



Perry Christian Church

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The Easter Experience

The Easter Experience is meant to be just that: an experience. An experience is not something we simply read or comprehend. **It's something we actually experience!** We feel an experience. We meet an experience. We enter an experience. Maybe more accurately an experience enters us.

During the Easter Experience we will feel... meet...enter the last few hours of Jesus' natural life as well as the first few hours of His Resurrected Life. We will find ourselves reclining next to him in the Upper Room, walking beside Him in Gethsemane, Standing near Him in Pilates courtyard, and celebrating with Him at the empty tomb. As we shadow Jesus we will often find ourselves identifying with

those around Him – Peter, Judas, Mary, and Others. But most importantly we will find ourselves identifying with Jesus. And **that's a good thing** because the more we identify with Jesus, the more we will become like Him.

This would be a wonderful time to bring a friend or family member to church who you know is not attending a church. Many of our families and friends are Christian, but many of them, though they may claim a home church, do not attend church. This series will be a casual time of experiencing, learning and Question **and Answer time.** It's a time to gather as the people of God and to explore our understanding of what it means that Jesus died and rose again for us.

This is a casual way to introduce Jesus to all those you would like to tell about Jesus but maybe you are too shy to speak up.

Our worship service will open as usual but during the sermon portion of our Worship **we will have "The Easter Experience" series,** by Kyle Idleman. This sermon series will be a combination of a 20 minute DVD lesson and then question and answer time, followed by communion.

Bring family and friends along March 5th through April 16th. **I'm looking forward to a blessed Lenten and Easter Season this year.** See you in Church. Come early to get a seat!

Blessings,
Pastor Janet

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- Bible Study
- CWM Announces 2017 Events





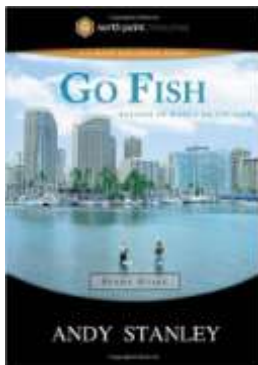
EASTER FLOWERS

It's our tradition to have flowers decorating the church on Easter Sunday. You can order flowers in memory or honor of your loved ones and take them home with you after Easter Worship.

This year the selection includes:

Lilies	\$5.75
Tulips	\$5.75
Daffodils	\$5.75
Mini-Daffodils	\$2.75
Hydrangeas	\$7.75

Order forms will be available on March 5th with the deadline for orders to be March 26th.



ASH WEDNESDAY

March 1st is the beginning of the Lenten Season. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of our journey to the cross and then Resurrection Sun-

day. Services will start at 6:30p. Everyone is encouraged to attend this meaningful and blessed service.

Come expecting to meet the Savior.



THE EASTER EXPERIENCE

Starting March 5th and continuing through April 9th during Worship, bring a friend or family member who is not currently attending a church. Though they may claim a church home, if they are not regularly attending, we welcome them here at Perry Christian Church. Be ready to walk with Jesus. (see [pastor's article for full details.](#))

DISCIPLESHIP

CWM Bible Study

A new Bible Study session will begin on Thursday, March 2nd at 6:30-8:00p. **The study, "Go Fish" will be held each Thursday through April 6th.**

This study ties in nicely with things the leadership team has been discussing. **Let's learn to be "fishers of people"!**

The cost of the study guide is \$8. See Laurie Martin or Brenda Carr for more info.

FELLOWSHIP

SOUPER SUNDAY!



March 12th 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

Come join the fun on Saturday, March 18th from 5 to 7 p.m. for an evening of fun, food and family. We will be painting bird houses, so they will withstand the weather. When com-

pleted, the bird houses will be placed in the children's garden. There will also be a lesson relating to being stewards of our earth. Bring your friends, neighbors and family. 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. Being a family event, we would like parents/guardians to stay at the event.
Carole Martin

MISSION

PROJECT HOPE

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

We will need:

3 lg. cans of peaches

3 lg. cans of pears
4 lg. cans of pineapple
For sack lunches we'll need:
5 Loaves of bread
55 Slices of Ham
3 Bags of 20 Individual Bags of Chips
3 Boxes of Fruit Bars
3 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, March 18th. The sign-up sheet for all these items is on the bulletin board.

Susan Callahan and Brenda Carr

RESCHEDULED

Family Fun Night scheduled for Saturday, February 25th was canceled and will be rescheduled for a later date. Watch for an announcement for a new date for the NIGHT AT THE RACES.





MARCH 2017



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			<p>1</p> <p>9a Community Mission</p> <p>9:30a Regional Office in Columbus</p> <p>6:30p Ash Wednesday Worship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2p Prayer Team</p> <p>6:30p Bible Study</p>	3	4
<p>5</p> <p>9:30a Worship</p> <p>10:45a Fellowship</p> <p>11:00a Sunday School</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>10a Executive Council in Columbus</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6p Elders' Meg</p> <p>7p Board Mtg</p>	<p>9</p> <p>2p Prayer Team</p> <p>6:30p Bible Study</p>	10	11
<p>12 Daylight Savings Begins</p> <p>9:30a Worship</p> <p>11:00a Souper Sunday</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7p Trustee Mtg.</p>	14	15	<p>16</p> <p>2p Prayer Team</p> <p>6p Project Hope Food Prep</p> <p>6:30p Bible Study</p>	17	<p>18</p> <p>5-7p Family Fun Night</p> <p>6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:30a Worship</p> <p>10:45a Fellowship</p> <p>11:00a Sunday School</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Newsletter Articles are due</p>	21	22	<p>23</p> <p>2p Prayer Team</p> <p>6:30p Bible Study</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>10a Regional Council at Camp Christian</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:30a Worship</p> <p>10:45a Fellowship</p> <p>11:00a Sunday School</p>	27	28	29	<p>30</p> <p>2p Prayer Team</p> <p>6:30p Bible Study</p>	31	



March Service Schedules

	Worship Leaders	Elders	Greeters	All Month
5	Frankie Blanchard	Carole Martin Linda Warfield	Frankie Blanchard	Deacons *Eric Van Boxel Frankie Blanchard *Head Deacon
12	Sherry Smith	Rick Bartlett Joann Rombough	Eric Van Boxel	Sacristan Sherry Smith
19	Susan Callahan	Vicki Wakelee Earl Johnson	Pat and Earl Johnson	Counters Frankie Blanchard Judy Bartlett
26	Donna Van Boxel	Linda Warfield Carole Martin	Ellen Maier Connie Smith	Hostess Laurie Martin Carole Martin

March Birthdays

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4 Frankie Blanchard
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8 Carole Martin
9 Donna Van Boxel
10 Roger Lett, Jr.
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14 Dillon Johnson
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16 Gene Warfield
17 Andy Lawson Thurlene Lawson
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28 Joe Kraws
29 Mary Snyder
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CWM

We are very excited to announce upcoming CWM programs and events.



Our General Membership Mission Meeting will be held at the church, Tuesday, March 14th at 6:30 pm. Representatives from a local organization, WHIPMM (Women Helping Injured and/or Pregnant Military Mothers) will present the program. This non-profit organization is dedicated to helping female veterans by providing necessary care items and equipment not provided by the VA. The entire church, women and men, are welcome to attend.

The All-**Daughter's Banquet** is scheduled for April 23rd at 5 p.m. After a delicious meal provided and served by our men, we will be **entertained by God's Girls on Wheels**, a Christian drama group that has been entertaining audiences of all ages since 2006. Their humorous skit, Old Testament Rewind, is fueled by audience participation. After they re-enact the entire Old Testament in 30 minutes we will be encouraged and inspired to open our Bibles and check out **God's word for ourselves!**



Our Annual Mission Fundraiser will be held at the Perry Community Center on Sunday, October 15th from 4-7 p.m. The format will be the same as past years including a Chinese Auction and delicious appetizers followed by an entertaining program. This year, we will welcome Michael Mage, billed as a comedian stuck in a magician's shoes. He lives in Sandusky, Ohio and has been performing interactive and magical shows since 2004.

You definitely want to mark your calendars for all these events!
Yours in Christ,
Laurie Martin, CWM Co-Leader

Our Deepest Sympathy



We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Clifford Barclay, age 89, who went to his heavenly home on February 10, 2017.

We convey our sympathy to The Brewer Family, on the passing of Aaron's mother, Ruby Ann Brewer, on February 21, 2017.

May God bless all of you in this time of sorrow with the knowledge of everlasting life.

THANK YOU

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

is March 8, 2017 at 7pm. Elders, Deacons, Sacristans, and Trustees are encouraged to come to this important meeting. The Congregation is also invited and welcome

Dear “Many Secret Sisters,”

Thank you for the lovely throw and delicious Gluten Free chocolate cookies. It is nice to be remembered and loved.

May you all be blessed

Pastor Janet



From Perry Center:
1-27-2017

Dear Perry Christian Church,

Thank you for the support you give The Perry Center. The donation of shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish soap, laundry detergent and bar soap given throughout the year was greatly appreciated. Your generosity helps The Perry Center continue our ministry of assisting those in need in the Perry community.

This is the essence of The Perry Center, helping to meet the needs of men, women and families that find themselves in difficult circumstances, which is the ultimate commandment.

Thank you for using your gifts and talents in support of The Perry Center.

In His Love,

Carole Martin
Executive Director

From Project Hope:

Dear Perry Christian Church,
Thank you very much for your gifts donated 01/21/2017. As we enter 2017, we want you to know how valuable your contribution is in sustaining the ongoing vision of Project Hope for the Homeless.
As we journey together

through this year, we look forward to your prayers and kindnesses. Together, we can continue to help build better futures for those desperately in need of hope!
In Service,
Judy Burr
Executive Director



FYI: Project Hope is launching a new funding campaign, “From Seed to Sustainability” to help stabilize the shelter after rapid growth in the past 3 years. For more information read the letter posted on the bulletin board or go to www.projecthopeonline.org





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