

Awakening: A Call to Real Christianity

Not a checklist. A whole life with God.

If somebody decides they want to learn how to fly, what do we do? We don't hand them a plane and say, "Good luck." There's a process: studying coursework, passing a medical test, sitting in the cockpit and observing, practicing under the watchful eye of an instructor, and only then attempting a first solo flight. Flying demands training, patience, and a structured path.

But when it comes to faith, what do we often do? A person feels God stirring in their heart — maybe they've never been to church, maybe they've wandered away, or maybe they've simply realized that the "cultural Christianity" around them feels empty. They know they want something more. They want to live differently. And what do we give them? Too often, we hand them a Bible, invite them to Sunday School, or suggest they serve on a committee. It's the spiritual equivalent of tossing them the keys to a jet and saying, "Figure it out."

The good news is, God is awakening something in our world. Research from Barna shows that young adults are leading a resurgence in church attendance. There is a hunger for God. People are tired of the cultural status quo. And many are equally tired of stale, impotent religion that doesn't carry the life of God in it. What they long for — and what God is calling us to — is a living, breathing, whole-life discipleship.

Discipleship isn't about checking boxes: prayer, presence, gifts, service, witness. It isn't about church membership as a finish line. It's about becoming an apprentice of Jesus Christ — a person whose entire being is caught up in the life of God.

That's the vision behind our new series, Awakening: A Call to Real Christianity. Each week, we'll explore one of the essential responses to God's call. Together, these responses form a path — not of religious chores, but of a robust life with God. ***If you've been longing for something more, if you've been spiritually restless, if you're ready to move beyond "church as usual," then I believe this series is for you.***

"Awakening" Series Overview

October 5 – Believe: Step Into the Life

Supporting Scriptures: Mark 1:14–15; Acts 2:38; John 14:5–6; John 3:16–17; Romans 10:9–10

Faith is more than agreeing with ideas. It's entrusting your whole life to Jesus and stepping into the abundant life He offers.

October 12 – Obey: Choose the Lord You'll Follow

Supporting Scriptures: Luke 6:46; Acts 2:36; 2 Corinthians 4:5; Ephesians 1:22; 1 Peter 3:15a

Real discipleship moves beyond words. Calling Jesus "Lord" means surrendering our decisions, habits, and priorities to Him.

October 19 – Families 4 Families Sunday

Special Guest Speaker: Wayne Naugle

This Sunday we celebrate Families 4 Families, a ministry that walks with vulnerable children and the families who care for them. It is one of the most vital ways we live out our discipleship as a church. This isn't just another Sunday. It's a call for our whole congregation to hear God's heart for children and families in need—and to consider how each of us can respond. Please make every effort to be present. It will be a pivotal day in the life of our church.

October 26 – Follow: Join the Mission

Supporting Scriptures: Matthew 28:18–20; Matthew 4:19–20; John 15:8; John 17:4; 2 Timothy 2:2

Jesus doesn't call us to sit in pews — He calls us to make disciples, to bear fruit, and to carry His mission into the world.

November 2 – Live on Purpose: Holy Calling for Everyday Life

Supporting Scriptures: Proverbs 19:21; Exodus 9:16; John 4:34; Romans 8:28; 2 Timothy 1:9

Every detail of your life matters to God. Discipleship means discovering how your story, your gifts, and your work fit into His greater plan. (All Saints Sunday with Holy Communion)

Let's not just hand people a "plane" and tell them to fly. Let's walk together into the apprenticeship of Jesus, where faith becomes life, obedience becomes joy, mission becomes natural, and purpose fills every corner of our days.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

MUSIC MINISTRY

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Men's Ensemble Joins the Macon Mayhem to Sing National Anthem at Macon Coliseum

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>

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PVO Sugar Drive: Early Service vs. Late Service... who can bring the most bags of sugar? Will the early service defend their winning reign?

Throughout the month of October, we will be collecting 4-pound individual bags of sugar for Perry Volunteer Outreach's Christmas meal boxes. Our goal is to collect 260 bags of sugar. In order to help us meet our goal, we've decided to turn it into a friendly competition! Who can bring the most bags of sugar, the early service crowd or the late service? Let's find out!

Next Missions Meeting: Thursday, October 23rd at 12 pm in the Missions Room

Hospice Casserole Helper for October is the Redeemers Sunday School class.

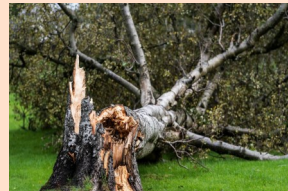
MISSION MINISTRY

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The Missions Department would like to give a **HUGE THANK YOU** to CenterStage for Christ for donating the proceeds of their most recent show to our

Assistance Ministry! We will be able to help so many more people now!



Hurricane Helene Clean-Up Day: On Saturday, October 18th, we will go to Wheeler County to help Angelo Crowe, a 97-year-old man who was featured on 13WMAZ recently

for the lack of help he's received. He has a huge property and lost over 230 trees. We need all the help we can get! If you are interested in going, please email Katie at katie.pumc@gmail.com.



Operation Christmas Child:

All Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due back by **Sunday, October 26**. Please make sure to return all boxes on time.

Please also remember that a child will only receive ONE shoebox in their entire life... so let's make it the best shoebox possible! Here is a list of suggested items to include in your box:

ALL AGES TOYS! Start with a central item that a child will cherish, like a beautiful doll, a deflated soccer ball with pump, or a plush stuffed animal. Then add quality items like cars, musical instruments, puzzles, jump ropes, etc.

School Supplies: pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, coloring books, etc.

Hygiene Items: toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, combs, etc.

ACCESSORIES: socks, hats, t-shirts, flip-flops, hair bands, sunglasses, etc.

A Personal Note and photo of you and your family/group. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

Younger Children: Blankets, sticker and picture books, blocks, finger puppets, pages of colorful stickers.

Older Children: Small tools, tape measures, sewing kits, fabric squares, etc; deflated balls with pumps and needles; solar calculators, rulers, scissors; jewelry; deodorant

OCTOBER

KRISSY WALKER
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IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

Treehouse Trades
October 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th
No THT Oct. 8th

Sunday School Shindig-
Bring donations to Sunday school and
let's fill the Blessing Box!
Sunday morning, October 12th

Moms Bible Study
October 20th & 27th

Trunk-or-Treat
October 26th
6-8pm

Walker Barn

Dinner catered
by

Moe's

\$10 per person

Sign Up Online
to attend

Every family must do a trunk,
even if it's only a pumpkin and some candy!



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Pray for our
Fall Beach Retreat
to Laguna Beach,
Florida on
October 4-7, 2025

Confirmation Class
Mission Morning
Sunday, October 18 at 10 a.m.
at the Youth Center

NO PRAYER BREAKFAST OR WEDNESDAY NIGHT
YOUTH ON OCTOBER 8. ENJOY FALL BREAK!

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH ON OCTOBER 15.
ENJOY FIELDS OF FAITH WITH YOUR
FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

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!

Mark your calendars
for Youth Sunday
on Sunday,
November 23!



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Average Attendance As of September 2025

Morning Worship	342
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Finance Report Month to Date	September 2025
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Receipts Month to Date	126,631.72
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Disbursements Month to Date	96,275.74
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Finance Report Year to Date	September 2025
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Receipts Year to Date	1,186,295.20
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Disbursements Year to Date	1,154,291.64
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Building Fund	September 2025
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Total Received	3,655,074.24
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Building Loan Balance	870,368.84
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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

12 p.m. - Moms Bible Study in the Children's Area
(we will not meet October 6, 13)
5 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study
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

Wednesday

7 a.m. - Youth Prayer Breakfast
(will not meet on October 8)
4:30 p.m. - Tree House Trades in the Fellowship Hall
(we will not meet on October 8)
6 p.m. - Youth Wednesday Night
(will not meet on October 8)
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

2 p.m. - Walking in the FLC

SPECIAL EVENTS

October 2 - Prime Time Luncheon
October 4-7- Youth Beach Retreat
October 13 - Church Office is closed
October 13 - Methodist Women in the Fellowship Hall
October 18 - Missions Work Day
October 21 - JOY Choir buses depart for the Phoenix at 10:30 a.m.
October 23 - Missions Committee Meeting in the Missions Space
October 26 -OCC Shoebox Return
October 26 - Confirmation Mission Morning in the Youth Center
October 26 - Trunk or Treat at 4 p.m. At the Walker Barn
October 29-30-Prime Time trip to Blue Ridge

METHODIST WOMEN

Monday, October 13

12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Bring a sandwich or salad. Drinks and sides are provided. Our program will be presented by Terry Walker of the Perry Arts Council. 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 Sykes, 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
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Caroline Peavy	Assistant Youth Pastor
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Dr. Carol Goff	Collaborative Pianist
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Lacy Murphy	Nursery Worker