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Church Leadership Sets Foundation for Growth

June 7th will kick off the discussion to build a foundation on which we grow our church family. The Elders and Board Officers (Chair of the Board, Vice Chair, Clerk, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer) will begin the hard work of discerning the vision on which this church will go forward for the next generation. Your prayers for clarity and wisdom are important to the success of this process.

The leaders will be discussing the question of “Do we really desire to grow?” Now that might sound ridiculous, but the fact of the matter is, I’ve never met a church that didn’t say they wanted to grow. But when it comes to the hard work of actually putting action into motion, the church falters for lack of commitment and the necessary changes required to spreading the Gospel outside the building’s 4 walls.

But beyond the desire to grow, God requires more of us. You have already heard me say God is going to move in this church to reach out into our community to address the needs of his people such that we will need to build a bigger space. But you never heard

me say that we are to do this in our own strength. Now it is time to listen to “HOW” God plans to accomplish this at Perry Christian Church. Again I ask for your prayers to be with the Elders and Board Officers for them to listen with clarity and wisdom. Discerning God’s Will takes time and much patience.

Now patience is a tricky thing. We Americans are used to picking ourselves up by our boot straps and marching through the muck and mire to the bitter end. But that is not God’s way. We are to “wait upon the Lord.” If we go before God, we usually end up further bind than when we started. And if we wait beyond when God says go, we are usually playing catch up, and most of the time we never really receive the full blessing. We must wait upon the Lord, and when the Lord gives us the go-ahead, we must march. Usually that entails us moving out into deep water before we can see how our moving will be a success. It reminds me of Joshua when he moved the Israelites to the Promised Land.

Joshua 3:1-17 (NKJV)
³Then Joshua rose early in

the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over. ²So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp; ³and they commanded the people, saying, “When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. ⁷The Lord said to Joshua...⁸ You shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, ‘When you have come to the edge of the water of the Jordan, you shall stand in the Jordan.’” ¹³And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap.”

¹⁴So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵and as those



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who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), ¹⁶ that the waters which came down from upstream stood *still, and rose in a heap very far away ...* ¹⁷ Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.

Here is the point of waiting on the Lord. **Waiting doesn't mean** doing nothing, it means getting prepared. If you read the entire chapter you see they took time to be **"Holy."** Then they had to **"trust"** when God said move, the flood waters would abate so they could cross over.

When it comes time to move there will be great faith required of us. **God's command to move will** require the kind of faith that necessitates us to move out into the deep water where it looks dangerous, before we walk on dry land to vic-

tory.

June 7th is our preparation time. For the Israelites 3 days of sanctification was required. Preparation takes time. Again I ask you to pray for our team that we might have clarity and wisdom in our time of preparation so when it comes time to move, we have the faith and strength to walk out into the deep water to follow our Lord.

Blessings,
Pastor Janet



FELLOWSHIP

FREE - FUN - GAMES - FOOD

Come join us for Perry Christian Church's FUN NIGHT:

Saturday, June 25th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm
at the church - 3270 Call Road, Perry

Bring a friend and join in an evening of fun and fellowship.

Please register on Facebook, by calling the church and leaving a message (440-259-4821) or by calling Carole Martin (440-259-2257) to let us know how many children and what ages will be attending.

Being a family event, we would like parents or guardians to stay and enjoy the time with their kids.

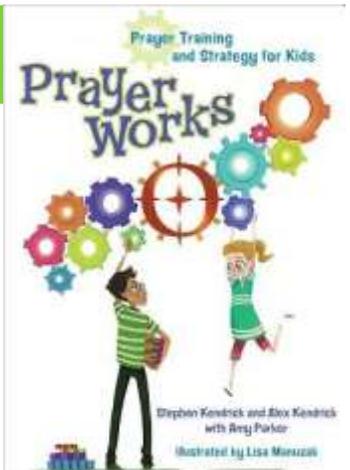
We will be outdoors - weather permitting.

DISCIPLESHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The younger Sunday school class is learning about prayer. We are using the book Prayer Works by Stephen Kendrick and Alex Kendrick with Amy Parker. The book is inspired by "The War Room" movie. The children have each made their own prayer books. Each week we will talk about prayer and the children will add to their books. The children have decided to leave their prayer books at home where they can reference them as often as they need to. The pages will be hole punched so they can be easily added.

Sunday school will be in session throughout the summer this year. The children will have class during the sermon.



MISSION

PROJECT HOPE

This month we will once again prepare a vegetable tray for Project Hope's Saturday Side Dish. Preparation will be on Thursday, June 16th at 6:00 p.m. and the veggies along with sack lunches will be delivered on Saturday June 18th at 6:45 p.m.

Here's what we need for the vegetable tray:

2 bottles of ranch dressing

- 1 bunch of celery
- 2 bags of radishes
- 1 bunch of broccoli
- 1 head of cauliflower
- 2 bags of carrots
- 2 jars of olives



For lunches this month we need:

- 5 loaves of bread
- 1 large jar of jelly
- 1 bag of 20 individual chips
- 1 case of water bottles (24 or more)

As always, thank you for sharing your time and resources for this vital ministry.

Susan Callahan and Brenda Carr

FUN NIGHT continued

There is a rumbling among the men to make go carts for Fun Night. They have found the plans on the internet and have wood and seats for the project. It promises to be a big hit with the kids as the **dad's push them to victory in their handmade go carts.** If you would like to be part of the group that builds them for the fun night, please let Aaron Brewer or Tim Johnson know. We still need wheels, rope, helmets, knee pads and lots of muscle to push the carts.



adults, and adults really do need to play, too. This is our chance to impact the lives that will be leading our country into the future. Hope to see you there next time... Saturday, June 25th from 5-7p!

Speaking of Fun Night, we had some members from our community come and enjoy the fun with us May 20th. The word is getting out and since we can get outside now, it will continue to grow. I was especially pleased to see the inter-generational interaction. Youth really do like to play with the



Here are the answers to the Vacation Destinations Activity. Don't look at them now. Do the activity first!

Vacation Destinations

- a. Eden
- b. Babel
- c. Bethel
- d. Egypt
- e. Moab
- f. Mount Carmel
- g. Cyprus
- h. Nineveh
- i. Jordan
- j. Galilee
- k. Gethsemane
- l. Emmaus
- m. Cana
- n. Samaria
- o. Antioch
- p. Athens
- q. Rome

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9a Community Mission	2 2p Prayer Team	3	4 10a Band Practice
5 Graduation Sunday 8:00a CWM Ex Mtg 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship	6	7 10a Pastor in Columbus—Ex. Board Mtg 6:15p Leadership Team	8 10a-2p Pastor at Central Learning Community	9 2p Prayer Team 6:30p CWM Fundraiser Planning Mtg	10	11
12 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship	13 7p Trustee Mtg	14 1p Endowment Team	15	16 2p Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep	17	18 10a Band Practice 6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery
19 Father's Day 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship	20 Newsletter articles are due	21 10a-2p Pastor at Northeast Learning Community	22	23 2p Prayer Team	24	25 5-7p Fun Night
26 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship	27	28	29	30 2p Prayer Team		

May Service Schedules

	Worship Leaders	Elders	Greeters
5	Earl Johnson	Susan Callahan Rick Bartlett	
12	Rick Bartlett	Earl Johnson Susan Callahan	
19	Eric Van Boxel	Don Bartlett Susan Callahan	
26	Donna Van Boxel	Rick Bartlett Earl Johnson	
All Month Sacristan Donna Van Boxel Sandy McKenna	Deacons *Frankie Blanchard **Vicki Wakelee Eric Van Boxel	Counters Frankie Blanchard Connie Smith	Hosts Brenda Carr Pat Johnson



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June			1	2	3	4 Destiny Helmick
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Almeta Morris Iva Roberts	17	18
19	20 Harriet Daugherty	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 James Helmick	28	29	30		

THIS AND THAT

CWM

- On Sunday, June 5th the CWM Board Meeting will be held at 8 AM in the Toddler Room.
- Sunday, June 5th CWM will provide a cake in celebration of our 2016 Graduates during coffee hour immediately after Sunday Services. Please attend and take a moment to congratulate the graduates on their accomplishments.
- On Thursday, June 9th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm CWM will hold another Planning Meeting for our Annual Fund Raising Event. We will be discussing food, Chinese auction, entertainment, venue, setup & cleanup, etc. All are welcome to attend, not just board members.
- Bible Study Group...The War Room Bible Study concluded on May 19th. We had 17 people participate in study. If asked, I think all would tell you they found this study to be enlightening and at the same time challenging but rewarding for time spent in it. We will start our next study in July. If you have heard of a study that interested you or have a topic that you would like to see us discuss we are open to your suggestions. Bible Study is open to all.

SINGLES

All Singles are invited to join with the Cornerstone Singles on Tuesday, June 14th at 6:00 p.m. for "Adult Wing Night" at Quaker Steak & Lube (7834 Reynolds Rd.) Mentor location. It's AUCE Tuesday! Should be a fun time of food and fellowship. For more information, contact me.

Tim Johnson



Hey, Singles!

Watch for more info coming on a July outing of Mini Golf & Ice Cream at Red Mill Mini Golf in Perry!



NOTE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

I would like to remind everyone

that all written correspondence from the church should be approved by Pastor Janet, whether on church letterhead or not. We

need to be careful what we put in writing, as the church could be held liable.
Carole Martin

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all who were involved with the window treatments for the church:

Deb glued the valance molds for the double windows,

Susan put the material on the valance molds and sewed some of the valences,

Linda cut the material for the valances,

Laura Pierce sewed the material, and

Eric and Barry Deming Construction put up the hardware for the window treatments.

And finally thank you to those who purchased material for the treat-

ments: Mindy in the nursery, Emily in the teen room, and Pat Boehnke for the Hooker's room. Thank you for your hard work and talent to finish this project.

Blessings,

Pastor Janet

NOT Just for KIDS



Vacation and Travel Time



Most people in the world today can move from one place to another easily. We can hop in the car, catch a bus, ride a bike or fly in a plane!

Fill in the missing parts of the words in this story. The missing parts are in the list below. Read the story.

In Bi_____mes tra_____ was diff_____ and _____ow. A full day's _____ney was _____nty miles. The _____ual way to _____vel was by _____king. _____keys were some_____ used. Ox c_____ car_____ hea_____ads. Ca_____ were used for _____ade cara_____ _____oss the _____ert. The mili_____, _____thy _____ple and ro_____ _____engers used ho_____ and _____iots. Bo_____ were used once in a while.

_____ble ti_____vel _____icult sl_____jour_____twe_____us_____tra_____wal_____Don_____times _____arts _____ried _____vy lo_____rts tr_____vans acr_____des_____tary weal_____peo_____yal pas_____rses char_____ats

Vacation Destinations

Where do you like to go on vacation? Check out these Bible verses for possible destinations.

(Answers on Page 3)

- a. Genesis 2:15
- b. Genesis 11:9
- c. Genesis 35:1
- d. Exodus 13:18
- e. Ruth 1:1
- f. 1 Kings 18:19
- g. Isaiah 23:1
- h. Jonah 1:2
- i. Matthew 3:6
- j. Matthew 4:18
- k. Matthew 26:36
- l. Luke 24:13
- m. John 2:1
- n. Acts 8:5
- o. Acts 11:22
- p. Acts 17:16
- q. Romans 1:15



Answer: In Bible times travel was difficult and slow. A full day's journey was twenty miles. The usual way to travel was by walking. Donkeys were sometimes used. Ox carts carried heavy loads. Carts were used for trade caravans across the desert. The military, wealthy people and royal passengers used horses and chariots. Boats were used once in a while.

Newsletter



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