

Perry Christian Church

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

For a few months now, you have been hearing requests for items for the “Shoebox” Operation Christmas Child under the direction of Samaritan’s Purse. The shoeboxes have been delivered...all 100 of them. We will be packing them on Saturday, Oct. 22nd at Family Fun Night. We have many children waiting for one of our 100 boxes of joy and the Good News of Christ.

We encourage everyone to participate. If you’re unable to fill a box, bring in an item and we’ll make sure it gets sent to just the right aged child. Here is the reason why we’re partnering with Samaritan’s Purse to spread the Good News that Jesus saves.

Samaritan’s Purse is a non-denominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Franklin Graham, the oldest son of Ruth and Billy Graham is the President and CEO of Samaritan’s Purse.

Operation Christmas Child is only one project of Samaritan’s Purse. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their

own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Along with their shoebox gift, children also receive “The Greatest Gift”, a colorful presentation of the Gospel in their own language. Their shoebox is the first gift many children have ever received! The treasures and personal letters inside communicate that someone cares for them and gives them an opportunity to experience the love of God.

After receiving shoebox gifts, many boys and girls are invited to enroll in “The Greatest Journey”, our 12-lesson discipleship program. Through the program, our local ministry partners are able to establish long-term, caring relationships with children and families by sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Even before The Greatest Journey course is over, students begin witnessing to others. Then at graduation, the Gospel is shared with their friends and family again. The graduates also receive a New Testament to use personally and in communicating their faith to others. Through the efforts of local believers on the National Leadership Teams, entire communities are being evangelized as shoebox gifts are delivered. Some of these areas do not have any existing church.

Samaritan’s Purse and Operation Christmas Child seek to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way through each shoebox gift. One of their core values is to never be manipulative. They work in and through local volunteers in each country that understand their context and are respectful to the people they serve. At the same time, Samaritan’s Purse does seek to share the Gospel wherever they go, which can be challenging at times. In some regions, they’re not permitted to distribute literature, but they are still grateful for the opportunity to bless the children with gift-boxes carefully prepared by people who love children. Children do not have to do or say anything to receive their gifts.

Samaritan’s Purse ships these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

Won’t you partner with us as we partner with Samaritan’s Purse to spread the news that Jesus saves.

Blessings,

Pastor, Janet



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Special points of interest:

- CWM Fundraiser
- Project Hope
- Operation Christmas Child

FELLOWSHIP

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 22nd, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We will be having fun at Family Night at Perry Christian Church.

We will have plenty to eat and drink, so bring your appetite.

The "boys" should have their go-carts done and ready for racing. We

will also have other games and activities available.



We will take some time to pack the boxes for Samaritan's Purse-Operation Christmas Child.

Please let us know if you are com-

ing by registering on Facebook, calling the church and leaving a message (259-4821, or by calling Carole Martin (259-2257).

Hope to see you there.

Upcoming Fun Nights

November 19th—Chili Cook-Off

December 17th—Christmas Party

MISSIONS

PROJECT HOPE

We will again prepare submarine sandwiches for Project Hope on Thursday, October 13th @ 6:00pm to be delivered on October 15th.

We need:

- 3 pkg. sliced ham,
- 2 pkg. American cheese,
- 1 onion,
- 1 Italian salad dressing

Susan will pick up the bread that's needed.

For the sack lunches, we need:

- 5 Loaves of bread
- 55 Slices of Ham
- 55 Slices of Cheese
- 3 Bags of 20 Individual Bags of Chips
- 7 Boxes of Fruit Bars
- 3 Cases of 24 or more Bottles of water
- 2 Boxes of 50 or more Ziploc Sandwich Bags

Please read the thank you letter on page 7 of this newsletter. You'll see just how vital this ministry is.

Susan Callahan and Brenda Carr



SAMARITAN'S PURSE: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

There's still time to help with Samaritan's Purse-Operation Christmas Child project. Boxes are located on the baptistery and instructions/guidelines for filling the box are listed on the back of the Family Night flyer, in the last newsletter, and in most boxes.



If you do not want to fill a box, but have items or money you would like to donate, there is a collection box at the church.

If you have questions or need more information, please call Laurie Martin (537-4907), Taunya Brewer (579-2011), or Carole Martin (259-2257).

[A Operation Christmas Child's Story: Elena-and-A Gospel Booklet "I learned that the truth of God's love is better than any fairy tale."](#)

THIS AND THAT



CWM FUNDRAISER—CHINESE AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Are you not able to attend the CWM fundraiser/Chinese Auction, but would like to participate in the Chinese Auction? Well.....you are in luck! We have decided to open the doors at the event (Perry Community Center, 2800 Perry Park Road) from 1:00 to 3:00 pm for those who want to buy tickets and participate in the auction. The date is Sunday, October 2, 2016. If you are not at the event, you will be called and the item/ items will be taken to the church for you to pick up. If you have questions, please call Carole Martin (259-2257).

Christian **Women's** Ministry

CWM Annual Planning Meeting

CWM will hold its annual planning meeting at 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 13th. Please bring your Calendars and ideas for 2017!

Order Your Buckeyes Now!

If you wish to purchase Buckeye candies this year place your orders with Laurie Martin, Judy Bartlett or Brenda Carr.

We will make them on Wednesday, Oct. 26th from 6-8 pm and finish up on Saturday, Oct. 29th from 9-11 am. This is always lots of fun. Please

come and enjoy the fellowship and help with this fund raising project.



DIRECTORY UPDATE!

Earl & Pat Johnson
4560 Middle Ridge Rd.
Perry, OH 44081

BULLDOZER

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.
- ROMANS 1:12 NIV





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship 4-7p CWM Fund-raiser	3	4 10a-2p Exec. Regional Council in Columbus 6:15p Leadership Team	5 9a Community Mission	6 2p Prayer Team	7	8 10a Band Practice
9 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship	10 7p Trustee Mtg.	11	12	13 2p Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep	14	15 6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery
				Regional Assembly		
16 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship	17	18 10a-2p ODEC mtg. in Columbus	19	20 2p Prayer Team	21	22 10a Band Practice 5-7p Fun Night
23 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship	24 Newsletter articles are due	25	26	27 2p Prayer Team	28	29
30 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship	31	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Nov. 4	Nov. 5
				Regional Council at Camp Christian		

October Service Schedules

	Worship Leaders	Elders	Greeters	All Month
2	Frankie Blanchard	Don Bartlett Joann Rombough	Vicki Wakelee	Deacons *Eric Van Boxel **Frankie Blanchard Vicki Wakelee Sacristan Sherry Smith Pat Johnson Counters Judy Bartlett Frankie Blanchard Hostess Judy & Darla Bartlett Thurlene Lawson
9	Susan Callahan	Earl Johnson Linda Warfield		
16	Joann Rombough	Joann Rombough Rick Bartlett	Angie Silvis Barb Head	
23	Sidney Martin	Susan Callahan Earl Johnson		
30	Vicki Wakelee	Rick Bartlett Don Bartlett		

Born in October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Penny Angeloro	4	5	6 Rod Collins	7 Doug Evans	8
9	10	11	12 Don Bartlett	13 Susan Callahan	14 Judy Brewster	15
16	17	18	19 Barb Head	20	21 George Pierce	22 Mary Freeman
23	24 Sharon Wright	25	26	27	28 Ellen Maier	29
30 Dianne Lett	31 Darla Bartlett					

Perry Christian Church CWM presents

The Good Knights

Oldies, Bluegrass, Jazz, Blues and Lots of Harmony!

Sunday October 2, 2016

4:00—7:00 p.m.

at

Perry Community Center

2800 Perry Park Road, Perry, OH



4:00-5:15 p.m. Appetizers and Chinese Auction

Drawing at 6:30 p.m.

5:30—6:30 p.m. Program

\$25.00

For Tickets call: Laurie at 440-537-4907 or
Brenda at 440-487-8218 by October 26, 2016

Proceeds support Christian Women's Missions

Tickets are transferrable but not refundable.

THANK YOU



August 31, 2016

Pastor Janet Mers
Perry Christian Church
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Perry, OH 44081

Dear Pastor Janet & Friends,

We are now over halfway through the year, and we continue to see unprecedented success. So far, your support has given 260 people – individuals and families, adults and children – with life-changing care, support and guidance. **We have achieved a record-breaking 86 percent positive transition rate for our guests moving into a better quality of life than when they arrived.** Whether they've entered their own homes, moved into a treatment facility for more intensive care, or found a place to stay with safe family or friends, these guests are now entering the next phase of their lives – and it's all thanks to your generosity.

Your gift **donated 08/20/2016** 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. And while we are grateful, it's not just us. Volunteers, staff and board members alike appreciate all you do. None, though, are more thrilled by your support than our former guests.

Listen to what this former guest had to say about her initial reaction after first walking through Project Hope's doors:

"I had tears in my eyes. It was amazing. It wasn't like any shelter I have been in before. It was a very positive atmosphere, and spiritual. I felt like I was at home. When I walked in through the doors God spoke to me, 'Rest'".

Please visit our website and/or Facebook page for more information & upcoming events.

In Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Judy Burr".

Judy Burr
Executive Director | director@projecthopeonline.org

You have received no goods or services in exchange for your donation.
Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) organization.

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"The Crier"



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Fellowship 10:30am

Sunday School 11:00am

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