

June 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

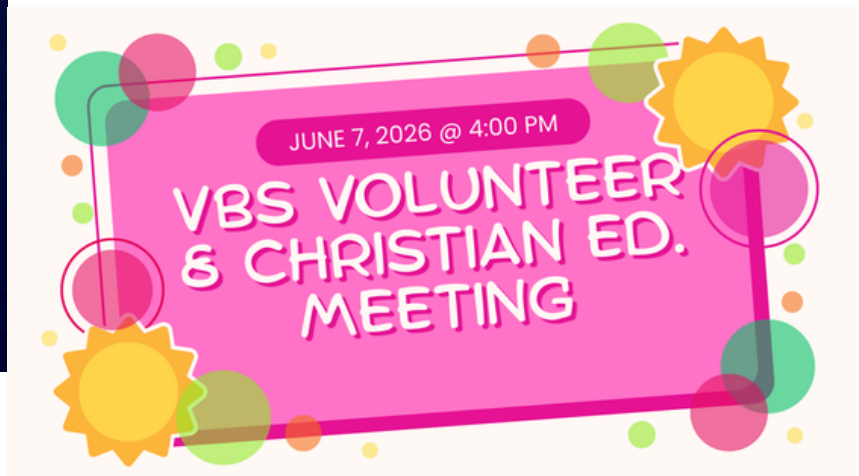
Attendance Report	8:15 AM	10:30 AM	6:00 PM	YouTube
5/10/26	29	unavailable	13	12
5/17/26	40	unavailable	19	4
5/24/26	42	68	n/a	11
5/31/26	48	unavailable	n/a	7

5/10/26	General	\$4,401.00
5/17/26	General	\$4,698.00
5/17/26	Restricted-Camp	\$400.00
5/17/26	Restricted-New van	\$4,000.00
5/17/26	Special-Disciples Mission	\$60.00
5/24/26	General	\$1,492.00
5/24/26	Special-Pentecost	\$330.00
5/24/26	Restricted-VBS	\$15.00
5/24/26	Restricted-Operation Blessing	\$100.00
5/28/26	Subsplash	\$2,922.22
5/28/26	ACH	\$400.00
5/31/26	General	\$3,657.00
5/31/26	Restricted-book	\$10.00
Total:		\$22,485.22

Congregational Meeting

June 21, 2026

AFTER THE 8:15 AM SERVICE AND BEFORE THE 10:30 AM SERVICE



Josh's Jottings

One of the great blessings of the church is the calling of faithful people to serve as elders and deacons. These are not simply positions to fill or names on a committee list. They are sacred callings rooted in prayer, service, compassion, wisdom, and leadership. Throughout the life of the church, elders and deacons help shape the spiritual heartbeat of the congregation, ensuring that the church remains connected to both the mission of Christ and the needs of the people. While their roles are different, both are equally essential to the life of the church. Elders are called to spiritual care, prayer, discernment, encouragement, and helping nurture the faith of the congregation. Deacons are called to servant leadership, helping the church carry out ministries of compassion, hospitality, care, and practical support. Together, these leadership roles create balance within the church, allowing ministry to happen in meaningful and faithful ways.

As I write this article, I am sitting at church camp surrounded by the excitement and energy of the ten junior high students our church sent to camp this week. Watching young people grow in faith, friendships, worship, and service is a reminder that the church continues to invest in the next generation in powerful ways.

That excitement also continues here at home as we move forward with the hiring of a part-time Youth Coordinator. This has been part of the church budget planning for the last three years, and we are now finally in a position to make this vision a reality. This moment reflects not only careful planning by leadership, but also the confidence that our congregation will continue supporting the mission and future of the church through faithful stewardship and generous financial gifts.

The work and dedication of our committees this year has been absolutely amazing. Our nominating committee, elders, and deacons have worked diligently to reach out to individuals who feel called to serve the church in the coming year. Those conversations matter deeply because ministry is never accomplished by one person alone. It takes faithful people listening for God's call and being willing to step forward in service.

June will continue to be a busy and meaningful month. On June 6th, I will have the privilege of officiating the Evans-Groom wedding, celebrating the beginning of a new chapter in their lives together. Then on June 9th, Carman and I will leave for a cruise vacation and celebration of our life together. This year marks 28 years of marriage and, including our two-year engagement, nearly 30 years of walking through life side by side. We are grateful for the opportunity to spend time together and celebrate God's blessings in our lives.

After returning on June 19th, I will head almost immediately to Scout Camp from June 21st through June 27th, continuing another important ministry and leadership opportunity with young people.

Through all of this activity, I continue to be deeply thankful for the strength, faithfulness, and generosity of this congregation. The church budget is in an excellent place because of careful leadership, wise stewardship, and the continued generosity of our church family. God is doing exciting things in and through First Christian Church, and I truly believe we are moving faithfully into a hopeful and vibrant future together.

Shalom,
Joshua Bell

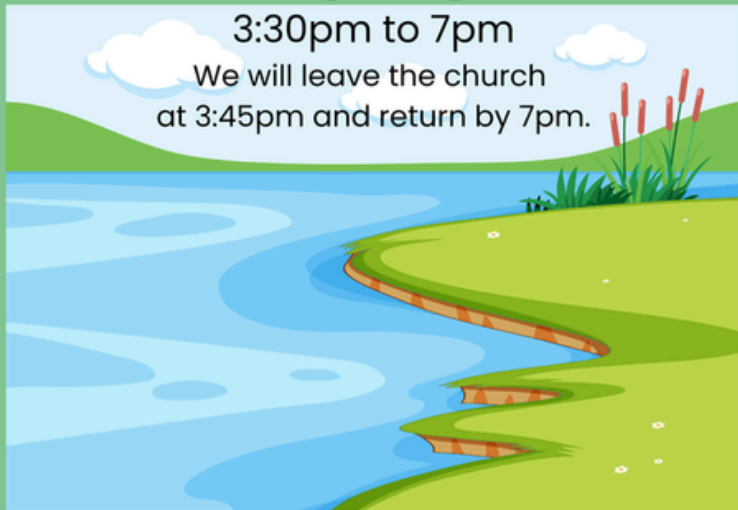
FCC Perry Youth Group

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.

June Birthdays

Cameron Thompson 6/1
Kellen Whiteley 6/2
Fred LeValley 6/3
Trisha Bolay 6/4
Sherry Schweer 6/13
Arlie Goforth 6/15
Tammy Kelly 6/16
Megan Campbell 6/17
Owen Thompson 6/19
Larry Cameron 6/20
Billy Fuller 6/20
Cameron Stvan 6/23
Bo Cunningham 6/23
Nash Groom 6/24
Ron Frazier 6/29
Karen Demory 6/30

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

June Anniversaries

Jerry & Patti Sylvester 6/1
Levi & Teresa Karcher 6/10
Matt & Lacey Klingsmith 6/14

Happy
Anniversary

STAY CONNECTED

FCC PERRY YOUTH



WEEKLY
REMINDERS FOR
MEETINGS AND
TOPICS.

MONTHLY
ACTIVITIES
AND
OUTINGS



SCAN ME

FALL 5TH THROUGH 12TH
GRADES



FCC DAYTRIP TO TULSA, OK

FCC members recently traveled to Tulsa, OK where they toured underground tunnels, visited the Woody Guthrie Museum & Reconciliation Park.



Mother's Day Picnic & Spot the Red Flags: Raising Fraud Awareness Class

CWF hosted a Mother's Day Picnic on May 7th, 2026. Members enjoyed a lunch prepared by the ladies of CWF. May 17, 2026, a free seminar, *Spot the Red Flags: Raising Fraud Awareness*, was held. Participants heard from guest speakers from the Perry Police Department, Sherry DeBord, former judge & local attorney & Exchange Bank.



HELLO
SUMMER

PICK UP

YOUR
free June
DEVOTIONAL
in the **NARTHEX**



STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

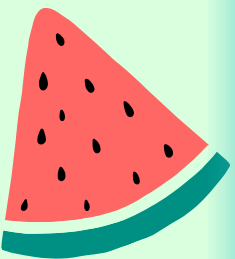


You know, as you go about your life, it takes on a pattern that's unique to you. For some of us, it's that going to work pattern. Going to school for others. For others still, staying at home, cooking meals, feeding the baby, going shopping, meeting with friends, volunteering with organizations. Playing games, driving, feeding animals, balancing the checkbook, doing yardwork, listening to bluebirds singing on the fence. A million patterns that create the mosaic of your life. But it can get monotonous, day after day after day.

If your picture needs something new, consider volunteering! Locally, volunteers help

with Operation Blessing, the Food Pantry, the Soup Kitchen or the Library. Do you have neighbors or other friends that need some assistance? Your time may be the most valuable thing you can give, and the most life changing, for you and your recipient. As said in 1st Peter, 4:10 "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

-Stewardship Committee



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.

Perry First Christian Church
**VBS Kickoff
PICNIC**
IN THE PARK
• FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP
JUNE 14th 6 PM-7:00 PM
CENTURY PARK
corner of 2nd & Fir St.

If it is raining, the event will be cancelled.

VBS Registration form:

PERRY FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VBS 2026
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
SIGN UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX

June 15th-17th
5:00PM-7:30 PM
Dinner will be provided.
701 Holly St. Perry, OK

VBS Kids' Registration:

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
701 Holly St.
Perry, OK 73077
580-335-4576



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!

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Rev. Dr. Bell will be out of the office 6/1-6/5 6/9-6/19 & 6/22-6/26</p>	1 Chi Rho Camp 6/1-6/5	2 Pickleball 10:00 AM	3	4 Quilters 1:00 PM	5 Pickleball 10:00 AM	6
7	8 Deacons 5:30 PM Elders 6:00 PM	9 Pickleball 10:00 AM	10 Board 6:00 PM	11 Quilters 1:00 PM	12 Pickleball 10:00 AM	13
14 Churchwide VBS kick-off picnic 6- 7:00 PM @ Century park	15 VBS 6/15-6/17 5:00-7:30 PM	16 Election Board voting in the narthex. CYF Conference 6/15-5/19	17	18 Quilters 1:00 PM	19 Pickleball 10:00 AM	20 CMF breakfast 7:00 AM
21 Father's Day Congregational Meeting 8:15 & 10:30 AM	22	23 Pickleball 10:00 AM	24	25 Quilters 1:00 PM	26 Pickleball 10:00 AM	27
		30 Pickleball 10:00 AM Disciples Women 6:00 PM				
28	29				The church office will be closed July 3 rd in observance of Independence Day.	