministries/Organist
Dr. Carol Goff	Collaborative Pianist
Tammara Shipes	Music Assistant
Dicky Gilbert	Audio Visual
Emilee Sheffield	Office Manager
Kelley Sorrow	Financial Secretary
Mike Klug	Building Superintendent
Alice Releford	Custodian
Joyce Cook	Nursery Worker
Abigail Durham	Nursery Worker
Lacy Murphy	Nursery Worker
Lesley Matthews	Nursery Worker

Perry Methodist Church 200th Anniversary

Cookbook Project

Submit Recipes, pictures, and short memories to us:

By Email cookbook@perrymethodist.com
Online at perrymethodist.com/cookbook

You may also bring your submissions to the church office.

Please make sure that all submission include **your name, contact information, and relevant information** such as **recipe name, ingredients, cooking instructions**, etc. Photos and story will be included as space permits and can be scanned and returned.

The deadline for all submissions is July 15, 2026.

To pre-order a cookbook for only \$30, please go to perrymethodist.com/cookbook or scan the QR code

