

# Perry Press

Volunteer Opportunities

A publication of Perry Presbyterian Church

## HOW<sup>you can</sup> HELP

At PPC, we always welcome volunteers to help in our many ministry areas. Here are a few ways you can prayerfully consider:

### WORSHIP MINISTRY:

Our Worship Teams consist of musicians, sound and live streaming technicians. All share a love for music, a passion for worshipping God, and a desire to use their talents to serve Him. We welcome all those interested in serving! If you are interested or have questions, Gary Johnson would love to hear from you.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Our Creekside Kids program will begin September 7. We need volunteers to help teach Bible Study classes to elementary age students, volunteers to help serve snacks, and volunteers to help with music and craft projects. If you are interested, Denise O'Neal would love to hear from you.

The Pastor's Pen

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## Keep Your Eyes Upon Christ

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the first installment of our new, monthly edition of the Perry Press. In an ongoing attempt to communicate better, Bridget will be sending out the Perry Press to keep you up to date and informed of all our church activities, ministry opportunities and upcoming events. I hope the newsletter will encourage and inform us as we seek to know Christ and to make Him known in our city, state, nation and world.

As you probably already know, the offices at our church are under renovation. For the next 3 weeks, our church staff will be working outside of the church office. I am working in the educational building in the Hall Schenck Ladies classroom if you need me. If you have any needs, you can call the church and the phone is being transferred to Bridget's cell phone. She will help you if you have needs or questions. You can also call our staff on our personal cell phones. We are all working so please do not hesitate to call. Thanks in advance for having a "Simper Gumby," 'always flexible' attitude as we 'spruce up' our offices and our church campus. And please take a moment to express thanks to our deacons for their leadership and hard work in making our church facilities more beautiful and conducive to fellowship, worship and learning.

I was encouraged this past week as I ran across the words of one of my spiritual heroes, Corrie Ten Boom. She reminds us to keep Christ always before us as we walk through this world.

"If you look at the world, you will be distressed.

If you look within, you will be depressed.

But, if you look at Christ, you will be at rest."

May the Lord give you rest this week, as you keep your eyes upon Christ.

Blessings in His Love,

Pastor Parker

## Church Library [Bridget Howard \[perrypresbyterianchurch@gmail.com\]\(mailto:perrypresbyterianchurch@gmail.com\)](mailto:perrypresbyterianchurch@gmail.com)

Next Sunday, after you finish your coffee and doughnuts, and before you head to Sunday School, take a walk down the hall in the education building and just past the kitchen door, you will find our Church Library. Take a minute or two and walk around the library. You'll find Bible study materials, devotional books, family-friendly movies, Christian fiction, non-fiction, books for the kids, all free and available for checkout any time the building is open. We check out books on the honor system. Please feel free to take advantage of this valuable church resource.



Please let us know how we can pray for you. Contact the church office or an elder with any prayer requests.

### Health Concerns

**For Our Church Family:** Kat & Leeza Brown, Jim and Jona Clark, John Geiger, Donna Lehr, Doug Lilley, Bobby and Dianna Williams, Virginia Bryant, Carol Fudge, Herbert Moore, Joanne Solomon, Jim Stovall, Ellen Wright

**For Extended Family:** Ryan Brewer, Diane Graham, Brian Griffin, Steve Howe, Adam Jones, Hulda Moseley, Chalese Newberry, Joe Rogers, Scotty Rogers, Erin Vogel, Landon Whitehead, Sandy Woods' daughter – Heidi Doster, John Legg

**Military Families:** Troy Doster, Nick & Izelde Fricchione, Tyler & Kelly Franklin, Aaron Lilley, Cody Ramos, Jeff & Beth Sabelko, Jason & Ellen Skelton, Grace Tinkey, Eddie Wiggins

**Other Needs:** Teachers and students as they begin a new school year

## Youth Ministry

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This summer has been a busy time at the Perry Presbyterian Youth Group. Our summer started in late May as we welcomed our summer intern, Catherine Jeffries. From the beginning, we hit the ground running as we served our local community through Soul 2 Soul. Vacation Bible School followed along with a summer youth retreat and a weekend getaway.

In between, we enjoyed our regular Tuesday Night meetings and our Thursday Night Bible Studies. Our summer will close when we bid farewell to our intern Catherine later this week, but the summer closing means a new year begins. We will be releasing the school year schedule soon, so be on the lookout!

## Senior-itis

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### Fun Facts Associated with Senior Adults and the Senior Adult Ministry of Perry Presbyterian Church

#### STATS

People born in the 40's & 50's have lived through almost 10 decades, 2 centuries, 2 millenniums, 15 presidents and at least 5 US wars, as well as some of the best music, movies, books, art and cars... ever!

#### STARS

Hudson Taylor was a missionary used by God into his 70's, to take the gospel to China, serving that field for 50 years, including founding and directing CIM (China Inland Mission).

#### STITCHES

"You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake" Bob Hope

"Nice to be here? At my age, it's nice to be anywhere." George Burns

"Time may be a great healer, but it is a terrible beautician." Anonymous

#### STATUTES

"Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

#### STANDBY

Senior Adult Luncheon – Monday, August 29, 2022

Missionary Update

“Home!”

This text from Mae Lee Letchworth on July 26 spoke volumes about God's providence to her & Bill in returning them to Moose Factory, a remote island community of Indigenous peoples in Ontario. When the Letchworths had first arrived five years ago, these people met them with generational fear & distrust for outsiders who many times had betrayed them & proven abusive - sadly, even some who claimed Christ's name.

BUT GOD has used Bill's pastoral background, love for the outdoors, fix-it ability; and He has used Mae Lee's hospitality - opening the door, often to 20+ children after school; at times to women who taught her recipes & crafts, & who revealed troubled hearts. Such have been God's ways of equipping this couple for ministry among these highly relational people.

As Bill & Mae Lee left in early '22 for a required six months in the US, Moose Factory friends handed them envelopes of "come-home money," a custom when a loved one left. Obstacles threatened their return: a steep increase in monthly support, & an unpredictable re-entry into Canada. But who can thwart God? He raised up His people to pray & give - even Moose Factory friends sent money to MTW! God blessed them further by providing a new boat that Bill was happy to drive home. Please remember to pray for this fisher of men. Consider the layers of grace in Mae Lee's simple text on July 26!

"Home!"

August Church Calendar

- 7<sup>th</sup>      Worship, 9:30am  
            Summer Sunday Night 6pm
- 10<sup>th</sup>     Deacon's Meeting 6:30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup>     Church Work Day – 8am
- 14<sup>th</sup>     Worship, 9:30am
- 17<sup>th</sup>     Session 6:30 pm
- 21<sup>st</sup>     Worship, 9:30 am  
            Summer Sunday Night 6pm
- 28<sup>th</sup>     Worship, 9:30 am  
            Communion
- 28<sup>th</sup>     Youth-parent's meeting 6pm
- 29<sup>th</sup>     Senior Saints Luncheon 12pm



Church Building Improvements

It is with grateful hearts that we offer thanks not only for all of the improvements made to our church campus in the past few months, but also for the tireless work of our Board of Deacons, the generous gifts to the PPC Capital fund and the creative guidance of Charles Malone. Here are just a few of the improvements you might have noticed:

-  New coffee bar
-  Offices painted
-  Fellowship hall painted
-  Clearing old growth on left property line
-  Fencing and vegetation removed between Sanctuary and Youth Center
-  New carpet and tile in office area
-  Sanctuary restrooms painted

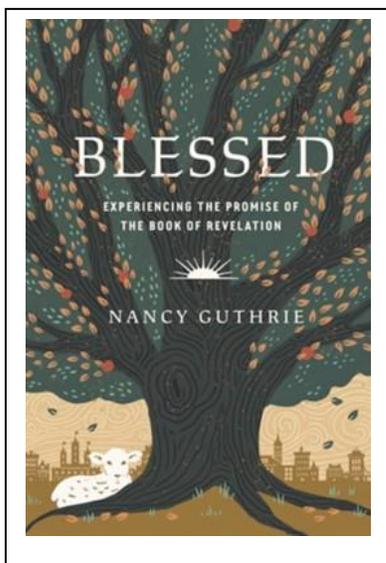
## Playschool

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Another year will soon begin at Perry Presbyterian Playschool on Sept 7. This vital ministry of our church has had an impact on the Middle Georgia community for over fifty years. You, as our covenant family, have played an important role through your financial giving, sharing of your talents, and most of importantly, through your faithful prayers. When classes begin the week of Labor Day, we will be welcoming about forty-five children to our three-year-old and four-year-old classes. Our mission at Playschool is to touch the lives of children with God's love in a Christian environment.

It is such a joy to watch each child grow spiritually, emotionally, socially, and physically as they learn through play, Bible time, art, music, and begin learning school readiness skills. Our teachers in the three-year-old classes are Elizabeth Day, Bonnie Franklin, Linda Nelson and Denise O'Neal. Our four-year-old teachers are Tesa Shelton, Jane Shepley, and Lynn Watts. We have several others who help as needed, including Carol Ross and Megan Stephens. Dorothy Sichelstiel will be sharing her musical talents with us throughout the school year. Your prayers are a fundamental part of this important outreach to our community.

Prayer requests include that the children and their families will grow closer to Christ throughout the year, that our teachers will be strong witnesses for the Gospel, and that the children and teachers will be safe and healthy throughout the year. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and support!



## Women's Bible Study

Many Bible readers struggle to understand the book of Revelation. But it was written to reveal, not hide, what Jesus wants us to know. And it holds out a promise to those who will hear and keep what is written in it – the promise of being blessed.

In this Bible study, author Nancy Guthrie presents a friendly yet theologically robust guide to Revelation, explaining its meaning to the original first-century audience, which guides its meaning for readers today. Covering the full text of Revelation chapter by chapter, you'll hear its call to faithfully endure and refuse to compromise as we await the coming of the kingdom of Christ in all its glorious fullness.

Please consider joining us in this study. We will meet every Thursday morning from 9:30 until 11:00 at the home of Jane Shepley. Everyone is welcomed along with your friends. Call the church office for more information.

## Ways to Give

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We are now offering additional options for giving to Perry Presbyterian Church. You can give through electronic giving via:

- your debit/credit card
- checking/savings account
- online giving via our website ([perrypres.com](http://perrypres.com))
- mobile giving
- checks in the offering plate
- checks mailed to the church

All E-giving options are secure, fast and easy to use. You can make a one-time contribution from your bank account, credit card or debit card. There is a link on our church web site for your use.

To give through the mobile app, download the free "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" app from the App Store or Google Play and search for our church by name. (Perry Presbyterian Church).