

A Faithful God, A Faithful People America at 250. Perry Methodist at 200.



As I write this, our nation is preparing to celebrate a remarkable milestone. On July 4, 2026, the United States of America will mark its 250th birthday.

A quarter of a millennium is a long time. Entire generations have come and gone. Wars have been fought. Great leaders have risen and fallen. Technologies that would have seemed unimaginable to our ancestors have become commonplace. Yet here we are, still telling the story of a nation that began with a bold declaration that all people are created equal and ? endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights.

As Christians, anniversaries like these give us an opportunity not merely to celebrate, but to reflect. What kind of people are we becoming? What kind of nation are we called to be? What kind of legacy will we leave behind for those who come after us? Those questions have been on my mind as I think not only about America's 250th anniversary, but also about the life of Perry Methodist Church.

Long before any of us arrived, faithful Christians gathered here to worship God. Our church traces its roots back nearly 200 years, to a time when America itself was barely fifty years old. Think about that for a moment. The men and women who established this congregation lived in a very different world than ours. Some of the labor that helped build and sustain this community was performed by enslaved people who could scarcely imagine that one day they would be included in the promise that "all men are created equal."

The history of our church, like the history of our nation, contains both inspiring faithfulness and painful imperfections. Some of those who came before us were people of remarkable courage, wisdom, and character. Others carried significant flaws and failures. Yet through every season, God continued His work. Generation after generation, people gathered to worship, pray, sing, serve, give, teach children, bury the dead, celebrate baptisms, share Holy Communion, and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Today, we are beneficiaries of that faithfulness. We worship each week in a beautiful sanctuary built by hands we never knew. We sing God's praises to the rafters because He is worthy of our worship and because faithful leaders have helped preserve and strengthen that tradition. As many of you know, our beloved Music Director and Organist, Dr. Jane Kimbrel, will retire on September 1. For decades, Jane has helped lead this congregation in worship with extraordinary excellence, dedication, and faithfulness. Her fingerprints are everywhere in the musical and spiritual life of this church. We are profoundly grateful for her ministry and look forward to celebrating her in the months ahead.

At the same time, we are witnessing another significant milestone in the life of our church. During the Global Methodist Church's South Georgia Annual Conference at Epworth By The Sea this July, our Assistant Pastor, Rob Ray, will be ordained as a Deacon in the Global Methodist Church.

Ordination as a Deacon is a significant step in the lifelong process of ordained ministry and serves as the final step before ordination as an Elder, which will be Rob's next milestone. What makes this occasion especially meaningful is that Rob was raised right here at Perry Methodist Church. The congregation that helped shape his faith is now seeing God call him into a life set apart for ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. Few blessings bring greater joy to a church than seeing one of its own answer God's call and serve faithfully among the people who helped nurture that calling.

As our youth head to what many affectionately call "the best week of the year" at Dooly Campground, I hope you'll join me in praying for every student who will be there. The same God who called Abram, the disciples, and countless saints throughout history is still calling people today. He is calling young people to follow Jesus wholeheartedly and to discover the unique purpose He has for their lives.

This month, children will gather for a weekend filled with songs, games, snacks, laughter, and, most importantly, the truth of God's love at Vacation Bible School. Then, in July, many of them will head to Florida for Children's Camp. What an incredible opportunity we have to invest in the next generation.

Let us pray that children and youth of every age will hear the voice of God and respond with faith. Some will become teachers, farmers, business owners, nurses, physicians, musicians, engineers, military personnel, missionaries, teachers, parents, and community leaders. Some may even be called into ordained ministry, just as Rob has been. Every calling is holy when it is surrendered to Christ. Our prayer is not simply that our children would choose successful careers, but that they would become faithful disciples who seek God's will and joyfully answer His call wherever He may lead them.

As we look toward America's 250th birthday and Perry Methodist's 200th anniversary, I hope we will remember that the most important legacy any generation leaves is not a building, a program, a budget, or even a nation. It is faithfulness. This summer, I will be preaching a series entitled *A More Faithful Nation*. Together we will explore what Scripture teaches about the kind of people God calls us to become: people who are blessed to be a blessing, people of character, people of courage, people willing to surrender what they treasure most, and people who discover true freedom in Jesus Christ.

My prayer is that future generations will look back on our season of ministry the same way we look back on those who came before us—not because we were perfect, but because we were faithful. After all, the story has never ultimately been about us. It has always been about a faithful God working through imperfect people. And thanks be to God, He is not finished with Perry Methodist Church yet.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

MUSIC MINISTRY

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JOY CHOIR SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 16

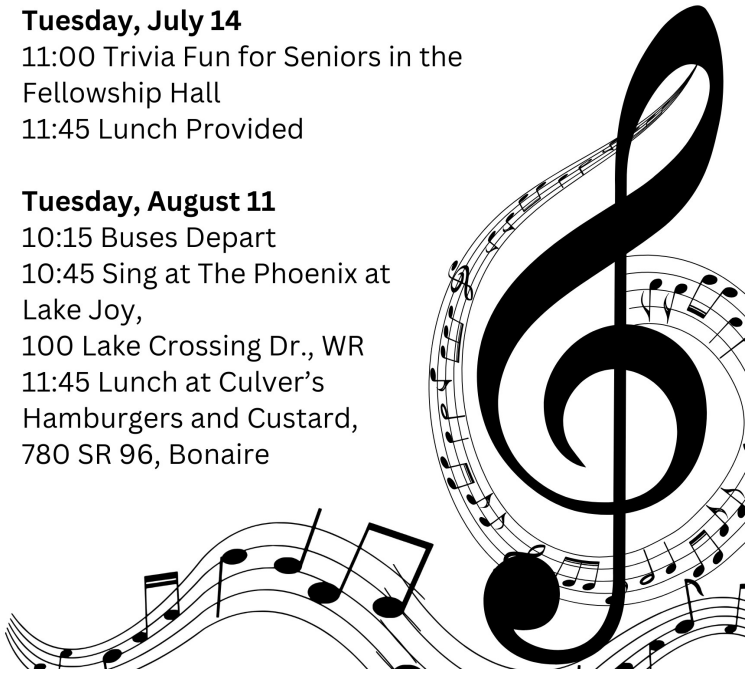
10:30 Buses Depart or Meet There
10:45 Sing at Church Home LifeSpring,
2470 US 41 N, Fort Valley
11:45 Lunch at Cracker Barrel,
101 Lect Dr., Perry

Tuesday, July 14

11:00 Trivia Fun for Seniors in the
Fellowship Hall
11:45 Lunch Provided

Tuesday, August 11

10:15 Buses Depart
10:45 Sing at The Phoenix at
Lake Joy,
100 Lake Crossing Dr., WR
11:45 Lunch at Culver's
Hamburgers and Custard,
780 SR 96, Bonaire



MISSION MINISTRY

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Did you know that 1 in 5 children in the state of Georgia experience food insecurity? With approximately 30,000 students in Houston County, that means there are roughly 6,000 children and youth in

our county that will not have enough food to eat this summer, with no school to provide their meals. The need for food is greater than ever! Our Blessing Box is visited multiple times a day and is quickly emptied. Please help us keep it stocked this summer for our hungry neighbors in need!

Suggested items include:

- Canned vegetables or canned fruit
- Fruit cups/applesauce
- Canned meat/Jerky/Tuna/Chicken Salad packs
- Canned soups
- Pasta (dried, canned, microwaveable cups)
- Instant potatoes
- Cereal cups/Oatmeal cups
- Granola bars/Protein bars/Trail Mix, mixed nuts
- Pudding/Jello cups
- Baby food, diapers, wipes
- Can openers
- Cooking oils and sprays/Spices or Seasonings
- Cleaning supplies (cleaning wipes, soap, sponges, laundry detergent, etc.)
- School supplies (composition books, notebook paper, pencils, pens, etc.)
- Toiletries (shampoo, body wash, deodorant, tooth brushes, toothpaste, etc.)
- Feminine hygiene products,
- Frozen microwaveable dinners
- Individually wrapped frozen items (corn dogs, hot pockets, burritos, breakfast sandwiches, etc.)
- Fresh Produce
- Bottled water/Gatorade/juice boxes
- Shelf-stable milk, or milk for the fridge
- Butter/Eggs/Bread
- Cooked, packaged meals in to-go boxes (MUST BE LABELED WITH THE DATE FOOD WAS COOKED AND INGREDIENTS)

PRIME TIME

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**PRIME TIME
JUNE LUNCHEON**
THURSDAY, JUNE 11
12 P.M. IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL
\$11 PER PERSON

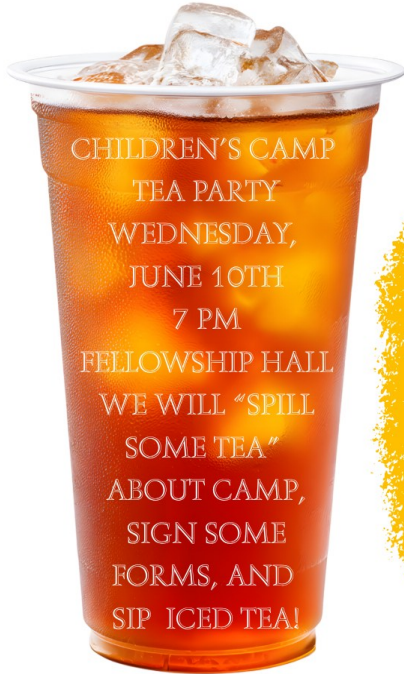
Michelle Gowan
of Cookie Nip will present
our program. Lunch will
be catered by Yoders
Sandwich Shop.

Reserve your spot by
Tuesday, June 2 by
calling the church office
at 478-987-1852.



**PLEASE HELP US HELP
OTHERS BY MARKING
THROUGH THE BARCODES
ON THE PRODUCTS THAT
YOU DONATE.**

The Hospice Casserole helper for June is the Pathfinders Sunday School Class.



CHILDREN'S CAMP
TEA PARTY
WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 10TH
7 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL
WE WILL "SPILL
SOME TEA"
ABOUT CAMP,
SIGN SOME
FORMS, AND
SIP ICED TEA!



PARENTS!
"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
JUNE 3RD, 22ND, 24TH
10:30-11:30 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL
NO SIGN UP NECESSARY
KIDS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO COME WHEN THEY CAN!

GALAXY

Launching Kids on a Mission of God's Love

KRISSY WALKER
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CHRISTIE ROOKS
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Galaxy Weekend Vacation Bible School!

June 12th-14th

Family Life Center

An out of this world adventure for kids age 4yo-5th grade!

Sign up online to attend!

Friday Night

Saturday

Sunday Morning

6:00-8:30 pm

9:30am-2:00pm

10:00am-12Noon

Dinner Provided

Lunch Provided

Breakfast Provided

Bible Study, Crafts, Games, Inflatable, Music, and More!

Our Mission Project for VBS will be these items for our blessing box:
sunscreen, popsicles, and bug spray

Contact Krissy or Christie to sign up to volunteer for the weekend!

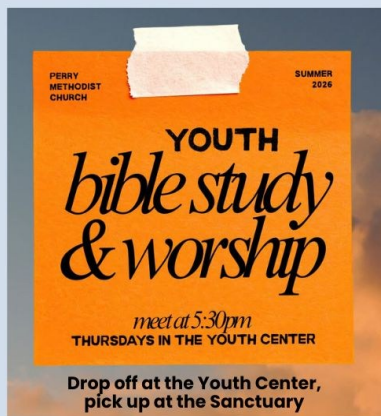


Perry Methodist Youth

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GAME DAY STAYCATION

Tuesday

June 23

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

in the
Youth Center



The Lord's TABLE

Friday,
June 26
10 a.m.
to 2 p.m.

We will meet
at the
Youth Center
and make lunch
for the community
to serve at
Thee Lord's Table.

Electronic Service Requested

Average Attendance As of May 2026	
Morning Worship	423
Finance Report Month to Date	
Receipts Month to Date	120,920.32
Disbursements Month to Date	68,947.70
Finance Report Year to Date	
Receipts Year to Date	771,887.15
Disbursements Year to Date	575,506.49
Difference	196,380.66
Building Fund May 2026	
Total Received Year to Date	30,956.00
Building Loan Balance	840,099.41

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 - beginning June 11
 6:30 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study in the Sanctuary - beginning June 11

SPECIAL EVENTS


May 31 - June 6 - Youth Camp at Dooly Campground
 June 2 - Finance Committee at 4 p.m. in the Office Conference Room
 June 3 - Children's Summer Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
 June 4 - Men's Basketball at 6 a Meeting about Camp at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
 June 10 - Children's "Spill the Tea"
 June 11 - Prime Time Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at 12 p.m.
 June 12- 14- Galaxy VBS in the FLC
 June 16 - JOY Choir sings at Church Home LifeSpring at 10:45 a.m.
 June 22 - Children's Summer Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
 June 23 - Youth Game Day in the FLC from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
 June 24 - Children's Summer Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
 June 26 - Youth Missions Project from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Meet at the Youth Center



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.



Supporting the Ministries of Perry Methodist Church

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 instructions.

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

Postal Mail
 PO Box 73, Perry 31069

Perry Methodist Church Staff

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