

Rich Mullins used to sign his name with two simple words: **"Be God's."**
Not Be good. Not Be successful. Not Be safe.
Just Be God's.

It's not about money—it's about **heart**. But even though it's not about money, money always follows the heart. Jesus said, *"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* (Matthew 6:21) If you want to know where your heart is, **follow your money**.

Money isn't just about money—it's about **everything**. It shapes how we have fun, how we feel secure, how we plan our future, how we help others, and how we manage what people think of us. We look to money for status, safety, and satisfaction—but for followers of Jesus, those are all things we are meant to find in **God**. Our security, joy, identity, and future belong to Him.

This November, Perry Methodist Church will focus on Jesus' words: *"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* And another that sounds surprising at first: *"Make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails, they may receive you into eternal dwellings."* (Luke 16:9) **"Make friends with money?"** Jesus isn't praising greed—He's showing that **how we use our money has eternal consequences**.

When John Wesley preached on this verse, he reminded believers that money itself isn't the problem—it's how we use it. Scripture doesn't say money is the root of evil, but that **the love of money** is. Wesley called money a **gift of God**—a tool that can serve immense good or great harm. Used rightly, it feeds the hungry, clothes the poor, strengthens the church, and brings relief to those in need. Used wrongly, it becomes a chain around the soul. The question isn't whether we'll use money, but whether we'll use it **faithfully**.

In his sermon *The Use of Money*, Wesley offered three simple rules that still guide us today: **gain all you can, save all you can, and give all you can**. Gain all you can by working hard, using your gifts, and doing your work as unto the Lord—but never at the cost of your health, your soul, or your neighbor. **No job is worth your health. No profit is worth your integrity. No success is worth another person's loss**. The world says chase success at any cost, but the Christian aim is **faithfulness, not fortune**.

"Save all you can" doesn't mean hoard—it means *don't waste*. Wesley warned against indulgence, vanity, and pride. Spending to satisfy an appetite never fills the heart. Spending to impress others only feeds emptiness. Spending to win admiration misses the truth that **God's approval is enough**. Every unnecessary expense feeds desires that can never be satisfied, while restraint brings **freedom—the freedom to use what we have for what truly matters**.

"Give all you can" is the heart of stewardship. Wesley said, "If you gain and save but do not give, you might as well throw your money into the sea." We are not owners but **stewards**. Everything we have belongs to God. He entrusts it to us for a season, expecting us to use it for His purposes—not for storage, but for service. Before we spend or give, we can ask: *Am I acting as a steward, not an owner? Can I offer this to God as worship? Will this have eternal value?*

For Wesley, money was never about finances—it was about **formation**. It reveals who we are and what we love. Jesus invites us to turn temporary resources into eternal treasure—to use what passes away for what will never fade. That's what this year's stewardship focus at Perry Methodist Church is all about: **Be God's**. It's about **surrender**. It's about **belonging wholly to Him**.

On **November 9**, we'll look at *"First the Heart"* (Matthew 6:19–24; 23:23), where Jesus reminds us that giving begins with surrender. The tithe—the first tenth—is a **training ground for trust**. On **November 16**, we'll explore *"First the Tenth"* (Malachi 3:10; Proverbs 3:9–10): "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, and see if I will not open the windows of heaven." The tithe isn't fundraising—it's **faith**. It declares, *"Everything I have belongs to God."*

At Perry Methodist, we believe every member is called to **put God first financially**. That begins with tithing—returning the first 10 percent to Him through the church. Tithing isn't paying a bill; it's **worship**—a declaration that we trust the **Giver more than the gift**. On **November 23**, our youth will lead worship and we'll bring pledge cards as acts of praise. Whether you've tithed for years or are taking your first step, let this moment be filled with **joy**.

God doesn't want part of your life; He wants **all of it**. When you give the first tenth, you're really giving your **whole heart**. So this November, let's take Rich Mullins' advice. Don't just be good.

Be God's.
—Tom



MUSIC MINISTRY

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Music Ministry Calendar

Sunday, November 9

Sanctuary Bells Ring in Worship



Sunday, November 23

Our men's ensemble will join the Macon Mayhem national winning professional ice hockey team to sing the National Anthem on Sunday, November 23 at 3:00 PM at the Macon Coliseum. The Macon Mayhem will host the Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs for Salute to Service Day. Local heroes will be recognized and celebrated. Join in the fun to hear our men sing, watch the game, and salute our heroes!

Tickets are \$25.42 including tax and fees, and all seats are reserved in the center section for Perry Methodist. Tickets may be purchased on the following link, or by scanning the QR code. <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Perrymethodist2>



Looking ahead to Christmas.....

December 7-9:00 and 11:00
Sanctuary Bells Ring in Worship
December 7-4:00
JOY Choir Musical
December 14-9:00 and 11:00
Sanctuary Choir Cantata
December 21-9:00 and 11:00
JOY Choir Sings in Worship

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Hope Beyond Today Grief Support Group
Starting November 6 at 5:30 p.m.
In Brad Brady Conference Room
\$15 per person

Grief is hard and no one should go through it alone. We are here for you. Join us as we work through the study "Hope Beyond Today". Each participant will get their own workbook.

For more info or to sign up, please go to perrymethodist.com/ministries/bible-studies or call the church office at 478-987-1852.

MISSION MINISTRY

Mission Coordinator: Katie Cawthon
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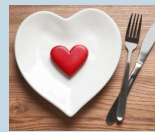
Families 4 Families Info Session: We will have a Families 4 Families info session in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 2, at 10am. This is for anyone with questions or an interest in helping the foster families in our community! Hope to see you there!



Thanksgiving Blessing Bags: Due to the government shutdown, so many people will not receive their food stamps next month. There is already a huge need for food help, and this will drastically increase food insecurity in our community. We need your help! First, please help us keep The Blessing Box stocked! The Blessing Box is visited by numerous people every single day, and lately it has been empty as a result. Second, we will be collecting the following food items to put together Thanksgiving Blessing Bags to hand out at our Assistance Program in November:

cans of chicken or turkey	boxes of stuffing mix
bags of instant mashed potatoes	
cans of green beans	cans of corn
cans of mixed fruit	gravy packets

Please bring any and all items by November 14 to the church office.



Foster & Adoptive Family Support Dinner: We are hosting a dinner and training for foster and adoptive families on Tuesday, November 18, from 5 to 8 pm. This is a great night where we can pour into some families that minister to children from hard places! We need many volunteers to help with this event, so please check out the sign-ups online or email Katie at katie.pumc@gmail.com. Thank you for helping support our local foster families! **We are also collecting \$25 gift cards for these families for gas, groceries, or restaurants.**

Thanksgiving Bake Sale:

**THANKSGIVING
BAKE SALE**
FOR THE 2026 HONDURAS MISSION TRIP
Mark your calendars!
We are having a silent auction bake sale on
Sunday, November 23 from
9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall!
Baked goods can be dropped off between 8:30 and 9:15 a.m.
**WE NEED BAKED GOOD DONATIONS FOR THIS SALE. IF
YOU CAN HELP, EMAIL KATIE AT [KATIE.PUMC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:katie.pumc@gmail.com)
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 478-987-1852.**



Angel Tree: Our Angel Tree will be put up in early November! The Angel Tree will be located in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall, and will be full of Christmas lists from children in foster care in Houston County. All gifts must be returned in gift bags, with the child's angel attached, by **Tuesday, December 2.**

Our November Hospice casserole helper is the Contemporary Christians Sunday School class.

November for the kids

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



KidsGiving
Monday, November 24th 11am-2pm Lunch Provided
(in the Fellowship Hall)
A fun day of Thanksgiving festivities
for the kids during the holidays!
For kids ages 4yo-5th grade (35 spots available)
Sign up online to attend!
Mission Project: Bring a Thanksgiving food
item for the Blessing Box!

Sunday School Fun:
Kids are invited to wear PAJAMAS to
Sunday school & church on
November 2nd (Time change weekend!)

Treehouse Trades meets for the last
week on November 5th!
Next session begins January 21st!

Moms Bible Study meets for our
last session of Peace by Becky
Thompson Monday, November 3rd.
Moms Fall Luncheon will be Monday,
November 17th, at Noon, at Fountain
of Juice in Macon.



Perry Methodist Youth

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

www.facebook.com/perryyouth

www.instagram.com/perrymethodistyouth



Confirmation Trip to the Biblical History Museum

November 15
9:30 a.m. to 6:30 pm.
\$50 per person

Sign up on the
website at
[perrymethodist.com/
ministries/youth](http://perrymethodist.com/ministries/youth)



Youth Sunday
November 23

We will lead worship
for both morning
services

Youth Sunday Practices

Sunday, November 9: 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 12: 5 - 6 p.m.
Sunday, November 16: 4 - 6 p.m.
Wednesday, November 19: 5 - 6 p.m.

Meet in
the
Sanctuary



FRIENDSGIVING NOVEMBER 19 6 P.M. IN THE YOUTH CENTER

WE WILL PROVIDE
CHICKEN TENDERS,
BRING YOUR FAVORITE
SIDE TO SHARE.

PRAYER BREAKFAST ENDS FOR 2025 ON NOVEMBER 19

NO YOUTH ON
NOVEMBER 26



Winter Youth retreat to Snowbird February 13-16, 2026 \$250 per person

We are heading to Snowbird for a fun,
adventure filled, high activity experience!

Registration is open at
perrymethodist.com/ministries/youth
Space is limited so don't miss out!



Electronic Service Requested

Average Attendance As of October 2025	
Morning Worship	370
Finance Report Month to Date	
Receipts Month to Date	140,582.95
Disbursements Month to Date	166,180.29
Finance Report Year to Date	
Receipts Year to Date	1,329,040.12
Disbursements Year to Date	1,334,679.81
Difference	-5,639.69
Building Fund	
Total Received	3,662,736.24
Building Loan Balance	866,771.19

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

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

Monday

5 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study
(will not meet on November 24)
7 p.m. - Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast
11 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. - Diving Deeper Bible Study
for Women in the Fellowship Hall
(Ends on November 11)

Wednesday

7 a.m. - Youth Prayer Breakfast
(ends on November 19)
6 p.m. - Youth Wednesday Night
(will not meet on November 26)
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir
Rehearsal
(will not meet on November 26)

Thursday

2 p.m. - Walking in the FLC
5:30 p.m. - Hope Beyond Today
Grief Support Group

SPECIAL EVENTS

November 2 - Info session for Families 4
Families at 10 a.m. in the Fel Hall
November 10 - Methodist Women at
12 p.m. in the Fel Hall
November 11 - Church Office is closed
November 15 - Cub Scouts in the FLC
November 18 - Foster and Adoption
Support dinner from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
November 23 - Thanksgiving Bake Sale
for Honduras in the Fel Hall
November 23 - Men's Ensemble sings
at Macon Mayhem Game
November 24 - Kidsgiving in the Fel
Hall from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
November 26-28 - Church Office is
closed
November 30 - Sanctuary Choir
rehearsal in the Sanctuary from
2 - 3:30 p.m.

METHODIST WOMEN

Monday, November 10

12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Bring a sandwich or salad. Drinks and sides
are provided. Our program will be presented
by Dale Mann. Bring an item for the Blessing
Box.

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

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