

October 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
9/6/26	41	n/a	n/a	14
9/13/26	36	93	19	3
9/20/26	38	n/a	16	8
9/27/26	38	82	20	10

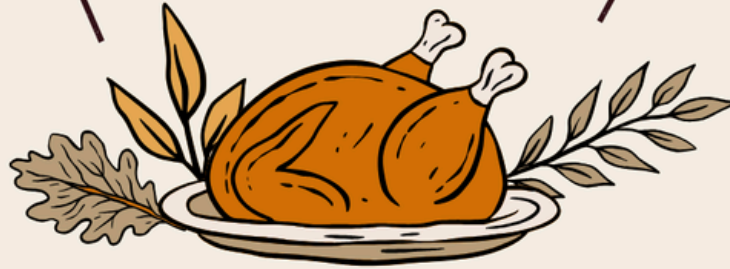
8/31/26	Subsplash	\$2,316.46
8/31/26	ACH	\$480.00
9/13/26	General	\$7,142.00
9/13/26	Restricted-Book Study	\$156.00
9/13/26	Restricted- Little Red Heart	\$600.00
9/13/26	Restricted-Van Fund	\$2,000.00
9/20/26	General	\$3,675.00
9/20/26	Restricted-Little Red Heart	\$230.00
9/20/26	Food Pantry	\$100.00
9/20/26	Church Van	\$1,000.00
9/27/26	General	\$1,828.00
9/27/26	Reconcilliation Offering	\$45.00
9/27/26	Restricted-Little Red Heart	\$25.00
9/20/26	Subsplash	\$2,954.43
9/30/26	ACH	\$480.00
10/4/26	General	\$4,942.52
10/4/26	Reconcilliation Offering	\$180.00
10/4/26	Restricted-Little Red Heart	\$50.00
Total:		\$28,204.41



Food Sign-up sheet available now for the Thanksgiving & Veterans Fellowship Dinner



You are invited to
attend FCC'S



THANKSGIVING & VETERANS

Fellowship Dinner

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

after the 10:30 AM service

Join us as we gather to give thanks
and honor our Veterans. Please
invite a veteran to attend.

Hosted by the Fellowship Committee &
the Christian Women's Fellowship

JOSH'S JOTTINGS

Caring for Our Church, Making Room for Ministry

Much of the work that supports our life together happens behind the scenes. At First Christian Church, our Worship and Property Committees help us care for both the worship we share and the spaces and resources that make ministry possible.

Recent worship work has included proposed revisions to our music staff responsibilities, clarifying the roles of the organist and pianist and strengthening coordination among our musicians and worship leaders. These efforts support congregational singing, choir accompaniment, and dependable musical coverage. We are grateful for everyone whose preparation helps us worship each week.

For the Property Committee, we have been developing clearer responsibilities, practical instructions, and opportunities for members to help care for our buildings and grounds. Regular maintenance, repairs, and planning are all part of keeping our church welcoming and ready for ministry.

We need more volunteers to share in this work. You do not have to join a committee or commit to every project to make a difference. Helping with a monthly task, a church workday, worship preparation, or another specific need is a meaningful contribution. Our goal is to match opportunities with people's interests, abilities, and availability. Please let the church office know how you would like to help. The care of our church belongs to all of us, and many willing hands make that care possible.

We also have something wonderful to celebrate: the arrival of our Golden Eagle, our new-to-us van! Through a grant for our "seasoned adults," we have received a resource that opens new possibilities for fellowship, outings, and connection. The Golden Eagle is more than transportation; it is an opportunity to spend time together and help people participate in our congregation's life. We are grateful for this gift and look forward to the memories and ministry ahead.

Another opportunity to grow together comes on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 3:30 p.m., with "Praying at the Lord's Table," a free online event for elders, lay leaders, and pastors. Presenters are Rev. Dr. Lisa Barnett and Dr. Warren Carter of Phillips Theological Seminary.

The prayers we offer—and hear—at communion shape our understanding of Jesus' death and resurrection. The event will explore the richness of the Lord's Supper, including the theological heritage of Barton W. Stone and Alexander Campbell and New Testament interpretations we often overlook.

Sponsored by the Regional Commission on Laity and the Commission on Worship and Spiritual Growth, this event is offered at no cost to congregations and pastors. I especially encourage our elders and those who lead prayers at the table to participate.

Whether we are preparing worship, caring for our facilities, or climbing aboard the Golden Eagle, we are helping our congregation grow in faith and connection. Thank you to those already serving—and to those ready to lend a hand.

CWF BUNCO NIGHT



On September 22, this great group of ladies, joined together for laughter, fun, and friendly competition playing Bunco. Betty Dillon provided prizes for the winners, and the CWF officers provided “sweets” for the intermission. We always have a good time, and would love to see new faces next time!

Theological Table Talk: Praying at the Lord's Table



October 11, 2026 • 3:30pm

Online event for elders, pastors and lay leaders.
Presented by Dr. Lisa Barnett and Dr. Warren Carter
Phillips Theological Seminary Faculty
The prayers we pray (and hear) at the table communicate our theological understandings of Jesus' death and resurrection. These sessions—for laity, elders, and clergy—will encourage us to express a variety of understandings of this meal. One session will be concerned with the theological heritage of the table espoused by Barton W. Stone and Alexander Campbell. The second session will focus on some New Testament interpretations that we often overlook.

Anyone who is interested can join. We will meet in the S&D classroom. If you would like to join from home, you can register through the link:

<https://form.jotform.com/262244348851157>

thank you

A Letter to Rev. Dr. Joshua E. Bell

In recognition of Pastor Appreciation, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank you for ten years of dedicated service to this congregation and community. I pray your love, for this church and this congregation, has been returned to you and your family immeasurably.

Thank you!
Kim Sheets

CHOIR NOTES



I need to ask a favor. Someone in our congregation told me they would be interested in playing bells if I ever needed someone. Unfortunately, I can't remember who that was, and I didn't write down their name. (I blame my age!! 🤔) Would that person please contact me by text or phone? 405-742-7229
Thank you so much!
Paula Shryock

Are you registered to vote?

Election Date: November 3, 2026

Registration (Last day to file) October 9, 2026

Absentee (Last day to file) October 19, 2026 by 5:00 PM

Early Voting at the Noble County Courthouse

(Wed., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. October 28th-31st)

Wed. 10/28-Friday 10/30 early voting 8:00 AM-6:00 PM

Sat., 10/31 early voting from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM

Questions? Noble County Election Board
(580) 336-3527

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

Metha Whitehead 10/4
Ashleigh Wheatley 10/7
Greyson Bode 10/8
Linda Oberholzer 10/8
Robert Rahn 10/14
Cory Whitehead 10/14
Calvin Cunningham 10/16
Kim Ward 10/16
Roger Tetik 10/20
Bailey Meadows 10/2
Emersyn Groom 10/21
Sherry DeBord 10/21
Dustin Schweer 10/24
Larry Voise 10/24
Shelley Hawkins 10/24
Jean Vasek 10/26
Kathryn Knott 10/28
Robbie Frazier 10/29
Nancy Frazier 10/31
Kim Sheets 10/31
Phyllis Postelwait 10/31

Happy

ANNIVERSARY

Stan & Kim Ward 10/3
Taylor & Missy Groom 10/4
Brian & Ashleigh Wheatley 10/5
Austin & Loren Weiher 10/19
Willie & Kim Sheets 10/30

Nancy Wells
Celebrating 45 Years
at FCC Perry!

Children's Ministry

October 2026



Disciples Kids is off to a wonderful start this year! We have been excited to welcome 35-40 kids each week as we learn together about our theme, Heroes of Faith.

So far, the kids have learned about Noah and Abraham and how their faith and trust in God made them heroes of faith. Each week has been filled with hands-on activities that help bring our Bible stories to life. The kids have created name art using shaving cream, built their own "arks" and tested how much weight they could hold, and even made slime! The kids have also had a blast playing games with Bobby!

I want to say thank you to all of the volunteers, families, and church members who help make Disciples Kids possible! We are looking forward to many more weeks of learning, creating, playing, and growing in faith together!

Emily Androes



Children's Ministry Board Report

September 2026

Nursery & Prayground

During the month of September, we had 19 children attend the Nursery and 21 children participate in Prayground.

Disciples Kids

Disciple's Kids is off to a great start!

Week 1: 34 kids

Week 2: 38 kids

We are still seeking:

Snack donations for our weekly program. Homemade treats are welcome if you feel called to help serve in this way!

Youth Ministry REPORT

October 2026



Youth group started meeting on September 13th. Our first meeting we took the True Colors personality assessment and discussed what our own personality types were and how they work together in a group. Fourth through seventh grade met from 5-6pm. There were 4 members who attended. Eighth through twelfth grade met from 5:30 to 7pm and 3 members attended.

September 20th was our second meeting. We took the Love Languages survey and discussed the 5 different love languages and how we show other compassion. Fourth through seventh grade had 5 members attend and eighth through twelfth grade also had 5 members attend.

September 27th was our September activity night. We held a youth group favorite- nerf night. Bobby Cunningham arranged 4 different types of team nerf challenges. There were 28 youth members and friends that attended.

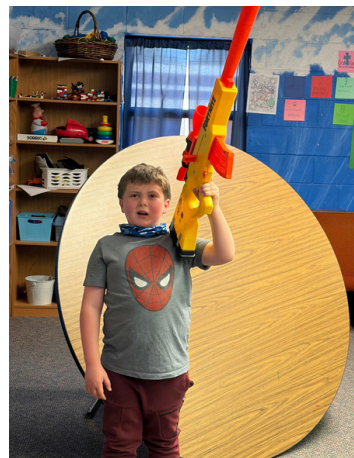
To end the night, the youth group had a pizza dinner.

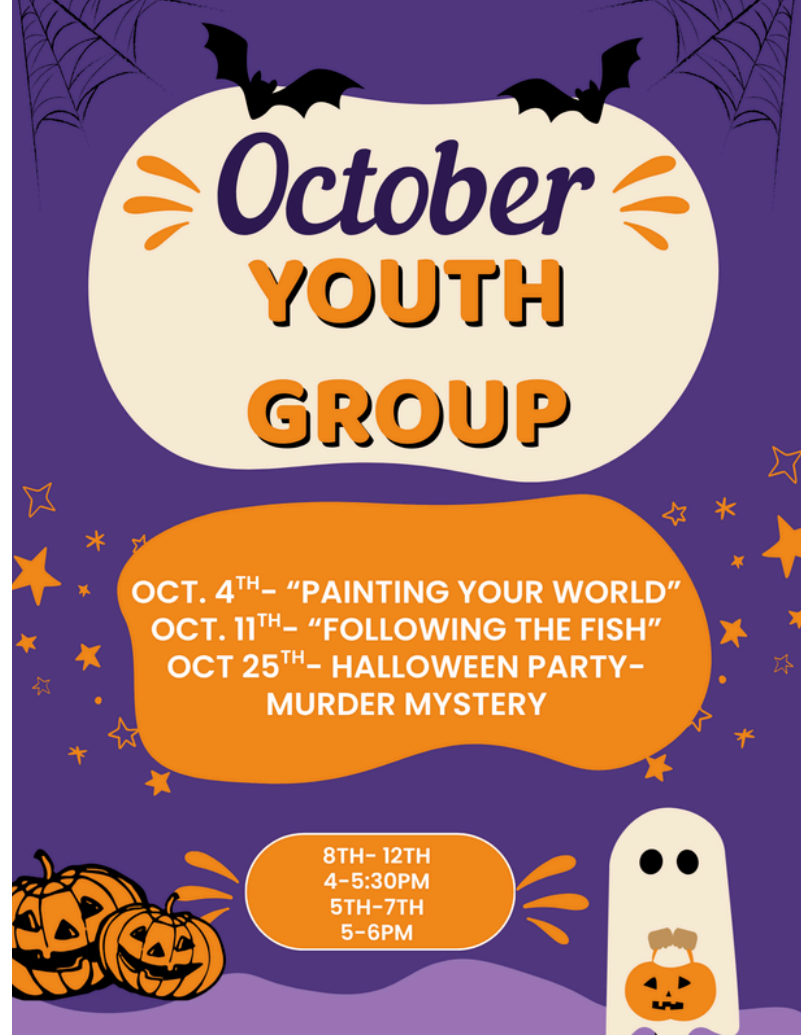
Starting in October we will be adjusting the schedule for youth group because there are members wanting to attend the evening praise and worship service. Eighth through twelfth grade will now meet from 4 to 5:30pm and the fifth through seventh grade group will still meet from 5 to 6pm.

Youth Sunday School update:

The youth Sunday school mentorship program: Youth Connections continues to be a success. For September Pam Lightfoot, Kate Lane, and Sherri Deboard were mentors. Currently scheduled to mentor for October is Angie Schweer, Norma Hughes Klingerman, and Andrew Dudrey.

If you would like to be a mentor please contact Hannah Vaughn- hannahmj@gmail.com.





October YOUTH GROUP

OCT. 4TH - "PAINTING YOUR WORLD"
OCT. 11TH - "FOLLOWING THE FISH"
OCT 25TH - HALLOWEEN PARTY -
MURDER MYSTERY

8TH- 12TH
4-5:30PM
5TH-7TH
5-6PM

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026

5:00PM-7:00 PM

701 HOLLY ST. PERRY, OK



CANDY & TREATS WANTED FOR TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Donations of candy,
individual snack sized
bags of cookies, mini
muffins, chips, fruit
snacks, etc. are greatly
appreciated!



Perry First Christian Church Youth Group

Time Change
4-6pm

8th-12th Grades: 4pm-5:30pm
5th - 7th Grades: 5-6pm

Activity Nights: 4-6pm

Starting October 4th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reoccurring Events:

Sunday School : Sundays 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship Services: 8:15 AM 10:30 AM
Grace After Sundown Sundays 6:00 PM
Caraway Street: 3rd Sunday of the month.
Disciples Kids: Wednesday 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
Youth: Sunday evenings (scan QR code to the right for dates & times)
Chancel Choir: Wednesday 6:00 PM
Bell Choir: Wednesdays 7:00 PM (except the 2nd Wed. of the month)
Bible Study: Bible Study Tuesdays at 9:00 AM
Disciples Women: 4th Tuesday of the month 6 PM
Quilters: Thursdays 1:00 PM
Pickleball: Tuesdays & Fridays @10 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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580-335-4576



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!

OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Women's Fall Book Study 10:00 AM Quilters 1:00 PM	2 PHS Football dinner 2:30 PM	3
4 Youth 8th-12 th 4:00 PM; 5th-7 th 5:00 PM Grace After Sundown 6:00 PM	5 Property Committee meeting 5:30 PM	6 Bible Study 9:00 AM Pickleball 10:00 AM 10:00 AM	7 D. Kids 3:30 Chancel Choir 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM	8 Women's Fall Book Study 10:00 AM Quilters 1:00 PM	9 Medicare 101 Seminar 11:30 AM- must sign up by 10/4	10
11 Caraway St. 9:30 AM Table Talk/Elders' mtg 3:30 PM Youth 8th-12 th 4:00 PM; 5th-7 th 5:00 PM Grace After Sundown 6:00 PM	12 Deacons' meeting 5:30 PM	13 No Bible Study Pickleball 10:00 AM	14 CWF @ D Street Bakery 11:30 AM D. Kids 3:30 Board meeting 6:00 PM	15 Women's Fall Book Study 10:00 AM Quilters 1:00 PM Executive Committee mtg 5:30 PM	16 Pickleball 10:00 AM The church office will be closed.	17 CMF 7:00 AM
18 Grace After Sundown 6:00 PM	19 Property Committee meeting 5:30 PM	20 Bible Study 9:00 AM Pickleball 10:00 AM	21 Disciples Kids 3:30 PM Chancel Choir 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM	22 Women's Fall Book Study 10:00 AM Quilters 1:00 PM	23 Pickleball 10:00 AM	24
25 Youth Halloween Party 4-6PM Grace After Sundown 6:00 PM	26	27 Bible Study 9:00 AM Pickleball 10:00 AM Disciples Women 6:00 PM	28 Disciples kids 3:30 PM Chancel Choir 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM	29	30 Pickleball 10:00 AM Trunk or Treat 5-7 PM @ FCC 	31 10