

August 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
7/5/26	36	53	n/a	18
7/12/26	44	72	n/a	13
7/19/26	48	69	n/a	8
7/26/26	32	76	n/a	27
8/2/26	29	117	n/a	7

7/5/26	General	\$3,123.49
7/5/26	Memorial	\$15.00
7/5/26	Restricted-Gideons	\$100.00
7/12/26	General	\$5,429.00
7/12/26	Restricted-Backpack Blessings	\$20.00
7/19/26	General	\$6,226.00
7/19/26	Memorial	\$1,000.00
7/26/26	General	\$2,095.52
7/26/26	Restricted-Book Study	\$68.00
7/26/26	Memorial	\$100.00
7/26/26	Restricted-Backpack Blessings	\$20.00
8/2/26	General	\$3,785.00
8/2/26	Restricted-Book Study	\$34.00
8/2/26	Memorial	\$100.00
Total:		\$22,116.01



JOSH'S JOTTINGS

As we are getting ready for another year of ministry together, I want to warmly invite you to our **Leadership Retreat** on **Saturday, August 22, from 9:00 a.m. until noon**. This gathering helps shape the life of our church for the year ahead as we build our master church calendar from August through the following August. I would love to have representatives from every committee and ministry present so we can dream together, coordinate well, avoid unnecessary conflicts, and plan meaningful opportunities for worship, fellowship, service, and outreach. Thoughtful planning helps us use our time and resources wisely as we serve Christ and our community together.

Our fall **Tuesday Bible Studies** begin on **September 8**, and I am genuinely excited about where we are headed. This fall, we will study **Romans**, looking at Paul's words alongside the historical and cultural world he was writing into so we can hear its message with fresh ears. After the first of the year, we will try something a little different with the **Book of Enoch**, one of the best-known non-canonical Jewish writings. While it is not part of our biblical canon, it gives us a fascinating window into Jewish thought, symbolism, and the world that influenced many writers of Scripture. Whether you have studied the Bible for years or are just beginning, you are welcome at the table.

We are also thinking about beginning a **college-age Bible study** on **Sundays at 5:00 p.m.** for anyone in that season of life who would like to join us. Wherever they are in their faith journey, the hope is that this would be a place to ask honest questions, build meaningful friendships, and take the next faithful step with Christ.

One of the great joys in our congregation is seeing people gather around God's Word together. Our **Christian Women's Fellowship** continues to offer meaningful opportunities for study, fellowship, and spiritual growth, and it has been a gift to see those groups flourish. I hope we can build on that momentum and strengthen our **Christian Men's Fellowship** as well. We grow best when we grow together, whether in Sunday School, Bible study, fellowship groups, or ministry teams.

Finally, I want to offer a heartfelt invitation to serve. Every vibrant church is made up of people willing to show up, love well, and give of themselves, and right now we have a wonderful opportunity to invest in the next generation. We are looking for **Sunday School teachers** and **Disciples Kids volunteers**. If your first thought is, "I don't know enough about the Bible to teach," please know you are not alone. We will provide the curriculum, lesson plans, supplies, and support. What our children need most is not someone with all the answers; they need caring adults who will be steady, faithful, kind, and encouraging. Sunday School lays a foundation of faith, youth ministry builds on that foundation through real-life issues and Scripture, and Disciples Kids bridges those worlds through worship, learning, and hands-on experiences. If you are wondering where God might be inviting you to serve, I hope you will prayerfully consider joining us. Together, we can be a church where every child knows they are loved, valued, and surrounded by faithful adults helping them grow in Christ.

Shalom, Rev Dr. Joshua Bell

Keep God's Direction

By Marilyn Bohlender, ODW President

Once I heard that driving was like coloring, just stay inside the lines! We often approach life that way. We hear words like stay in your own lane. Keep in mind that words like this could shut down what might be a useful idea.

If we always stay inside the lines and never go outside the box, we might be missing out on God's plan to use us to carry out his plan. Bottom line is keep an open mind to stay in tune to God's direction even when it is outside the lines. Many women step outside their comfort zone to follow God's direction. When you do, God will be there with you!

Be sure to keep updated with opportunities through Oklahoma Disciples Women Facebook and our Regional website page.

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV) In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

It is required of stewards
that one be found
trustworthy (1 Cor 4:2). When
you embrace the truth that
God is not only the creator
but also the owner of
everything, stewardship
become a way of life.

August Birthdays

Velma Shelton 8/1

Jon Barrett 8/2

Wade Sheets 8/2

Norma Hughes Klingaman 8/7

Alana Schweer 8/7

Hazel Bolay 8/7

Betty Dillon 8/7

Joy Eby 8/8

Stacey Wilda 8/8

Brooke Davis 8/9

Jamie Thompson 8/11

Robert Lowry 8/12

Josh McKenzie 8/15

Jim Henley 8/18

Nila Nuttle 8/19

Wyatt Carris 8/21

Janet Wilhelm 8/22

Ryan Wilson 8/23

Lillian Cunningham 8/26

Cameron Frazier 8/26

Gerald Demory 8/28

Tessa Anderson 8/30

Lyndey Wilda 8/31

August Anniversaries

Marcus & Brooke Davis 8/6

Karl & Norma Klingaman 8/7

Johnny & Helen Fuller 8/22

Larry & Suzanne Voise 8/20

Church Family –

After many days and hours of deep cleaning and reorganizing the church kitchen and pantry, we are asking all who use the kitchen to PLEASE return things to their proper places; keeping the countertops clean and uncluttered, and the cabinets and drawers organized.

PLEASE do not set dishes in the sink; wash them and put them away. If you use towels or dishcloths, YOU are responsible for taking them home to wash before placing them back in the drawer.

As the purging, cleaning, and reorganization is coming to an end, new labeling will be added. PLEASE note...what is behind the doors or in the drawers.

Although we appreciate the gesture and thought, PLEASE do not bring extra utensils, dishes or small kitchen appliances to the church. The kitchen is well supplied.

We appreciate all our kitchen can provide, and we appreciate YOUR HELP in keeping the facility a clean and organized place.

The (very tired) Kitchen Mice!



ANNOUNCING

There is a cart full of dishes in the vestibule at the Big Room, that have not been picked up after funeral dinners. Please check for yours, and take them home.



Sunday, August 16th

9:00 a.m.

CWF Congregational Brunch

This is a fundraiser meal, provided by the CWF. No charge for the meal, but donations accepted. This fundraiser helps in funding CWF missions.

There will also be a "Kitchen Cleanout" sale and silent auction.



Youth Ministry REPORT

August 2026



In June Perry FCC sent 20 kids to camp-

10 to Chi Rho (Junior High)- Josh Bell directed, Maddie Bell, Pam Cunningham, and Ted Loring went as counselors

4 to CFY (high school)

6 to Junior (upper elementary)- Pam Cunningham attended as a counselor

July there were two youth outings.

July 12th Helen and Johnny Fuller hosted the youth group at Lake Carl Blackwell. 8 youth members attending, 3 younger siblings, 2 parents, and Hannah Vaughn and Bobby Cunningham as youth leaders.

Helen and Johnny's oldest son Roger and his family were also there. Bobby brought kayaks, Johnny gave boat rides on his pontoon boat, and the kids swam. The Fullers provided hot dogs for supper and the youth program provided chips and sodas.

July 26th the youth group went to Edmond to Chaos Factory to splatter paint.

In August we have one upcoming event- game night from 5 to 7pm. The youth program will provide sodas and snacks.

The Sunday School youth program will start their youth mentorship program called Youth Connection. Adults in the congregation can sign up for a mentoring session with the youth from 9:15 to 10:15am. The program will offer a chance for mentoring adults to share their life stories over God's Virtues. This will allow our youth to get to know the congregation and learn how to respectfully partake in conversation and value other's perspectives.

Youth group will start meeting regularly on September 13th from 5 to 7pm (5th-7th grades will meet from 5-6pm and 8th-12th grades will meet from 5:30-7pm).

Ways to help:

- volunteer for mentorship for Sunday School
- donations for outings and activities
- snack and sodas for weekly meetings

On Sunday, July 26th 13 youth group members, 2 supervising parents, and Bobby and Hannah went to Chaos Factory in Edmond to splatter paint. Each person was given a white canvas and they all opted to wear a white shirt. They got 30 minutes to paint with neon paint and throw splatter paint balls. They also could play the paint drums. They had a great time. They then cleaned up and went to eat at the Garage for dinner before heading back to Perry.

Hannah Vaughn
Youth Ministry Coordinator



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

August 2026

Calling All Heroes of Faith!

Disciples Kids is getting ready for another exciting year, and we would love for you to be part of it! Our Wednesday after-school program begins September 23, and this year's theme is "Heroes of Faith." Throughout the year, our Disciples Kids will learn about men and women in the Bible who trusted God and made a difference through their faith.

We are looking for Shepherd volunteers to help encourage, guide, and build relationships with our students each Wednesday afternoon. No teaching experience is required—just a willing heart and a desire to invest in the lives of children!

We are also accepting weekly snack donations. If you enjoy baking, homemade treats are welcome, or you may donate individually packaged snacks. Every donation helps us provide a fun and welcoming environment for our kids.

If you would like to volunteer or donate snacks, please contact the church office or speak with Emily Androes. Thank you for helping us make Disciples Kids a place where children can grow in their faith and discover what it means to be a Hero of Faith!

Disciples Kids
Afterschool
Program

Begins September 23rd

HEROES OF FAITH

WEDNESDAYS
3:30 – 5:00

GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 5TH GRADE

AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

SCAN ME!

BIBLE STORIES FRIENDSHIP FAITH GAMES CRAFTS STEM

Join our Facebook Page :FCC Perry Disciples Kids for updates and more!

Perry First
Christian Church

YOUTH GROUP
EVENTS

FALL 2026

* Game Night	AUG 23 RD
* Youth Group Meeting	SEPT 13 TH
* Youth Group Meeting	SEPT 20 TH
* Sept. Activity- Nerf Night	SEPT 27 TH
* Youth Group Meeting	OCT 4 TH
* Youth Group Meeting	OCT 11 TH
* October Activity- Fall Fun Night	OCT 25 TH
* Trunk or Treat	OCT 31 ST
* Youth Group Meeting	NOV 1 ST

YOUTH GROUP MEETING TIMES:
5TH-7TH- 5PM TO 6PM
8TH-12TH- 5:30PM TO 7PM
YOUTH ACTIVITIES:
5PM TO 7PM ALL AGES

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

YOUTH CONNECTION

A FCC Perry Mentorship Sunday School Program

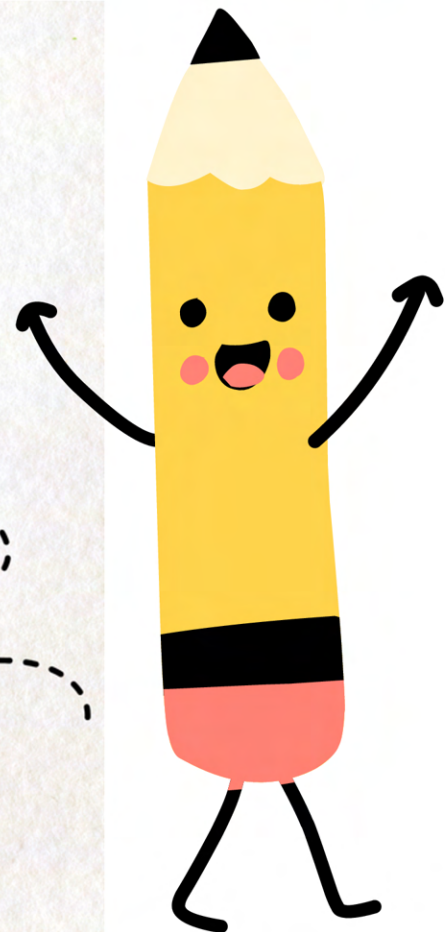
SUNDAY MORNINGS- 9:15AM-10:15AM

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUTH:

- TO GET TO KNOW ADULTS IN OUR CONGREGATION
- HEAR LIFE LESSONS IN GOD'S VIRTUES
- DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS
- LEARN TO RESPECT OTHERS OPINIONS
- HAVE RESPECTFUL DISCUSSIONS

ADULTS-SIGN UP FOR A MENTORSHIP SUNDAY

(580)336-4576
perryokfcc@gmail.com
hannahmj@gmail.com



Christian Women's Fellowship

Brunch Fundraiser

Sunday, August 16th
(between the Sunday morning services)

Monetary donations accepted.
If you would like to bring a food item,
please see the sign up sheet in the
narthex.



AUGUST MEETINGS

No Deacons' or Elders' meeting this month.

8/10 Executive Committee meeting 6:00 PM

8/12 Board 6:00 PM

8/15 CMF Breakfast 7:00 AM

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY PREVIEW & LUNCHEON

BOOKS ARE \$12.00
PREORDER BY AUG. 11TH.

LUNCHEON
AUGUST 20, 2026
12:00 PM-1:00 PM

FCC MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
701 HOLLY ST.
PERRY, OK 73077

PREVIEW OF LISA TERKEURST'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WOMEN WALK IN FAITH

Sign up for the luncheon & reserve a book.

All Women Are Invited to Attend. You are not obligated to join the book study in order to attend the luncheon.

RESERVE YOUR SEAT BY AUGUST 16TH!




Chancel & Bell Choir Resume August 19th!

CHANCEL CHOIR WEDNESDAYS 6:00 PM
BELL CHOIR WEDNESDAYS 7:00 PM
NO CHOIR PRACTICES ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Women's Fall Book Study

What Happens When Women Walk in Faith

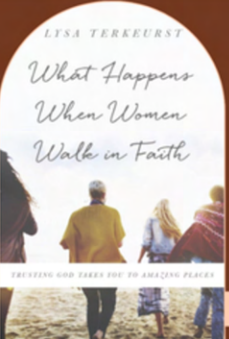
BY LISA TERKEURST

Connecting Women of All Ages — Learning and Growing in Faith Together

LED BY PAM LIGHTFOOT

Thursdays beginning September 3rd
@ 10:00 AM (approx. 7 weeks long)
Books available for purchase \$12.00

Sign up in the Narthex or through the QR Code:



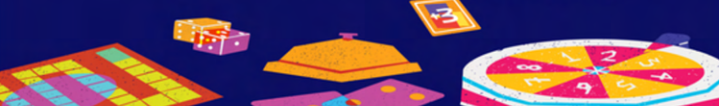
Youth Group Game Night

Sunday, August 23, 2026

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Bring a friend and come hang out and play games in our youth group room

Youth in grades 5th through 12th Snacks and games provided



LEADERSHIP PLANNING DAY

SAT., AUGUST 22ND
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

We will meet at the old Perry Junior High on Elm St.



COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Bible Study begins 9/8 @ 9:00 AM
Grace After Sundown 9/13 6:00 PM
Caraway Street 9/20 9:30 AM
Disciples Kids 9/23 3:30 PM



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reoccurring Events:

Sunday School : Sundays at 9:30 AM

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

Grace After Sundown Resumes Sept. 13th

Caraway Street: Resumes Sept. 20th

Disciples Kids: Resumes in September 23rd

Youth: Resumes Sept. 13th

Chancel Choir: Resumes in August 19th

Bell Choir: Resumes in August 19th

Bible Study: Bible Study Tuesdays at 9:00 AM Resumes Sept. 8th

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.

STAY CONNECTED

FCC PERRY YOUTH



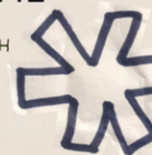
WEEKLY
REMINDERS FOR
MEETINGS AND
TOPICS.

MONTHLY
ACTIVITIES
AND
OUTINGS



SCAN ME

FALL 5TH THROUGH 12TH
GRADES

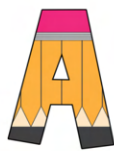


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Rev. Dr. Joshua Bell, Sr. Minister
Shiloah Kennedy, Administrative Assistant
Emily Androes, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Hannah Vaughan, Youth Ministry Coordinator
Paula Shryock, Music Director
Nancy Wells, Organist
Karen Douglass, Pianist
Bobby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

Thank you for reading!



AUGUST 2026



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

						1
2 Celebrate Recovery visiting Christian Ed. meeting 4:00 PM	3	4 Pickleball 10:00 AM	5	6 Quilters 1:00	7 Pickleball 10:00 AM	8
9 Back to School Bash 5:30-7PM	10 Exec, Committee Mtg 6PM	11 Pickleball 10:00 AM Deadline to order book study book (\$12.00)	12 Board mtg. 6 PM	13 Quilters 1:00 BACK TO SCHOOL	14 Pickleball 10:00 AM	15 CMF breakfast 7:00 AM
16 CWF brunch fundraiser 9:00 AM	17	18 Pickleball 10:00 AM	19 Choir 6PM Bell Choir 7 PM	20 Quilters 1:00 Ladies luncheon/Book preview 12-1:00 PM	21 Pickleball 10:00 AM	22 Planning retreat 9-12:00 PM @ old Perry Junior High (Elm St.)
23 Youth Game Night 5-7:00 PM	24	25 Voting in the narthex Pickleball 10:00 AM	26 Choir 6PM Bell Choir 7 PM	27 Quilters 1:00	28 Pickleball 10:00 AM	29
30	31				Sept. 7th (Labor Day) The church office will be closed.	