

Perry Christian Church

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TEACH THEM TO PRAY

You may have noticed on the calendar that I have been making several trips to Columbus for Regional meetings. The Region is a covenant network of congregations in mission: "We are the Body of Christ gifted and called in covenant together as Disciples of Christ to be centers of transformation on the new mission frontier of our own communities," (from the Region's Vision). As a covenanted network, the Region of Ohio relies on its pastors and lay leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ. Our local church is part of the bigger picture that serves God like Jesus by: 1) starting and supporting new Church starts in Ohio; 2) supporting Camp Christian which builds our spirituality, transforms lives, and calls forth new pastors from the youth who attend camp; and 3) by supporting and grounding leaders that move the church forward to new mission frontiers in our own communities. Perry Christian Church is not just a local church located in Perry, we are part of the body of Christ which reaches far beyond our community.

As a member of the larger Church I have been called to serve on the Ohio Region Congregational Transformation Team. This team has been reviewing several different contemporary studies dealing with Church Revitalization. One such study written by Thom S. Rainer in his book entitled: Autopsy of a Deceased Church gives the 12 top reasons why most churches die. A couple reasons cited for church closings were: the church turned inward spending finances on congregational desires and comfort rather than using funds for reaching beyond their 4 walls to engage the community; the church turned all their attention to the maintenance of the building causing spirituality and purpose to wither; and the church rarely prayed together.

It is so easy to get caught up in physical projects and issues that we can see and touch, that we forget the purpose of the church is to bring the gospel to the community inside and outside the church. The reason we come to church is for corporate worship, to receive the body and blood

of Christ, and to grow ourselves as individuals and as a Church Body spiritually. Spirituality requires communication with God corporately during worship, and individually in our devotional time.

April 3rd we voted as the Body of Christ to research if we could build the shell of the sanctuary and fellowship hall to be used as an event space for the express purpose of reaching out beyond our 4 walls to our community. Our desire to reach beyond our 4 walls to bring others to Christ is the purpose of our church. But we must remember that we **didn't build the Education Wing** based on our desires. We spent much time in prayer and in worship, for the purpose of intentional prayer gatherings, and we used devotionals that led the entire church in corporate prayer during our devotional time at home.

As of April we have incorporated a corporate time of prayer as part of the Blessing during worship, and you have been given a prayer guide for your devotional time at home. We



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Special points of interest:

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- Project Hope

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may be calling the Church to special prayer services once a quarter as we did when we built before.

As you go to God in prayer, please remember to ask God that if it is His Will to build the shell of the sanctuary and fellowship hall as an evan-

gelism tool to reach out to our community, then we need God to provide the finances to build. Ask God **to open our hearts to God's leading** and to give us the courage to walk through the doors God opens for us. Each person is part of the Body of Christ just as each local Church is part of the Regional Body of

Christ. All are called to corporate prayer if we are to receive the victory and lead others to Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Janet



FELLOWSHIP

FREE - FUN - GAMES - SNACKS

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

Friday, May 20th from 6:00 to 8:00 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.

Watch for announcements of future events.

We are planning an event each month....soon we can be outdoors!

DISCIPLESHIP

BIBLE STUDY

An Adult Bible Study will began on Thursday, April 14th and will continue through May 19th. It's not too late to join us. *War Room* Bible study features five inspiring movie clips and five scriptural lessons adapted from the feature film *War Room*. Study starts at 7:00 and ends at 8:30. If you have any questions, see or call Brenda Carr or Penny Harrison.





May



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2	3 Webinar	4 9a Community Mission	5 2p Prayer Team 7p Bible Study	6	7 10a Band Practice
8 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	9 7p Trustee Mtg.	10	11 10:30a Regional Finance Conference Call 6p Elders' Mtg. 7p Board Mtg.	12 2p Prayer Team 7p Bible Study 7p Webinar	13	14
15 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11:00 Sunday School	16	17	18	19 2p Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep 7p Bible Study	20	21 10a Band Practice 6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery
22 <i>Pentecost</i> 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11:00 Sunday School	23 Newsletter articles are due	24	25	26 2p Prayer Team 7p Bible Study	27	28
29 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11:00 Sunday School	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31				

May Service Schedules

	Worship Leaders	Elders	Greeters
1	Joann Rombough	Susan Callahan Don Bartlett	
8	Diane Lett	Linda Warfield Joann Rombough	Barb Head Angie Silvis
15	Andy and Taunya Brewer	Rick Bartlett Earl Johnson	
22 Pentecost	Vicki Wakelee	Don Bartlett Susan Callahan	Barb Head Angie Silvis
29	Paige Stephenson and Dave Helmick	Linda Warfield Joann Rombough	
All Month Sacristan Karen Hinton Virginia Brennan	Deacons *Bob Wright **Rod Collins Judy Bartlett	Counters Vicki Wakelee Judy Bartlett (not 5/8) 5/8 Frankie Blanchard	Hosts Carole Martin Connie Smith



May Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Alexa Collins	5 Laurie Martin	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Linda Warfield	20	21
22 Cassy Helmick	23	24 Penny Harrison	25 Pat Boehnke	26 Sydney Martin	27	28
29 Mindy Polzer	30	31				

MISSION

PROJECT HOPE

This month we will prepare a vegetable tray for Project Hope's Saturday Side Dish. Preparation will be on Thursday, May 19th at 6:00 p.m. and the veggies along with sack lunches will be delivered on Saturday May 21st 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
- 1 bag of carrots
- 2 jars of olives



For lunches this month we need:

- 5 loaves of bread
- 2 large jars of peanut butter
- 1 large jar of jelly
- 2 boxes of fruit bars
- 2 bags of 20 individual chips
- 2 cases of water bottles

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

Susan Callahan and Brenda Carr

THIS AND THAT

SINGLES

Cornerstone Friends Church is launching a new Singles ministry. This is an exciting opportunity as our previous singles ministry went by the wayside. I attended game night a couple of weeks ago and had a great time. Cornerstone is planning to do something on a monthly basis. Singles of all ages are welcome. Please partner with me and support this cause.

Tim Johnson

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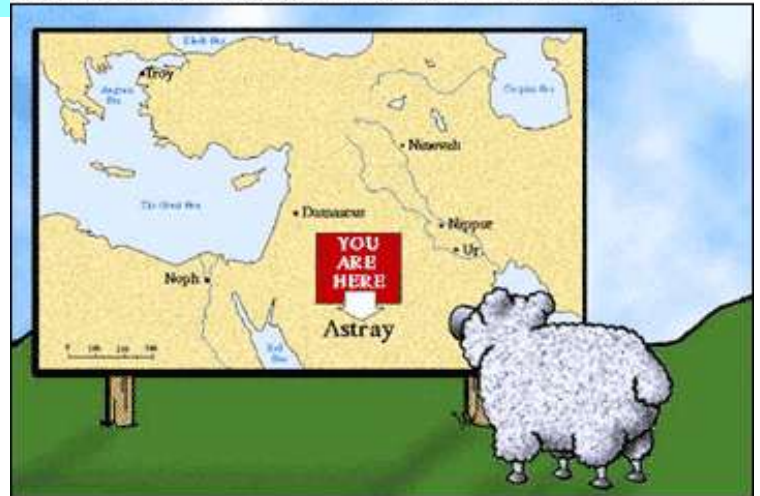


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CAN YOU HELP SET ME UP SO I CAN FRIEND AND LIKE JESUS, TEXT HIM MY PRAYERS, AND SHARE ALL HIS TWEETS?

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