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TRANSITION UPDATE – Rev Ron Clegg

This is the first of what I hope to be regular updates on our progress with this transition process. The better you are kept informed, the less anxious and the more hopeful you will be in regard to where we are going.

Gayle and I are well settled into our temporary home on Gilmer Street in downtown Perry. It is an ideal location for us. This last weekend we were able to walk from our house to the International Festival in the town center. This house was a special gift from God, in that we were the second people to look at it and want to rent it. Thankfully, the first people did not follow through, and it became ours. It also came equipped with several things we were going to have to buy, such as a washer and dryer, and a dining room table and chairs. It is going to be a great home for us during our time here in Perry.

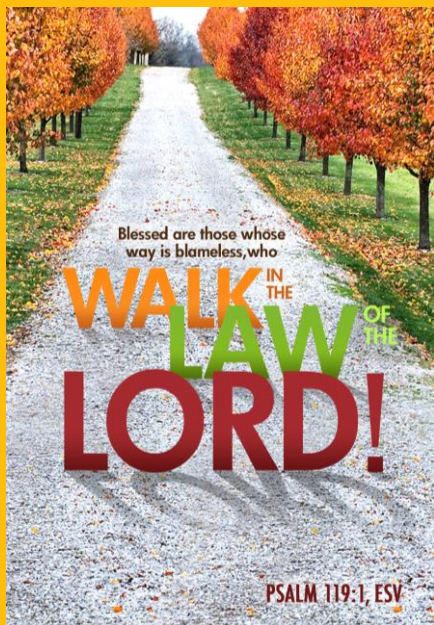
We are learning the many great places to eat and the fun things to do around this area, thanks to some good recommendations from several folks. There are so many. If you have favorite places you frequent, please let us know. We're always interested in finding new places to explore and places to eat and hang out with folks. We have begun meeting with all of the families in the church, something we very much enjoy. If you have not been called yet, don't worry. Bridget is going through the church list alphabetically, and she will get to you eventually. When she calls or leaves a voice mail, please find a time in your busy schedule to meet with us. If you do not get a call sometime in the next few weeks, please call me. You were missed by accident, and we want to make it right. My number is (678) 524-5229. You can also reach me at ronclegg@gmail.com.

Please be praying for this process and for me as I lead us through it. What we are hoping for is a supernatural work of God's Spirit. Simply coming up with better programs or some new slick window dressing to attract people will not bring about the growth in health Perry Presbyterian Church needs. We need our Heavenly Father to work here among us. So, please pray, and pray expectantly, that He will indeed do such a work. I am greatly looking forward to getting to know all of you in these coming months. If I can be of help to you during this transition process, please don't hesitate to call on me.

Together for the Kingdom.

Ron Clegg, Interim Pastor





STUDENT STUFF

What's Coming Up This Fall?

- Oct 1 – Youth Bible Study
- Oct 8 – (No Youth Bible Study)
- Oct 15 – Youth Bible Study
- Oct 22 – Youth Bible Study
- Oct 29 – Reformation Party
- Nov 5 – Youth Bible Study
- Nov 12 – Thanksgiving Service (HLPC)
- Dec 3 – Christmas@Crossroads and student caroling



Missionaries in Hungary – Endi & Kati Kovacs

Here is the latest update from Endi and Katie Kovacs:

Rested from a well-earned vacation in the Swiss Alps, Endi & Kati are back in Hungary, deeply involved in their calling. Pray for them!

- *Endi & work team of 14 developing a support system for 1600 Reformed pastors. He regularly holds small weeklong retreats for pastors & their wives.
- *He directs Harmat, an evangelical publishing house. It flourishes now, but he seeks a young candidate to train & inspire with vision for the next generation.
- *Kati leads workshops for women, teaching Scriptural principles.
- *Daughter Lilien, fulltime psychologist at a high school, that she may lay before God the difficult issues she encounters.
- *Son Robin, near to earning Masters in Internal Economics & Business.
- *Ongoing need for more financial support. Food prices up 50%.

Good Sam

MADE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? – Edwin Nicholson, 71 of Port Tobacco, MD, a Vietnam Vet and prostate cancer survivor, combined two of his passions (helping military veterans and fishing) to begin *Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing*, which mentors disabled vets during fishing trips. Can you do something like that? Ask the Lord and ask yourself: “Who do I have a passion for?” and “What do I like to do?” Then consider how you could marry the two and serve others through the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SENTIMENTS –

“You are never too old to set a new goal or dream a new dream.” **CS Lewis**
“Preparation for old age should begin no later than one’s teens. A life which is empty of purpose until 65 will not suddenly become filled upon retirement.” **Dwight L Moody**
“Those who love deeply never grow old; they may die of old age, but they die young.” **Benjamin Franklin**

WHAT DOES GOD SAY?

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. **Isaiah 46:4**

WHAT’S COMING UP?

Our monthly luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 12pm in the fellowship hall. Can’t wait! See you there!



Discovery Class

Who is Perry Presbyterian Church? What do they believe? Why do they do what they do? What does it mean to be a member? If you have ever had any of these questions yourself, then the *Discovery Class* is for you. We will introduce you to our church, and talk about its history, theology, worship and ministry. The Discovery Class will meet *during Sunday School on October 8, 22 and November 5*. Interested? Call the church office to sign up. See you there!

History of the Reformation

On October 31, 1517, in Whittenburg, Germany, Martin Luther (then a Catholic monk) nailed his Ninety-Five "Theses on the Power of Efficacy of Indulgences" to the door of the Castle Church. This moment in time has been noted as the spark of the Reformation which brought about the establishment of the Protestant Church. This Protestant Reformation was very important in the preservation of the Gospel and was the great rediscovery of the good news of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. At that time, the Roman Catholic Church had become corrupt and was teaching false doctrines like salvation through good works. Some were even selling "indulgences." They said if you purchased these indulgences, you would gain forgiveness for sins. Although Reformation Day is more commonly celebrated in the Lutheran Church, Martin Luther is a hero of faith for us too. Protestant churches that we worship in today are the results of Luther's brave acts to restore the gospel - salvation through Jesus Christ - to its rightful place as the cornerstone doctrine of Christianity.

The story of Martin Luther is one of courage, adventure, mystery and triumph. There are many aspects to the story and many theological implications. Explaining all these items can be confusing for some young children, so to help them understand the Reformation, it is important to focus on the fact that Martin Luther helped people realize that salvation is only through Jesus Christ.

"For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works so that no one can boast."
Ephesians 2: 8-9



REFORMATION CELEBRATION AND CHURCH WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Meal is served at 5 pm

PPC Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to join us for dinner, the Reformation Stations, fellowship, fun and more!



Please bring bags of individually wrapped candy and place them in the containers in the church foyers, or in the church office, before Sunday, October 22. Thank you for your help!



Creekside Kids

This year the 1st - 5th grade children began a journey into the heart of John Bunyan's timeless classic, Pilgrim's Progress. This dramatic reading is designed to help young children not only understand and enjoy Bunyan's allegorical tale, but benefit from the spiritual lessons and biblical truths discovered along the way. We have come face-to-face with the challenges confronting the pilgrim named Christian and have discovered that they too deal with similar obstacles in their own lives and that Christ saves, leads and protects them. Our K classes are studying "The Jesus Storybook Bible. Please join us Sunday nights at 6pm.



August 2023 Financial Report

	August 2023	YTD Dec 2022 – August 2023
Undesignated Offerings	\$55,214.62	\$519,567.93
Capital Fund	\$0.00	\$13,255.00
Total Offerings	\$55,214.62	\$532,822.93
Expenses	\$39,912.98	\$505,774.03
Capital Fund Balance		\$27,053.38

Missions Supported by PPC

MISSION TO THE WORLD (MTW):

Ash & Betsy Christiansen Aeschliman
Donald and Claire-Lise Cobb
Bill & Mae Lee Letchworth
Andrew & Krista May
Don & Fran McNeill
David & Erin Pervis
Mike & Eli Sabin

Medical teams, Latin America
 Teaching New Testament/Church Planting, Aix-en-Provence, France
 Moose Cree Native Reserve, Ontario, Canada
 Medical Clinic, Cusco, Peru
 Teaching program for African pastors/teachers in Sub-Saharan Africa
 Church planting & English instruction, Glyfada, Greece
 Trans World Radio, Guam

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA (MNA):

Hernando & Debbie Saenz

Hispanic Ministries Coordinator, MNA

OTHER MISSIONS:

Jonathan & Leah Jakes
Endi & Kati Kovacs
Joe & Elizabeth May
Jeff & Mary Townsend

Mentoring ministry leaders Serge, London England
 Barnabas Group, leadership training NOVO, Hungary
 Chinese Outreach Ministries, University of Georgia
 National Director of Field Development, International Students Inc.

MISSION AGENCIES:

Covenant Care Adoption Agency
Covenant College
Iglesia Cristiana El Mana
Hope Russia
Palmer Home
Perry Ministerial Association
Perry Presbyterian Playschool
Perry Volunteer Outreach
Rick and Kathryn Searle
Sacred Roots Farm

Christian Adoption and Counseling, Macon, GA
 Christian College, Lookout Mountain, GA
 Hispanic outreach program located in youth center building, Perry, GA
 Theological Seminary & Church Planting, St Petersburg, Russia
 Provides Christ-centered home life for children in need; Hernando, MS
 A strategic gathering of local pastors for encouragement and ministry
 Christian, Preschool program for 3 and 4-year-old children
 Financial assistance for housing, utilities, and medical needs
 World Reach – grace centered Bible Teaching for pastors and church leaders
 Provides a safe home on a working farm for exploited, trafficked women

REFORMED UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP (RUF):

Nathanael Miller
Marlin & Caroline Harris
Austin & Anna Caroline Royal
Ben & Anna Coppedge
John & Sarah Gordy
Richard & Lynne Smith

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 Mercer University
 University of Arkansas
 University of Georgia
 Valdosta State University
 RUF International: Penn State University