

Hi Friends! What if God has more in store for your life than you can even imagine? I don't necessarily mean more money, more success, or more of the things we spend our lives chasing. Sometimes the very things we think we need more of keep us from experiencing the life God actually wants for us. I'm talking about more joy. More freedom. More purpose. More faith. More of the abundant life Jesus came to give us.

And I'm excited about what God may have in store for us at Perry Methodist Church this November! As we approach Thanksgiving and the end of another year, I want to invite you to ask an uncomfortable question: Am I really living the life God has called me to live, or have I gotten comfortable living the life I've chosen for myself?

It's entirely possible to be a good person, attend church regularly, believe all the right things about Jesus, and still hold back significant parts of our lives from Him. We can trust God with our eternity but struggle to trust Him with tomorrow. We can sing about surrender on Sunday and spend the rest of the week desperately trying to maintain control. I know something about that struggle. And I suspect I'm not alone!

But here's the wonderful news: Jesus isn't finished with us! He is still calling us, shaping us, and inviting us to experience more of His grace and participate more fully in His Kingdom. Throughout November, we'll explore what it means to live **A Life That Matters: Living for What Lasts**. I hope you'll make worship a priority as we consider some questions that might just change the way we live.

November 1 — All Saints Sunday: "What Will Be Left When You're Gone?"

We'll begin by remembering the saints who have gone before us, giving thanks for their lives, and celebrating the glorious hope of the resurrection. What a beautiful reminder that our lives are about so much more than the years we spend on this earth! What kind of legacy are we leaving? What will endure long after we're gone?

November 8 — "You Can't Borrow Somebody Else's Faith"

Jesus tells a fascinating parable about ten bridesmaids, five who were ready when the bridegroom arrived and five who weren't. It's a challenging reminder that nobody else can live our spiritual lives for us. Not our parents, spouse, pastor, or church. At some point, each of us must decide whether we're really going to follow Jesus or simply admire Him from a comfortable distance.

November 15 — "What Are You Burying?"

Jesus tells about a man who entrusted his servants with valuable resources. Two put what they received to work. One buried his in the ground. God has entrusted us with time, abilities, relationships, opportunities, and financial resources. Are we using those gifts for His purposes, or are we so busy protecting what we have that we're missing what God wants to do through us?

November 22 — Youth Sunday

This will be a special Sunday as our youth lead us in worship! What a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the next generation of Perry Methodist Church—and remember that our faithfulness today helps make possible the ministry of tomorrow. We'll also invite everyone to make their financial commitments to Perry Methodist Church for 2027. Bring your commitment card and place it in the offering plate, submit your commitment online, send it through the mail, or deliver it by carrier pigeon. Whatever works!

And here's what excites me most: **We're not simply trying to raise more money for another year of church activities. We're asking God to do MORE in us and through us—and for the generations that will follow us.**

One of the greatest adventures of following Jesus is discovering the freedom that comes when we stop living primarily for ourselves. Our culture teaches us to accumulate, protect, consume, and look out for number one. Jesus teaches us to trust, surrender, serve, and give. The world tells us happiness comes from getting more. Jesus tells us life is found in giving ourselves away. And I have seen enough of God's faithfulness to believe Him!

Look at what God is doing through our church family. Children and students are growing in faith. People are finding friendship and belonging. Families facing difficult circumstances are receiving help. Lives are being changed through worship, discipleship, missions, and countless acts of love most of us will never see. And I believe we've only begun to discover what God has in store!

For 200 years, faithful people have given, served, sacrificed, prayed, and trusted God so Perry Methodist Church could share the good news of Jesus Christ. Now it's our turn—not simply to preserve what we've inherited, but to offer ourselves to God for whatever He wants to do next.

So here's my invitation: **Lean in this November.**

Come to worship. Open your Bible. Pray honestly. Ask hard questions. Reconsider your priorities. And if God puts His finger on some part of your life you've been holding back—whether it's your time, relationships, gifts, or money—don't be afraid to trust Him with it. You may discover that the very thing you've been holding on to is what you need to surrender to experience the freedom God has for you.

I don't know exactly what God has in store for each of us. But I know this: He is good. He is faithful. And His plans for us are far greater than simply making us comfortable. What if the life you've been settling for is only a fraction of the life God is inviting you to live? I can't wait to see what happens when we lean in together!

Grace and Peace,
Tom

MUSIC MINISTRY

Interim Director of Music: Dr. Carol Goff
Music Assistant/Interim Handbells: Tammara Shipes
Interim Organist: David M. Kenney, Jr
Interim JOY Choir Director: Mark Blankenship



Upcoming Music Events

- Tuesday, November 17 - Joy Choir sings at Summer Hill - Buses depart at 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, November 29 - JOY Choir sings in both morning services
- Sunday, December 6 - Sanctuary Bells perform in both morning services
- JOY Choir presents
"The Christmas Story" by Marty Parks
4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Reception to follow
- Sunday, December 13 - Sanctuary Choir and Instrumentalists present "Festival of Carols" by Joseph Martin
at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

It's not too late to join us! For more information, contact the church office at 478-987-1852.

Hope Beyond Today Grief Support Group starting November 19 at 5:30 p.m. in Brad Brady Conference Room \$5 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" with Rick Grisenwaithe and Luna. Each participant will get their own book.

Sign up at perrymethodist.com/our-ministries/bible-studies

Desserts for the Methodist Children's Home

We will collect desserts for the Thanksgiving Meal for the Methodist Children's Home on **Tuesday, November 17** in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

DESSERTS WILL BE SERVED AT THE METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME THANKSGIVING MEAL ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19.



MISSION MINISTRY

Missions Coordinator: Katie Cawthon
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Thank you SO MUCH to everyone who donated raffle items, bought raffle tickets, made soup and sandwiches, and came to fellowship with us for SoupFest! We had so much fun and raised over \$3700 for our Honduras mission trip! We are so grateful for your support!

Thanksgiving Blessing Bags: There are many people in our community that are experiencing food insecurity. While The Blessing Box helps with this, we also want to hand out Thanksgiving meals in a bag to those in need. We are collecting the following food items:

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 18th** to the church office or to church on Sunday.

Angel Tree: Be on the lookout for our Angel Tree this month! It will be in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall. The angels on the tree are children in Houston County's foster care system and feature their Christmas wish lists. You do not have to buy everything on the list. **All Christmas gifts need to be placed in gift bags (NOT WRAPPED) with the angel attached, and returned to the church office by Tuesday, December 1st.**

CHRISTMAS Bake Sale

Sunday, December 20th
in the Fellowship Hall

****Desserts may be dropped off between 8:30 and 9:45am on December 20th**

All proceeds benefit the Honduras mission trip!

ARE YOU WILLING TO DONATE A DESSERT FOR OUR BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER? IF SO, PLEASE EMAIL KATIE AT [KATIE.PUMC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:katie.pumc@gmail.com).

Hospice Casserole Helper for November is the Brad Brady Class and the Women's Bible Study Class.

Missions Meeting on Thursday, November 12 in the Mission room.

NOVEMBER

Treehouse Trades Meets
November 4th &
November 18th



We are so thankful for all of our
volunteers who help us as we train the
kids of PMC to be disciples!

KRISSY WALKER
CHILDRENS PASTOR
KCPTeach@YAHOO.COM
CHRISTIE ROOKS
CHRISTIAN ED. ASSISTANT
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Sunday School Shindig
Wear silly socks to Sunday
School & church
Sunday, November 29th
10 am

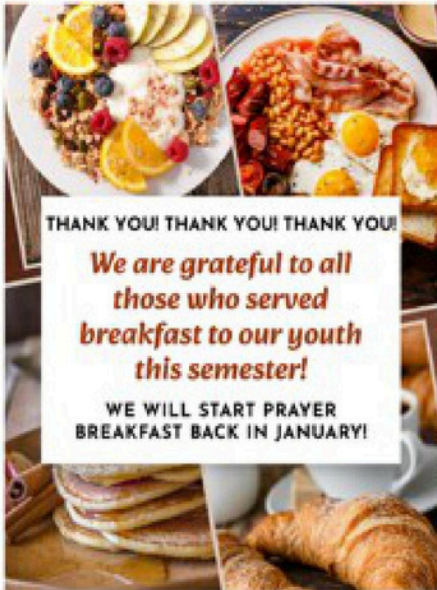


Save the Date!

Children's Department
Family Christmas Party
December 13th
5-7pm

Kids Giving

November 23rd 11am-2pm For kids ages 4yo-5th grade
Sign up online to attend-A day of gratitude for our little turkeys!
Lunch will be served!



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

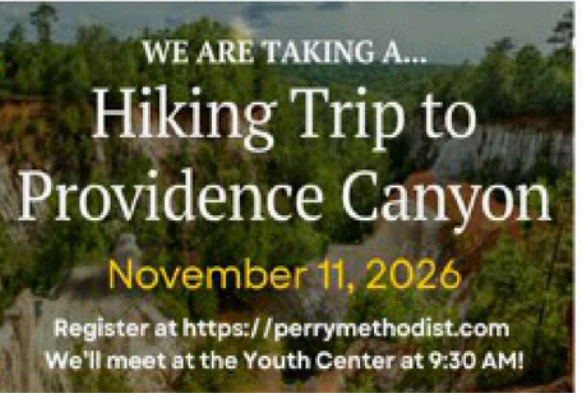
We are grateful to all
those who served
breakfast to our youth
this semester!

WE WILL START PRAYER
BREAKFAST BACK IN JANUARY!



CONTACT INFO

Nichole Lawson Youth Pastor (478)-230-2237
Caroline Arnold Assistant (478)-230-4505



WE ARE TAKING A...

Hiking Trip to Providence Canyon

November 11, 2026

Register at <https://perrymethodist.com>
We'll meet at the Youth Center at 9:30 AM!

YOUTH SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 22ND

9AM & 11AM SERVICES

FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

Following the 11 AM service • Open to all
In the Family Life Center

YOUTH SUNDAY PRACTICES

11/8 at 5 PM • 11/12 at 6 PM
11/15 at 5 PM • 11/18 at 5 PM

MANDATORY MEETING Dominican Republic Mission Trip

For high school students AND their parents
November 8th • 4:00 PM
Meet in the Youth Center



Electronic Service Requested

Average Attendance As of October 2026	
Morning Worship	308
Finance Report Month to Date	
Receipts Month to Date	107,709.00
Disbursements Month to Date	71,318.25
Finance Report Year to Date	
Receipts Year to Date	1,382,340.92
Disbursements Year to Date	1,391,418.04
Difference	-9,077.12
Building Fund	
Total Received Year to Date	62,104.25
Building Loan Balance	821,038.78



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

5 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study in the Brad
Brady Conference Room
6 p.m. - Cub Scouts in the Youth Center
7 p.m. - Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast
11 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal in the
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday

4 p.m. - Tree House Trades (ends
Nov. 18, will not meet on Nov. 11)
6 p.m. - Youth \$5 Pizza
6:30 p.m. - Worship and Small Groups
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

1 p.m. - Walking in the FLC

Special Events

November 2 - Trustees Meeting
November 5 - Prime Time Luncheon
November 6 - Youth Mission Trip Manda-
tory Meeting at 4 p.m.
November 6 - Youth Sunday Rehearsal
in the Sanctuary at 5 p.m.
November 9 - Mom's Fellowship Lunch
at 11:30 a.m. at Amici
November 9 - Methodist Women in the
Fellowship Hall at 12 p.m.
November 10 - Methodist Men in the
FLC at 6 p.m. - Matt Moulton speaking
November 11 - Church Office closed
November 11 - Youth Day Trip
November 12 - Missions Committee
Meeting at 12 p.m.
November 12 - Youth Sunday Rehearsal
in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m.
November 15 - Youth Sunday Rehearsal
in the Sanctuary at 5 p.m.
November 17 - JOY Choir bus departs
for Summerhill at 10:30 a.m.
November 17 - Dessert Collection for the
Methodist Children's Home
November 18 - Youth Sunday Rehearsal
at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary
November 18 - Youth Friendsgiving in
the youth Center
November 19 - F3 Men's Basketball in
the FLC at 6:15 a.m.
November 19 - Hope Beyond Today at
5:30 p.m. in the Brad Brady Room
November 22 - Youth Sunday with
Fundraiser lunch to follow in the FLC
November 23 - Kidsgiving in the FLC
November 25-27 - Office Closed

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
**Master Sergeant 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
**CPT Alexander M. Kofskey, MD United States
Air Force**, son of Su and Mike Kofskey,
grandson of Bob and Marguerite Messer.
Hannah Charlesworth, United States AirForce,
granddaughter of Jerrye Charlesworth.

Please help us keep this list updated by
calling the church office.

Perry Methodist Church Staff

Rev. Tom Carruth	Senior Pastor
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Krissy Walker	Children's Pastor
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