

# Perry Christian Church

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## Leadership Team Makes Headway...

Our leadership team consisting of Elders: Joann Rombough – Elder Chair, Linda Warfield, Susan Callahan, Earl Johnson, Don Bartlett, and Rick Bartlett, along with the elected Board Officers: Carole Martin – Chair, Sherry Smith – V Chair, Don Bartlett – Treasurer, Donna Van Boxel – Fin Sec., and Laurie Martin – clerk, had been discerning what God would have us do to make a difference in people’s lives. The team met July 19th to answer the question: **“What is the Vision that will change lives.”** This is what the team discerned God saying:

- Carole discerned God saying our work needs to make a difference.
- Linda heard educate current members about what it means to be a member of Perry Christian Church.
- Don understood that we were to develop a Vision plan and communicate it through

sermons to teach the congregation what we are doing to improve trust, and to cross train teams so we are all on the same page.

- Laurie said she was feeling God was saying to evangelize. The Great Commission is not an option it is a commandment both personally and congregationally. Andrew said to his brother: **“Come See, I have met the Messiah.”**
- Rick discerned we are to take a chance with new ideas and entry points into the Church so others can know Jesus.
- Donna had a revelation about what it means to go deeper in prayer by listening instead of always talking. Listening to what God has to say draws us closer to God.
- Sherry was struck by the question she heard, **“What does it mean to be a disciple?”** A Definition of a disciple was

needed to get us back on the right track.

- Sue, Joann and Earl were not able to be with us, but Earl called in his word from God:
- Earl heard loud and clear we are to step up and not be complacent, show we care, expect change, and work together to move into the future.

I found it quite compelling to see the direction God is taking our Church. I myself had been hearing God say we need to make disciples. The Ohio Region Congregational Transformation Team, of which I am a member, recommended that the Regional Team read a book entitled **“Simple Church”** by Thom Rainer. After hearing all that God had imparted to the Leadership Team I had to share the Simple Church book God had led me to read. Everything the team was saying had



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been researched and shown to be effective in the Simple Church book.

God is leading our Church to the Great Commission once again. The Team decided to purchase the Simple Church book and start working through the Vision God has for our Church using the book as a guide, NOT as a program. The Simple Church book does not purport to put forth a program, it really is a lifestyle fashioned after the life of Jesus. After all this is the very purpose why the LOGOS put on flesh and came to earth as Jesus.

Everywhere you look in the New Testament, Jesus does three things:

1) He serves the community through healing, and teaching, engaging people at their point of need; 2) He Worships God in community with other believers;

and 3) He encourages people to follow his example (which means he made disciples). Making disciples is the key to becoming the Body of Christ. And that is exactly what the Leadership Team is researching and strategically planning for our Church.

After reviewing all the discerning comments from God, we started the process by defining what it means to be a Disciple of the Body of Christ. Again, many of the definitions put forth by our Leadership Team were mentioned in the Simple Church book. But Thom Rainer also wrote a book called "**I Am A Church Member.**" In his short book Thom outlines how a disciple makes a difference in the Church and in the Community in which the Church Member lives.

If you would like to know what it means to be a member of the Body of Christ we call the

Church, you can find this book on the bookshelf in our Church library located in the back of the sanctuary. Check it out and return it to the library when you are finished so others can read it too.

The team has made a good start. As we work through all that God has spoken to our Team, we ask you to please continue to pray for our Leadership Team and our Church. The Leadership Team is working **through our forefather's** Campbell-Stone tradition of taking our Church back to our roots, to draw on our promised inheritance as members of the Body of Christ. We embrace **God's movement for Perry** Christian Church as together we become the Body of Christ.

Blessings,  
Pastor Janet



## DISCIPLESHIP

### DVD BIBLE STUDY

A DVD Bible Study will be held from Thursday, JULY 21st- August 11th, from 7 -8:30 p.m. We'll be studying "Before Amen" by Max Lucado.

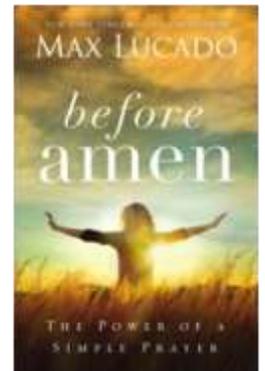
In this four-session study, Max Lucado reveals his struggles with prayer and how he discovered that it is not a privilege for the pious or the art of a chosen few but a simple

tool everyone has been given to have a conversation with God. He shows you how to let go of uncertainties about prayer, trust that God hears you, and embrace a prayer life that brings peace and rest.

Join Max Lucado on a journey to the very heart of biblical prayer and the power unleashed with five simple sentences: "Father, you are good. I need help. They need help. Thank

you. In Jesus' name, amen."

See Brenda Carr or Penny Harrison to order your book. Cost is \$11.



# FELLOWSHIP



## LADIES NIGHT OUT

The CWM will sponsor a Ladies Night Out on Thursday, August 18th at 7:00 p.m. We will join together in Madison Village on the Square. Gospel singer, Sherry Cornell will be performing. No reservations are needed. There isn't a cost for the concert, but usually a free-will offering is collected. Bring a lawn chair and join us for a fun evening of music and fellowship.

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Our 6th Family Fun Night is scheduled for Saturday, August 13th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will have our ever popular games, races, etc. and great eats, as well. We will also be discussing **Samaritan's Purse**—Operation Christmas Child. See article elsewhere in the newsletter for details. We will be collecting items in

September and October and packing the boxes in October.

Invite your friends, family and/or neighbors to join you at this fun event. Please register on Facebook or by calling the church and leaving a message (440-259-4821) to let us know how many children and what ages will be attending. We want to have age appropriate activities available.

## Upcoming Fun Nights

- September 24th—**Samaritan's Purse Collection**
- October 22nd—**Samaritan's Purse Collection & packing shoeboxes**
- November 19th—**Chili Cook-Off**
- December 17th—**Christmas Party**

*Hope to see you there!*

## *In Sympathy*



*We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Lois Cantrell. Lois went to her heavenly home on Wednesday, July 27th. Calling hours will be held on Sunday, July 31st from 3-5p at Behm Funeral Home. Her memorial service will be held in McMinnville, Tennessee on Wednesday, August 3rd.*

# August 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 9a Community Mission	4 2p Prayer Team 3-5p Endowment Team 7P Bible Study	5	6
No Weeding from August 1-5. Landscaped beds have been sprayed with weed killer.						
7 8:00a CWM Executive Mtg. (Toddler Room) 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship	8 7p Trustee Mtg.	9	10	11 2p Prayer Team 7P Bible Study	12	13 10a Band Practice 5-7p Fun Night
14 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship	15	16 6p Leadership Team— Read Simple Church Chapters 1-5	17	18 2p Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep	19	20 6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery
21 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship	22 Newsletter articles are due	23	24	25 2p Prayer Team	26	27 10a Band Practice
					26th-28th: Pastor in Indiana for Mission Works! Symposium	
28 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship  Pastor at Mission Works! Symposium	29 30 31 Sept 2 Sept 2 Sept 3 August 29th—September 5th Pastor is on vacation. If you need a hospital visit please call Joann Rombough. 440-488-9050 If you need a prayer concern on the prayer chain please call Mary Hale. 440-639-8833 If you have an administrative concern, please call Carole Martin. 440-259-2257					

# August Service Schedules

	Worship Leaders	Elders	Greeters
7	Frankie Blanchard	Earl Johnson Linda Warfield	
14	Carole Martin	Susan Callahan Don Bartlett	
21	Penny Harrison	Linda Warfield Earl Johnson	
28	Linda Warfield	Rick Bartlett Joann Rombough	
All Month Sacristan Karen Hinton Virginia Brennan	Deacons *Vicki Wakelee **Eric Van Boxel Frankie Blanchard	Counters Connie Smith Vicki Wakelee	Hostess Penny Harrison Frankie Blanchard



## Born in August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 <i>Aaron Brewer</i>	5 <i>Emma Sines</i>	6 <i>Pauline Bowlus</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>Lori Silvis</i>	13 <i>Sam Hinton</i>
14	15	16	17 <i>Tricia Helmick</i>	18	19	20
21 <i>Kenton Polzer</i>	22 <i>Judy Bartlett</i>	23	24	25	26 <i>Brenda Morrison</i>	27 <i>Zack Becka</i> <i>Dave Helmick</i>
28 <i>Vicki Wakelee</i>	29	30	31			

# MISSIONS

## SAMARITAN'S PURSE

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We have, again decided to participate in the ever popular Samaritan's Purse mission project, Operation Christmas Child. We will be ordering pre-printed shoeboxes for everyone's convenience. National collection week is No-



vember 14th-21st, so we have plenty of time.

The following are suggestions of what to include in your box:

TOYS: stuffed animals, dolls, toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries).

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, glue sticks, scissors, coloring and picture books.

NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

ACCESSORIES: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), et.

CRAFTS: Make your own items such as hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets. Directions are online at [www.pinterest.com/occs shoeboxes](http://www.pinterest.com/occs shoeboxes)

OTHER: playing cards, toy spiders, bugs, snakes or animals, glow sticks, squirt guns (as long as **they don't look like a real gun**), wet wipes, chap stick, Play-doh, mirrors

There is a \$7.00 fee for shipping each box. If you can include this with your box, that would be very helpful.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures, chocolate or food, out-of-date candy, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, aerosol cans

#### AGES OF CHILDREN SERVED:

Girls 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14

Boys 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14

A PERSONAL NOTE: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

If you are interested, please contact Laurie Martin (537-4907), Taunya Brewer (579-2011), or Carole Martin (259-2257) for more information.



## PROJECT HOPE

We will prepare a fruit salad for Project Hope on Thursday, August 18th @ 6:00pm to be delivered on August 20th. We need:

- 3 large cans of sliced peaches,
  - 4 large cans pineapple,
  - 3 large cans mandarin oranges
  - 2 large bunches of grapes.
- I would also like to send pack-

aged of hostess cupcakes or packaged cookies! So we'll need donations of those as well.

For the sack lunches, we need:

- 55 slices of cheese
- 55 slices of turkey



2 bags of 20 individual chips

2 cases of water (24 bottle or more each)

5 loaves of bread

55 apples

Your contributions are making this mission possible. You may not realize your impact on the homeless, but together we are serving God, like Jesus, to the community!

Susan Callahan and Brenda Carr

# THIS AND THAT

## CWM FUNDRAISER—CHINESE AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Do you have questions or do you need help in making up a basket for the CWM Chinese Auction?

The auction will be held in conjunction with our fundraiser to be held Sunday, October 2nd. We are asking that baskets be brought to the church by Sunday, September 18th so that we can wrap them with cellophane and tie them with ribbons. Time is flying!

If you would like to make a basket on your own, there is a list of suggestions on the table at the back of the church or you can call Carole Martin (259-2257), Joann Rombough (254-3001) or Laurie Martin (537-4907) for help. If you would like to donate an item for a basket, that would be great too! Monetary donations are also quite welcome.



Carole Martin, Joann Rombough, Laurie Martin, Penny Angeloro

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## SERMONS ONLINE

Many have asked for recordings of the Sunday Sermons. You can now find the Sunday Sermons on our web-page: [www.perrychristianchurch.org](http://www.perrychristianchurch.org) under the Sermon Tab. It takes about 30 seconds to download the sermon before it starts. We apologize for the poor quality of the recording; we are trying to correct the situation. Happy Listening!

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## Fresh From the...Connection Garden Team

There will be a Garden Team Meeting on Aug. 21, 2016 at 8a.m. in the teen room.

Just a reminder to everyone to stop by the kitchen garden and help yourself to the herbs or anything that is ripe. And feel free to do some weeding if you would like!

## Calling All Women! It's Time to Retreat!

The Ohio Women's Ministries Fall Retreat will be held on September 9th-11th at Camp Christian. Registration for the retreat is now available online at the website below. Register today! See you there!

[www.ccinoh.com/ministries/adult/ohio-womens-ministries.aspx](http://www.ccinoh.com/ministries/adult/ohio-womens-ministries.aspx)

## THANK YOU

Dear Perry Christian Church  
Members and Friends,

Thank you for remembering my  
graduation and for the card. I  
appreciated it.

Love,

Andy Hinton

Dear Pastor Janet & Congregation,

Wow! What an amazing first five months! In just 1/3 of the year, your support has given 198 people—individuals and families, adults and children—life-changing care, support and guidance. This is clear by the amazing transition rate: a record-breaking 87% of our guests so far this year have successfully transitioned into a better quality of life.

Your gift donated 6/18/16 will help this month's guests join those who have already made a positive transition and found a new hope and life through the programs you are providing. THANK YOU! Judy Burr, Ex. Dir. Project Hope

# Newsletter



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Fellowship 10:30am  
Sunday School 11:00am  
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