



Perry Christian Church

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Live Your Life

The last two weeks I have observed a growing distraction that seems to be invading our society to the extent that people are having a difficult time living their lives. What distraction would that be, you say. Well, let me tell you about what happened when **the cast from “Dancing with the Stars”** came to town.

Glenn and I were seated in the second largest professional theatre district; located in the oldest continuously operating theatre district in the United States of America boasting of several classic fully restored turn of the century theatres to see the **cast of “Dancing with the Stars.”** This magnificent theatre district known as Playhouse Square is eye candy for

those who can appreciate all its architecture and history. Just to walk in the theatre is a thrill and a blessing to drink in all that has been performed on these stages. And yet, though the announcer asked everyone to silence their cell phones and refrain from photography for the safety of the dancers, the woman sitting next to us missed 1/3 of the show because she was either watching the **show on her 3x7” cell phone screen**, taking pictures or tweeting. She paid to see a live show and to experience the thrill of being up close and personal with the dancers, yet she was content to see the show on her cell phone camera screen. I could not understand how watching the dancers on the small

cell phone camera screen was better than interacting with the live dancers.

I was listening in on a conversation between family members the other day. Only the conversation was via **“texting.”** And to top it all off, the siblings that were part of the conversation were present in the same house, yet they were texting each other instead of talking to each other. Part of interpreting a conversation is in experiencing the body language and facial expressions that accompany the conversation.

As I look out over society, it would appear that while family, friends and God are **right here among us ...**

John 14:17a, 20, (NIV) **(Jesus said) “the Spirit**

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Special points of interest:

- Lenten Worship
- Souper Sunday



DISCIPLESHIP

The Youth Group Sunday School teachers feel it's important for them and the students to hear Pastor's sermon. Starting February 5th, the class will be held immediately after church from 10:45-11:30. We'll have time then to discuss the sermon as well as read a devotional from the book *Case for Christ for Kids* by Lee Stobel.



of truth...you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. ...On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in Him and I am in you."

...we prefer lonely conversations via twitter, texting, and email, or we live vicariously through soap operas, movies, or anything that keeps us at arm's length from a real live person rather than a face to face daily living relationship with another person or God. It is precisely this avoidance of

interaction with family, friends and God that promotes deprivation, depression, and loneliness, and allows the evil one to distract us and to rob us of our joy in life.

Everyone seems to be searching for that special connection. We look to technology, entertainment, and books. But the only solution that can fill the void we create with our solitary living is a personal relationship with our living loving God.

It is time we return to

basics and start living our lives. It is time to interact with real people again over dinner where we can be affirmed by family. The dinner table years ago served as more than just a place to eat, it served as a connection place. A place to debrief the days events and to catch up on each others joys and concerns. It's time to return to the dinner table and the **Lord's Table**.

Blessings,

Pastor Janet

WORSHIP

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 1st is the beginning of the Lenten Season. We come together on Ash Wednesday to be reminded it is by the grace of God that we who will

one day return to dust have the hope of eternal life with God because of **God's precious son Jesus** the Christ who died for our sins that we might live. You and your family

are invited to come and participate in the Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm. Come expecting to meet the Savior.

TESTELESTAI

Testelestai – Is a Greek word which means "It is Finished." This musical passion play about the last 7 days of Christ's life will be playing at St. Anselm Catholic Church the

weekend of February 24-25 at 8pm, or Sunday the 26th at 3pm. You will want to arrive approximately 1 hour early to get a seat as this play is well attended. The musical play is free, but they will take a free will offer-

ing. It is suggested that if this is your first time to see this play, you would want to attend either the Friday or Saturday night showing.

The address: 12969 Chilli-cothe (S.R. 306) Chesterland, Ohio

FELLOWSHIP

SOUPER SUNDAY!

February 19th is our next Souper Sunday fellowship. It is a time to mingle and to enjoy some hospitality from our great cooks. Please see Sherry if you can donate soup, sandwiches or dessert to share.



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Our nights of fun will return shortly. The team will meet soon to develop a schedule and some fun things to do. If you have any ideas or suggestions or if you would like to join the team, please call Carole Martin (440-259-2257), Taunya Brewer (440-391-3289) or Laurie Martin (440-537-4907).

MISSION

PROJECT HOPE

We will be meeting on Thursday, February 16th at 6:00pm to prepare Sloppy Joes and sack lunches for delivery to Project Hope on February 18th at 6:45pm.

We already have enough ground beef, so **here's what is needed:**
3 lbs. ground sausage...

(any kind)
5 pkg. hamburger buns
1 large catsup
For lunches we will need:
5 Loaves of bread
55 Slices of Turkey
55 Slices of Cheese
3 Bags of 20 Individual Bags of Chips
6 Boxes of Fruit Bars
2 Cases of 24 or more Bottles of water

If you can donate cash for the purchase of fruit, that would be appreciated.

We also need a delivery person on Saturday, February 18th. The sign-up sheet for all these items is on the bulletin board.

Susan Callahan and Brenda Carr

CWM

The CWM executive board will meet Sunday, February 5th, from 8:00-9:15 a.m. to discuss and plan upcoming events. Topics will include our March membership meeting, the All Daughters Banquet and fundraising ideas for our mission projects. **We need everyone's input so please plan to attend.**

Laurie Martin



FEBRUARY 2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 9a Community Mission	2 2p Prayer Team	3	4
5 8:00a CWM Exec. Mtg. 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11:00a Sunday School	6	7 12p Transformation Team Webinar Mtg. with UCC	8	9 2p Prayer Team	10	11
12 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11:00a Sunday School	13 7p Trustee Meeting	14	15	16 2p Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep	17	18 6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery
19 9:30a Worship 10:45a Souper Sunday	20 Newsletter Articles are due	21 6p Leadership Team Mtg.	22	23 2p Prayer Team	24 8p Testelestai at St. Anslem's in Chesterland	25 8p Testelestai at St. Anslem's in Chesterland
26 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11:00a Sunday School 3p Testelestai	27	28 10:30a Transformation Team @ Camp Christian with UCC	Mar 1 7p Ash Wednesday Service	Mar 2 10:30a Columbus—Regional Finance Team	Mar 3	Mar 4



February Service Schedules

	Worship Leaders	Elders	Greeters	All Month
5	Isabelle Martin	Joann Rombough Earl Johnson	Carole Martin	Deacons *Bob Wright Aaron Brewer *Head Deacon
12	Laurie Martin	Vicki Wakelee Rick Bartlett	Ellen Maier Connie Smith	Sacristan Karen Hinton
19	Susan Callahan	Carole Martin Linda Warfield	Laurie Martin	Counters Connie Smith Vicki Wakelee
26	Earl Johnson	Earl Johnson Vicki Wakelee		Hostess Linda Warfield

February Birthdays

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THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Glenn and I are so very grateful and appreciative of your support as Glenn dealt with the invasion of thyroid cancer. Your prayers secured a successful surgery to remove the cancer, and post surgery radiation treatment. God has been merciful and gracious to allow us to find the invading cancer early so that when Glenn had a CAT scan 10 days after surgery to determine the success of the treatment, it was good news, all the doctors had hoped for.

God has been with us all the way through your prayers and support. Thank you to the congregation and elders for your Get Well Cards and phone calls to Glenn to keep his spirits up during his time of isolation. And, thank you for thinking of my safety by giv-

ing me the opportunity to take my vacation at the same time Glenn was isolated. I am greatly blessed; Rick Bartlett and Maggi Armstrong preached while I was away. I appreciate the gracious invitation extended to me by the **Angeloro's who opened their beautiful home** to me upon my return from California so I could be safe as Glenn continued to purge his body of radiation.

Even taking my vacation in California so I would not be exposed **to Glenn's treatment had God's hand** in it. Upon my arrival, my mother was very ill. Though my mother refused my brother and **sister's efforts, with the three of us children** caring for her, we were able to get her the treatment she needed to heal a bleeding ulcer, and to register

her in physical therapy for balance to treat the vertigo she was experiencing from hitting her head on cement in a nasty fall. **God's timing is perfect, and your prayers enabled Glenn and me to be blessed by God's mercy.**

Blessings upon blessings were mine this past month when my sister blessed me with a new wardrobe. And then to my surprise there was a beautifully packaged gift waiting for me with **the card reading "Pastor Janet, you have many secret sisters at Perry Christian Church."** Thank you to all who are my secret sisters and to my loving sister who has blessed me greatly.

May you all be blessed,
Pastor Janet and Glenn

From Project Hope

We've received 2 thank you letters from Project Hope this past month.

Here's a summary of their thanks.

Dear Perry Christian Church,

On behalf of Project Hope for the Homeless, we would like to thank you for being instru-

mental in the mission. For the past 24 years, we have found that the support of our community has never failed to respond to those we serve. It is through the kindness of our **neighbors' donated time, talents and treasures** that we are able to continue to offer

shelter, care and guidance to those who find themselves homeless in Lake County. You play a very special role in that response. Thank you very much for your gifts donated on 11/19/2016 and 12/17/2016.

Thank you for restoring

hope and renewing lives! Your partnership is important as we serve the homeless men, women and children who currently have no place to call home.

In Service,

Judy Burr

Executive Director



From Samaritan's Purse

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse.

Operation Christmas Child volunteers from around the nation have been busy preparing shoebox gifts for hurting children. Over the past two decades, God has

blessed this project beyond anything we could have imagined. We are especially excited about the hundreds of thousands of boys and girls who have given their hearts to Jesus Christ through our follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey.

This global outreach is just one of a variety of **ways Samaritan's Purse is sharing the Good News of the Savior's birth with people of all ages and nationalities.** God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,
Franklin Graham

From Perry Center:

12-13-2016

Dear Perry Christian Church,

Thank you for your monetary gift. Your generosity helps the Perry Center continue our ministry of assisting those in need in the Perry community. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said,

"Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully."

We are told to care for those in need. This is the essence of the Perry Center, helping to meet the needs of men, women and families that find themselves in difficult

circumstances.

Your prayers and your gifts are crucial to our ongoing work. Thank you for sharing your blessings with others.

Sincerely,
Carole Martin,
Executive Director
The Perry Center

From Bethany Christian Mission Center

Dear Perry Christian Church,
I want to thank you for your unwavering support of Bethany. The mission is beginning 91 years of service to the people of this area! Without the help and support of you and many servants like you throughout these many years, along with

the blessings of a loving God, we could not have made it! Your donations helped meet day to day expenses as well as install a new roof on our church building, buy new software for **our computers and that's** just to name a few expenses. Most importantly you prayed for us and

helped keep our faith strong and our hearts willing! Your support allowed us to bring students to Christ and give them the tools to sustain them in a troubled world. There is really no way to properly thank you for those blessings, except to say **THANK YOU!** Sincerely,
Candice Burnette

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