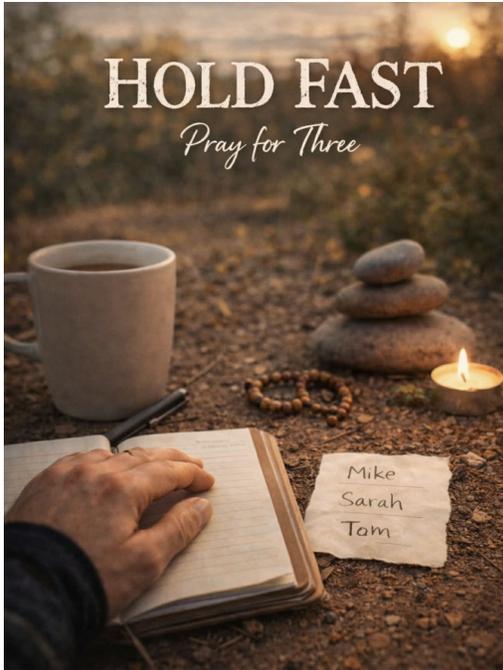


Holding Fast: Listening, Praying, and Moving Forward Together



In February, many of you gathered for our Vision 200 Listening Session. It was an important moment for our church. We listened carefully — to stories, to hopes, to concerns, and to the quiet themes that kept surfacing again and again.

What I heard most clearly was this:

We love this church. We believe God is not finished with us. And we want to be faithful to whatever He is calling us to next.

The full report will be shared soon. It will name specific priorities and recommendations that are realistic, focused, and within reach. Nothing dramatic. Nothing reactionary. Just steady steps forward — clarifying our mission, strengthening discipleship, deepening community, and positioning us well as we approach our 200th anniversary.

But before strategy comes something deeper. Lent. Lent is not about grand plans. It is about holding fast.

Hebrews tells us, “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.” That feels especially right this year. As we look ahead to Vision 200, we are not scrambling for innovation. We are holding fast to Jesus — trusting that faithfulness, not frenzy, is what shapes a church for the long haul.

And here is what gives me enormous hope: Lives are being changed.

We see it every single week in the connection cards. People are beginning relationships with Jesus. People are asking honest questions. People are taking steps to go deeper — into prayer, into Scripture, into community, into obedience. Some are coming back to church after years away. Some are walking through hard seasons and choosing to lean in rather than pull back.

This is not theoretical. It is happening.

The Listening Session confirmed something important: we do not need to manufacture spiritual momentum. God is already at work among us. Our task is to remain faithful, attentive, and courageous enough to join Him.

So here is one very concrete invitation for March.

Pray for three people in your life. Maybe someone who does not yet know Jesus. Perhaps someone who is struggling. Someone who does not have a church family.

Who are your three? Write their names down. Pray for them daily. Ask God to open doors. Ask Him to soften hearts — including yours. Ask Him to show you how to be a genuine friend.

Then take a simple step: invite one of them to church with you on a Sunday in March.

Not with pressure. Not as a project. Just as a friend. “Would you come sit with me?” That’s it.

The church has never grown primarily through programs. It grows through ordinary believers who love people and quietly point them to Jesus.

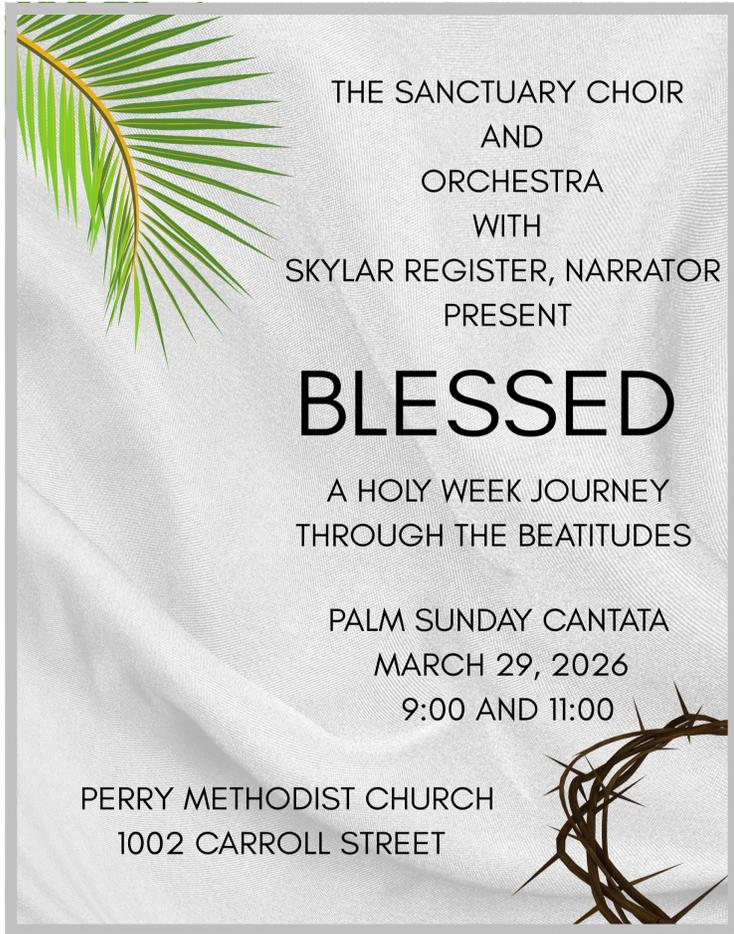
As we move through Lent, let’s hold fast. Hold fast to Christ. Hold fast to one another. Hold fast to hope.

And let’s trust that the same God who has carried this church for nearly two centuries is still writing the story — one life at a time.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

MUSIC MINISTRY

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PALM SUNDAY CANTATA
MARCH 29, 2026
9:00 AND 11:00

PERRY METHODIST CHURCH
1002 CARROLL STREET

MISSION MINISTRY

Mission Coordinator: Katie Cawthon
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Thee Lord's Table: We have our next Thee Lord's Table meal coming up on Friday, March 6th at 12pm. We will serve a hot meal at Memorial Heights Baptist Church for anyone who's hungry in our community. If you would like to serve with us, please email Katie at katie.pumc@gmail.com.



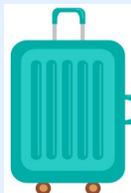
Family Promise: The Family Promise program for homeless families, formerly located at Grace Village, has moved back to Warner Robins. We are scheduled to provide a meal for the families in the program on Tuesday, March 10th. If you would like to help provide food or serve dinner to the families, please email Katie at katie.pumc@gmail.com. Volunteers who stay to eat with the families must have completed the Family Promise Volunteer Training.



Honduras Mission Trip: Our Honduras mission team will be in Subirana, Honduras the week of March 22nd through March 29th. This will be their ninth trip to Subirana, and they will be hosting a medical and dental clinic for the sixth year in a row. They will also host VBS, evangelize throughout the community with blessing bags of food and cleaning supplies, and possibly help with some home repairs for some of the local residents. Please pray for each team member as they prepare, travel, and serve with our Honduran brothers and sisters:

Meg Adkins
Suzan Boyd
Katie Cawthon
Ivey Dennis
Kenyetta Dubose
Larry Gallemore
Kelly Gallemore
Walter Gray
Taylor Kirby

Sarah Madlem
Sara Mobley
Diana Morris
Dana Rowland
Lori Sheffield
Janelle Taylor
Lacey Wallace
Caron Williams
Sarah Zimmer



We are in need of a few more large suitcases for our trip. We could also use some fabric scraps for the sewing ministry in Subirana, especially to make baby blankets. These items can be brought by the church office. Thank you for all your support of our partnership with La Iglesia Metodista de Subirana! We could not do the work we do there without the support of our church family!

Next Missions Meeting: no meeting this month!

The March Hospice Casserole Helper is the Youth Sunday School Class.

PRIME TIME LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 2, 2026
12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
\$11 per person

Join us for an amazing lunch and program! Our program will be from Heaven's Saints Motorcycle Ministry. We will hear about their work in the community and how they reach others and share Jesus.

Our lunch will be sloppy joes catered by Steak and Shake! Call the church office at 478-987-1852 by March 25, 2026 to reserve your spot!

March

In Children's Ministry!

DID YOU KNOW?



Typical families spend 6 hrs & 17 minutes together per week. Be intentional about how you use that time!

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL SHINDIG: FRUIT BASKET TURNOVER!

KIDS WILL MEET IN DIFFERENT CLASSROOMS AND HAVE DIFFERENT TEACHERS THE WEEK OF MARCH 8TH!

FRUIT SNACKS AND FRUIT TREATS WILL BE SERVED!

EMERALD CROSSING, SPRING AFTER SCHOOL VBS MARCH 15TH-19TH (SUNDAY-THURSDAY) 3:30-6:00PM

A STUDY OF PSALM 23 WITH AN IRISH TWIST AND A MIDWEEK CELEBRATION OF ST.PATRICK'S DAY!

*REGISTRATION CLOSES MARCH 6TH.



Fish Fry Friday and Flashlight Egg Hunt!
Friday Night, March 20th at 6:30 pm in the FLC
Deadline to register is March 11th.

CHILDREN'S CAMPERS

SAVE THE DATE...MAY 17TH WILL BE AN AMAZING RACE TO FIND OUT THE THEME OF CAMP!

PERRY METHODIST YOUTH

Nichole Lawson
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Our last prayer breakfast of the school year will be on March 25 at 7 a.m.

Confirmation Practice

Wednesday, March 11
5:00-5:45 in the Sanctuary

Confirmation Breakfast

10:00 Sunday, March 15
in the Fellowship Hall

Baccalaureate Sunday

Sunday, May 10
We will have breakfast for the families at 10 a.m. in the FLC before the service where we will celebrate our graduating seniors at 11 a.m.

Text or email a picture of your child to Nichole at nhslawson@gmail.com or 478-230-2237.



\$325 PER PERSON
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REGISTRATIONS AND PAYMENTS
ARE DUE BY MAY 1, 2026.



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Electronic Service Requested

**Average Attendance
As of February 2026**

Morning Worship	353
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**Finance Report
Month to Date**

February 2026	
Receipts Month to Date	115,459.96

Disbursements Month to Date	134,311.09
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**Finance Report
Year to Date**

February 2026	
Receipts Year to Date	330,627.97

Disbursements Year to Date	249,263.16
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Difference	81,364.81
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Building Fund

February 2026	
Total Received in February	12,732.00

Building Loan Balance	855,505.38
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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 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

10:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting
12 p.m. - Mom's Bible Study
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
6 p.m. - Diving Deeper Women's Bible Study

Wednesday

7 a.m. - Youth Prayer Breakfast
4:30 p.m. - Tree House Trades
6 p.m. - Youth Worship and Bible Study
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

1 p.m. - Walking in the FLC

SPECIAL EVENTS

March 3 - Methodist Men's Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
March 5 - Prime Time Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at 12 p.m.
March 5-10 - CenterStage for Christ presents "Foul at the Flamingo"
March 8 - Children's Ministry "Fruit Basket Change Up" Sunday School Shindig
March 9 - Methodist Women in the Fellowship Hall at 12 p.m.
March 11 - Confirmation Practice in the Sanctuary at 5 p.m.
March 15 - Youth Confirmation Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m.
March 15-19 - Children's After School VBS in the FLC (register by March 6)
March 15 - Honduras Mission Team meeting at 2 p.m.
March 17 - JOY Choir sings at LifeSpring
March 20 - Fish Fry Friday and Flashlight Egg Hunt in the FLC (register by March 11)
March 22 - 29 - Honduras Mission Trip to Subirana, Honduras
March 28 - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m.
March 29 - Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra present "Blessed" at 9:00 and 11:00
March 29 - Sanctuary Choir Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m.

METHODIST WOMEN

**Monday, March 9
12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Bring a sandwich or salad. Drinks and sides are provided. Our program will be from The Kendra Norman Holmes. All women are invited to attend.

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.

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Caroline Arnold	Assistant Youth Pastor
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