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SPECIAL WORSHIP TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE at PCC



9:15am – 10:15am
Pancake Breakfast

10:30am
Combined Worship Service

6:00pm
Candlelight Service

SUNDAY MORNING — DECEMBER 31



Singing our favorite Hymns & Choruses

SINGLE SERVICE at 10:30am

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Dec 23

Services 9 am, 10:30 am
Life Groups 9 am, 10:30 am

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Groups meet on Sunday morning
& during the week

LIFE GROUPS

Life's better together

The New Year is a great time to assess our activities and ask if we are involved in the things that are growing us in the way we desire. Here at PCC we grow best through the teaching and fellowship found in our LIFE GROUPS. These groups are available on both Sunday morning and throughout the week. If you want help connecting in the best group for you—please either call the church office or mark the Attendance Book during a worship service. We look forward to seeing you in a LIFE GROUP!

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A NEW YEAR A NEW YOU

breeze

WHAT IS BREEZE?

Breeze is safe/secure app used as church directory. It is a great way for us to get to know each other, communicate and share information on programs going on at PCC.

ARE YOU IN BREEZE?

As we are entering a new year, we would like to update our Breeze app. If you are already in breeze, we would like to get a “new” photo of you. If you are not already in Breeze, we would like to get you added. To be added to Breeze be sure to include your name, address, cell, and email in the registration book or contact the church office. Once added you will be invited to set up an account.

To update your photo or have your photo added please text a photo to the church cell phone 234-203-6076 or stop by the church office and we will take one for you. We also will have photo opportunities in the upcoming weeks. Please see Jay if you have any questions.

LIFEWISE UPDATE

We are working get the word out about LIFEWISE to the churches and Christians in Perry. The next step is forming a Steering Committee that must be made up of at least three different churches.

We are pleased that from Perry Christian Church we are represented by Becki Croockston, Amie Orwick; Nick Hill, Bob Snyder and Rod Geiger. Please be in prayer that other churches and individuals are called to participate on this team that will help LIFEWISE take the initial steps to becoming a reality in Perry Local.

If you have questions about LIFEWISE please contact anyone on the Steering Team or go the website at LIFEWISE.ORG. Please be sure to sign our local interest list while on the website or scan the QR code below. The more names we have on this list the better because it speaks to our interest and commitment to see A BIBLE EDUCATION PROGRAM STARTED FOR LOCAL STUDENTS.



NEW 7 WEEK TEACHING SERIES
BEGINNING JANUARY 7



Keys to raising for fully-devoted followers of Christ

Are You Parenting Intentionally? - For Christian parents, there is no greater joy than seeing their children learn to walk with the Lord. And there is no greater fear than that their children will walk away from God. In our new teaching series **INTENTIONAL PARENTING** we will seek to help parents as they embark on their God-given quest of raising the next generation of passionate Jesus followers.



CHRISTMAS TWO MILLENNIA AGO . . . AND TODAY

The Point by John Stonestreet
 As we celebrate Christmas, let's look back at the world into which the Word who became flesh entered human history. It was a world shaped by the worship of false gods, gods who didn't care about their worshippers with worshippers who didn't care much about each other. The God who became flesh changed everything. His life, death, and resurrection not only exposed the false gods for the counterfeits they were, but his followers demonstrated a new way. As historian Rodney Stark puts it, Jesus' followers offered "mercy and security" to a world filled with "squalor, misery, illness, and anonymity."
 What started in Bethlehem two millennia ago continues today. Jesus is still disarming false "gods," like money, fame, sex, and power, and his followers are still called to offer a better way of being human than anything currently offered in contemporary society.
 This is the gift we have to offer the world.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end – starting today. Join the Financial Peace University class at Perry Christian Church from **Sunday, January 21, 2024 to March 17, 2024** and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. These classes bring hope and guidance to one's financial journey classes will run from 3 pm to 5pm. Bill Tichon, Karen Hinzman and Larry Burgett will be leading the nine-week class. Register for the class in the foyer.



BEGINNING JANUARY 7

Prior to our world being turned upside down by COVID, we had instituted a casual fellowship time between our two morning worship services during which we provided a beverage (most drink coffee—but there are other options) and maybe something like a donut—and we encouraged people to connect and be **ONE CHURCH**. Well we are excited to take another step towards normalcy by reinstating the **ONE CHURCH CAFÉ** from 10:00 to 10:25 in the foyer. We will do things a little different to help protect one another—primarily having servers. If you would like to volunteer as a server—please contact Jay Secrest. But please plan to stay longer or come earlier and enjoy connecting in ONE CHURCH.

Please note that Sunday morning **LIFE GROUPS** will adjust their times to accommodate this fellowship opportunity.
 First Hour Life Groups: 9:00 to 10:00
 Second Hour Life Groups: 10:30 to 11:30



Our Leadership Team takes seriously the responsibility to lead Perry Christian Church today. But what about tomorrow? Who are the men that God is preparing to fill that role in coming years and decades? We don't know that answer to that question—but if we are to be prepared it begins now through Biblical development. We would like to invite ANY man who wants to grow their leadership acumen to attend this three session training called KINGDOM LEADERSHIP. Contact any of our elders or staff if you have questions.

REMEMBER OUR COLLEGE KIDS

Calling all parents who have children in college! If you'd like your child to be included in our R.O.C.K (Remembering Our College Kids) ministry mailings please forward their address to Tammy Hughes at hughesfamily1028@gmail.com or 330-705-5917. Some things ROCK does though the year with help from donations from the congregation would include:
 - A note of encouragement in September to start classes
 - Exam goody bags at Thanksgiving
 - Freshmen receive a tie blanket for Christmas
 - Upper class men receive a small gift at Christmas
 - Valentine's Day care packages are sent in February
 - Easter/Final Exams goodie bag in March/April



Preschool News

December 2023

Let your Christmas Spirit Shine

Join us in our "spirit week" as we count down to Christmas...

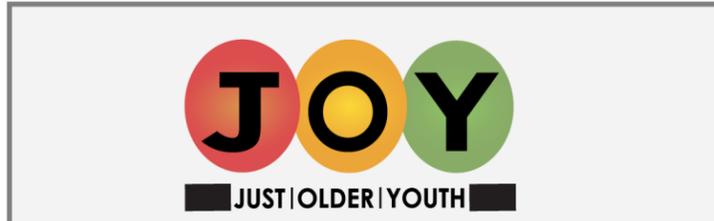
11 Jingle Jam Day: Jingle Bells & Lights (Sunday's Jingle Jam will prepare you for this day)	12 Holiday Headwear (hats, headbands, bows...)	13 Grinch Day: Who will look the best in Who-Ville?	14 Happy Birthday, Jesus! (wear Christmas colors)	15 Pajama Day
18 Fa-la-la-la Flannel: (flannel shirts)	19 "Merry & Bright"	20 Tacky Christmas Sweater Day	21 Holiday Sock Day	22 Candy Cane Day Red & White: look like the favorite winter treat

Perry Christian Preschool & Child Care will be closed the following days in observance of Christmas and New Year's:
December 25
December 26
January 1

Email Jessica (jgestwicki@perrychristian.org) if your child will not be attending or you are planning to use credits around the holidays.

Upcoming "No School Days" for Perry Local Schools:

- Thursday, December 21
- Friday, December 22
- Wednesday, December 27
- Thursday, December 28
- Friday, December 29
- Tuesday, January 2
- Friday, January 12
- Monday, January 15
- Friday, January 26
- Friday, February 16
- Monday, February 19



JANUARY - MOVIE & POPCORN

Saturday, January 20, 2024 JOY invites those 55 and older to watch a movie and enjoy popcorn at 2 pm in the chapel. Sign up at the JOY Registration Table in the Foyer. Bring a friend, be sure to sign them up too. Movie is TBD.

FEBRUARY— BOARD GAME DAY

We will meet in the chapel at 2:00 p.m. on February 17th and Individuals can bring their favorite games. Finger food will be available at each table. Watch for more details in January church bulletins and at our table in the foyer.



QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QDC) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. If you are at least 70 1/2, QDCs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain rules are met. In addition to the benefits of giving to charity, a QDC excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which in unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Perry Christian Church is a 501(c)(3) and a qualified charity for distributions.

CONNECTION TEAM

Update from Jay

It has been a busy couple of months since I have transitioned to full time here at PCC.

Thank you to all that have taken the **Connect 4 Challenge** and have been warmly welcoming others on Sunday morning. We have great volunteers on our **Connection Team** and we are looking to grow as we reinstitute the **ONE CHURCH CAFE** in January. We have been providing lots of updates on events and serving opportunities on both Facebook and Instagram and will be working on some website updates as well. In the new year I will be working with our Missions Team to find and create ways that we can love and support both our local missions and missions abroad. I will also be working to identify new outreach opportunities in the new year. I am really looking forward to 2024.

SISTERS OF STRENGTH EVENTS:

S.O.S. Euchre Night

Monday, January 15 6:30-8:30pm

Ladies, please join us in the Chapel for another fun night of Euchre! Food and drink will not be provided but feel free to bring your own if you would like. Please sign up at the registration desk by Sunday, January 14, so that we have plenty of cards and tables. We will play in the lobby area. Feel free to sign up and bring a friend!

S.O.S. Healthy Cooking Class - Sushi 'n Soup

Sunday, February 4 after 2nd Service

Ladies, join Adene Keller in the new kitchen as she teaches us how to create delicious sushi rolls and healthy soup. Each guest will make two rolls (NO raw seafood!) and a bowl of soup. Cost is \$10 at the door. Sign up is limited to 8 people due to space restrictions. (Please contact Adene if you sign up and have to cancel so someone else can take your spot.)

Sisters Seeking Sisters Bulletin Board

Check out our bulletin board in the hall between the Chapel and Fellowship Hall for all things S.O.S. Photos of recent events, and new Sisters Seeking Sisters pages to plan get-togethers with other Sisters in Christ, from here at Perry Christian.

TEACH TAMAGALIE MISSION



Look at what the Lord has done! The Teach Tamagalie Team (Debra Mossgrove, Kim and Rick Rogers, Jerry McCoy, Andrea Ferko, Scotty Warner and Edward Harris Jr.) is thrilled to announce the tremendous news that the school building for Tamagalie Christian Primary School is nearing completion. The school will be open for classes this coming January! It has been a long journey, but God has faithfully brought many people together to accomplish this great work. As we turn our hearts to the celebration of Jesus' birth, it is with humble and grateful hearts that our Teach Tamagalie Team wishes to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who has prayed for and generously given to this project. By God's grace we are approaching the amount needed for our final payment to the contractor. Truly, all things are possible with our God. Visit www.teachtamagalie.org for more information.



FULL ARMOR MEN NEEDED TO PREP/CLEANUP CHRISTMAS EVE BREAKFAST

We are looking for men to help prepare, serve, and clean up the pancake breakfast on Christmas Eve. We would need to arrive at the church no later than 7:45am. We will also need to clean up after the worship service. We should be finished no later than noon. Please contact Bill Hughes at jshcnh@gmail.com if you can help. Also, we need to borrow several electric griddles to cook the pancakes. If you have one to loan, drop off in the church office by Dec 22. We can have them returned by end of service, so please have name and number attached.

CLUB 54

Club 54 is taking a break for the Christmas season. However we are preparing for the upcoming Winter & Spring season with fun activities and lesson topics that hit at the



heart of 4th & 5th graders—topics like “How To Save A World”, “Life of Worship”, “Bullying & How To Forgive the Bully”. Jay, Leslie and I are eager to share how God is there for them through everything.

ELEVATE

Our ELEVATE Team is amazing. Each week this team leads a Worship service geared for your child. If you could, please take some time to thank this team for their hard work and dedication.

GOD is *Good,*
all the time.



Youth Group Updates

Youth is taking a short siesta for the Christmas season. We will start back with Youth Group on January 7th. The Youth will finish their lesson series when we return. They are discussing the validity of the Bible. They will find out that we all have gone through good things, and we've suffered ugly things, even been dealt many bad things. But God is so good and so loving the He uses all of it—The Good, The Bad & The Ugly to weave a story of grace and redemption.

Youth Group meets on Sundays (beginning back on January 7th) from 6:30pm-8:00pm

If you have any questions about the Youth Program you can contact Kassie or Doug.



Sunday, February 11th
6:30 pm– 8:00 pm

Not sure who will be in it, but we are going root for the team we tolerate the most while eating food and playing games.



Lock-in with the Youth

December 29th—December 30th
9:00 pm-7:00 am
6th-12th Grade
\$5 per person

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Food & Fun to ring in
NEW YEAR'S EVE, EVE 2023

