

July 2026 Newsletter



The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Perry is a family that finds ways of supporting growth through the connection of worship and the compassionate care of our church members and community.



Giving Report

Attendance Report	8:15 AM	10:30 AM	6:00 PM	YouTube
6/7/26	39	79	38	14
6/14/26	31	64	-	4
6/21/26	35	-	-	7
6/28/26	46	-	-	18

6/7/2026	General	\$6,306.00
6/7/2026	Memorial-David Frazier	\$25.00
6/7/2026	Restricted-Food Pantry David Frazier	\$500.00
6/14-6/21	General	\$8,207.52
6/28/2026	General	\$2,824.52
6/30/26	Subsplash	\$1,340.09
6/30/26	ACH	\$480.00
Total:		\$16,379.42



June 21, 2026, a congregational meeting was held to vote on the 26/27 budget, board officers & board members.

8:15 AM: VOTE was 27 yes – 0 no

10:30 AM: VOTE was 42 yes – 1 no on board members

JOSH'S JOTTINGS

Looking Back to Move Forward

As I write this month's column, I find myself grateful for where God has brought First Christian Church and excited about where God is leading us next.

One of the great blessings of ministry is that the church is always living in two directions at once. We honor the faithfulness of those who came before us while preparing the way for those who will come after us. We celebrate our history while remaining open to God's future. That spirit will guide our special Elders Luncheon on July 8. Rather than gathering for another business meeting, our elders will spend time sharing a meal, praying together, reflecting on our ministry, and discussing where God may be calling us in the months and years ahead.

We will take time to look honestly at what we do well, what needs our attention, and how we can continue strengthening the spiritual life of our congregation. Most importantly, we will spend time listening—to one another and to God. Healthy churches do not simply react to the future; they prayerfully prepare for it.

For that reason, we will also be taking a brief Sabbath from our regular Board Meeting and Deacon and Elder meetings during July. Sabbath is not about doing less. It is about creating space for renewal, reflection, and prayer. Sometimes the most productive thing a congregation can do is pause long enough to remember why we do what we do.

My hope is that this season of rest and discernment will allow us to hit the ground running in August with renewed energy, renewed focus, and renewed commitment to Christ's mission. Following the luncheon, I will also be scheduling a training session for our newly elected elders as they prepare to begin their ministry of leadership and spiritual care within our church family.

I am equally excited to share another important step forward for our congregation. We have officially hired Hannah Vaughn as our Part-Time Youth Coordinator. Many of you already know Hannah and have seen her love for young people, her enthusiasm for ministry, and her deep commitment to helping youth grow in their faith. I am thrilled that she has accepted this role and look forward to seeing the ways God will use her gifts among us.

As Youth Coordinator, Hannah will oversee our youth ministry for grades 5 through 12, helping provide a welcoming and Christ-centered environment where young people can grow in discipleship, fellowship, service, and spiritual formation. She will coordinate schedules, recruit and support volunteers, assist with curriculum, promote church camps, organize fundraisers, communicate with families, and help create meaningful opportunities for our youth to deepen their relationship with Christ and the church. At its heart, this ministry is about helping young people know that they belong, that they are loved, and that God has a purpose for their lives.

As I worked on our July devotionals, one reflection seemed particularly fitting. The devotional for July 2 reminds us that "the greatest legacy is faithfulness" and that faith is passed from one generation to the next through ordinary people who teach, encourage, serve, pray, and love. That is exactly what this congregation has been doing for generations. It is also exactly why investing in youth ministry matters so deeply. We are not simply funding a position; we are investing in the future disciples, leaders, elders, deacons, teachers, and servants of Christ who will carry the church forward long after we are gone.

None of this happens by accident. It happens because of you.

Your generosity, your stewardship, your prayers, your volunteer hours, your faithfulness, and your belief in the mission of this church make ministries like this possible. For several years, our leadership has planned and budgeted for this position. Today we are able to move forward because this congregation has faithfully supported the work God has placed before us. Thank you for believing in the future of First Christian Church. Thank you for supporting our ministries. Thank you for investing in the next generation. Thank you for continuing to be a congregation that understands the importance of looking back with gratitude while moving forward with hope.

The future is bright, not because we know exactly what lies ahead, but because we know the One who walks with us into it.

Shalom,

Rev. Dr. Joshua Bell

Senior Minister

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Perry, Oklahoma

July Birthdays

Emily Androes 7/2

Maston Box 7/4

Kelly Frazier 7/4

Rexleigh McKenzie 7/9

Tobias Bolay 7/6

Izzy Pavon 7/7

Kian Thompson 7/7

Suzanne Voise 7/9

Tommie Cargill 7/10

Mya Barrientos 7/10

Marilyn Branen 7/12

Tammy Bolay 7/12

Joniece LeValley 7/12

Brandan Sheets 7/16

Langston Hulet 7/24

Kathy Taylor 7/24

Lexi Klinglesmith 7/27

Crystal Stvan 7/30

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

July Anniversaries

Virgil & Becky Beckner 7/2

David & Deah Sharp 7/17

Kyle & Anglia Klinglesmith 7/20

Brandan & Kynda Sheets 7/20

Jim & Tammy Kelly 7/26

David & Kelly Frazier 7/26

Happy
Anniversary

FCC Perry Youth Group

Lake Night at The Fuller's
on Lake Carl Blackwell

Sunday, July 12th

3:30pm to 7pm

We will leave the church
at 3:45pm and return by 7pm.



Please RSVP so
we can prepare
by scanning the
QR code and
filling out the
form.



SCAN ME

Please bring a
life jacket for
boating and
your own
fishing gear.

CHURCH CAMPS







VBS & VBS PICNIC



**GOOD
TIMES**



Meet our new youth ministry coordinator!

HANNAH

VAUGHN



While not new to FCC Perry, Hannah Vaughn is our new youth ministry coordinator. She will be planning and overseeing youth programs, provide mentorship and help the youth navigate life's challenges and encouraging them to develop a personal relationship with their faith.

A little bit about Hannah:

I grew up in south central Kansas.

I am a 3rd generation K-State alumni.

1st grade teacher at Sangre Ridge Elementary in Stillwater.

I've taught for 14 years.

Helped with FCC Perry youth for 3 years with the 5th-8th graders.

Husband, Allen, works at Ditch Witch.

We moved to Perry in March of 2019 and were married at FCC in November of 2019.

We have no children, but we do have an English bulldog (Benny) and 10 nieces and nephews (along with lots of bonus ones).

Past times include: photography, reading, camping, kayaking, and traveling





STEWARDSHIP *Minute*

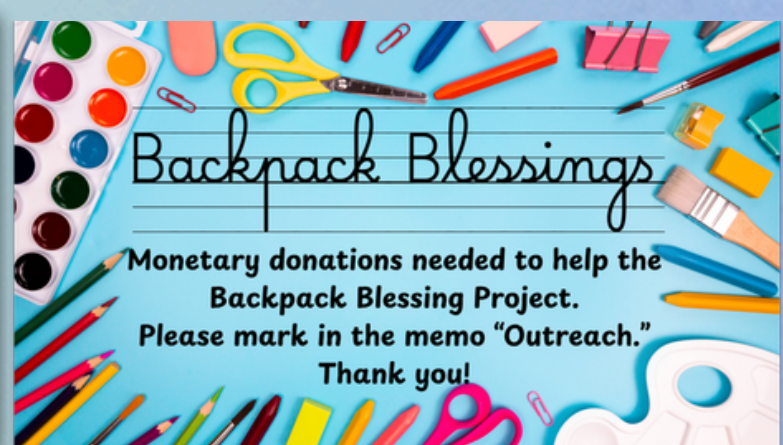
As we enjoy the warmth and beauty of summer, we're reminded that this is a season of growth. In Galatians 6:9 we are encouraged "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."



**July 2026
Daily
Devotionals
Available Now!**

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July 2026
Daily Devotional
Rev. Dr. Joshua Bell



Backpack Blessings

Monetary donations needed to help the
Backpack Blessing Project.

Please mark in the memo "Outreach."

Thank you!

Announcements

Reoccurring Events:

Sunday School : Sundays at 9:30 AM

Sunday Worship Services: 8:15 AM 10:30 AM

Grace After Sundown Resumes in August

Caraway Street: Resumes in August.

Disciples Kids: Resumes in September

Youth: Resumes in August

Chancel Choir: Resumes in August.

Bell Choir: Resumes in August.

Bible Study: Bible Study Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

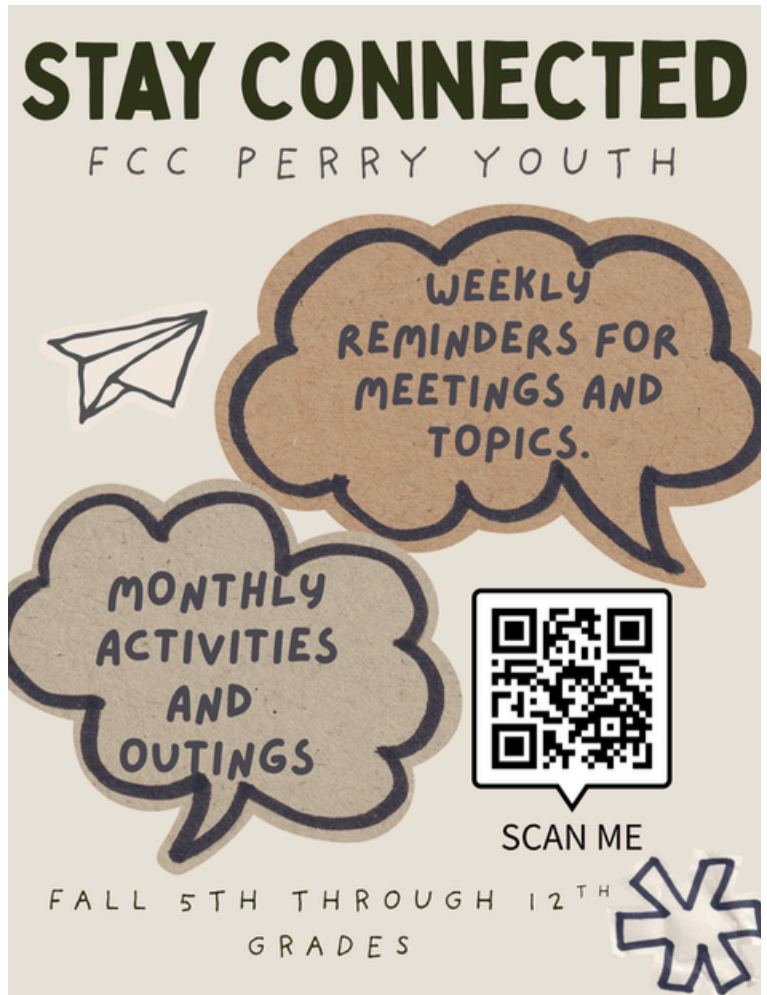
Disciples Women: 4th Tuesday of the month 6PM

Quilters: Thursdays 1:00 PM

Pickleball: Tuesdays & Fridays at 10:00 AM

Christian Women's Fellowship: Events scheduled throughout the year.

Christian Men's Fellowship breakfast: 3rd Saturday of the month 7:00 AM.



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Rev. Dr. Joshua Bell, Sr. Minister
Shiloah Kennedy, Administrative Assistant
Emily Androes, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Paula Shryock, Music Director
Nancy Wells, Organist
Karen Douglass, Pianist
Bobby Cunningham, AV tech
Ted Loring, AV Tech
Sharon Worrell, Custodian

Thank you for reading!

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Quilters 1:00 PM	3 Office closed Pickleball 10:00 AM	4 Independence Day
5	6 Deacons' mtg. 5:30 PM Elders' mtg. 6:00 PM	7 Pickleball 10:00 AM	8 Elders' luncheon 12:00 PM @ Brother Bell's BBQ Twirling 4:00 PM	9 Quilters 1:00 PM	10 Pickleball 10:00 AM	11
12 Youth Lake Night	13	14 Pickleball 10:00 AM	15 Twirling 4:00 PM	16 Quilters 1:00 PM	17 Pickleball 10:00 AM	18
19 Guest preacher-TBD	20	21 Pickleball 10:00 AM	22 Twirling 4:00 PM	23 Quilters 1:00 PM	24 Big room reserved	25 Big room reserved
26 Guest preacher, Ted Loring Youth trip to Splatter paint room	27	28 Pickleball 10:00 AM	29 Twirling 4:00 PM	30 Quilters 1:00 PM	31 Pickleball 10:00 AM	

Joshua Bell out of the office 16th-20th.

Joshua Bell gone 22nd-26th

Prayer Requests for July 1, 2026

The Family of:

Everett Lighty-service Mon. @ 10:00 AM FCC
Perry, OK
Jerry Norris-Kristie Cook's cousin
Floyd Dudley
Max Adams

Recent Health Concerns

Jill Courtney-cancer & travelling to MD
Anderson
Pam Parker, Sherry DeBord's friend, having
health issues
Roger Webb
John Vasek
Dian McGuar-total hip replacement—Surgery
went well.
Bob McKnight, Nancy Wells' brother, stage IV
non-alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver
Pam Cunningham's family members who are
having health issues.
Fre LeValley-surgery Friday 6/26
April Anderson-Kim McLain's cousin
Martin & Paula Foster
Karen Zavodny-broken sinus bone, nose &
eye socket
Maggie & baby Arlo
Olivia St. Clair-tested for Lupus
Robert Klingaman-upcoming surgery
Matt Frazier will be having more chemo
treatments.
Garrett Perrin
Jerry Carson-cancer complications
Henry Palmer
Ferrel Stanley
Betty Tetik

On-going Health Concerns:

Dylan Wiseman-brain tumor
Kim McLain
Sean McLain
Tammy Kelly
Robert Koch
Everett Lighty
Hattie Fischer
Terri Morrow
Sally Frazier
Joyce Choplin

Bruce Force
Kenneth New
Jim Gall
Kim Hughes

Unspoken & General Concerns:

Traveling mercies for our Junior campers &
Scout campers.

Praise:

Dillon Simon-coming home
Kayden, Ted Loring's nephew, coming home
from hospital.
Brayden Klingaman-Mission trip to Spain.

Cancer:

Brenda Coats
Nancy Mitchell
Shari Bross
Bev Klingaman
Lindsey Wiley
Doris Lewis
Doris Butler
Junene Whiteley
Tom Nelson
Becky Ambrosini
Tammy Daniels
Paige Dunham
Tiffany Hager, cousin of Shelley Hawkins
Judy Winters
Shannda Holcomb, friend of Ashley Bode
George Cunningham, Robert Cunningham's
brother
Lyle Smith
Victor Chavez
Emily Koch
Travis Wilhelm
Roger Gierhart
Brian Fuller
Matt Frazier
Brian Boyea
Sheryl Jackson
Jerry Carson