

***Congregation Invited to Stand if Able**

Prelude (a call to silent meditation) John 4:24
“God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

THE LIGHT OF JESUS COMING INTO OUR PRESENCE

Processional/Introit “The Wonder Of It All” (hymn # 13)

GREETINGS, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Though storms rage around me, I will clothe myself with the whole armor of God.

People: I will fasten the belt of truth about my waist.

Leader: I will place strength and determination as my shoes to aid me in my ministry and mission for God.

People: I will take up the shield of faith with which I shall defend against evil ways.

Leader: I will always pray diligently, offering prayers and supplication to God.

People: The helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit will accompany me on my journey.

Leader: Be strong in the Lord Who provides for your every need.

People: I place my confidence and trust in God always. AMEN.

***Hymn of Praise** “Only Trust Him” #629

***OPENING PRAYER**

Patient Lord, we are a culture that wants quick and easy answers to all of life’s problems. We want to be able to open the Bible and place our fingers on the passage that will answer all our questions and heal all our hurts. It is difficult for us to deal with the knowledge that discipleship requires patience and perseverance. Jesus’ own disciples struggled with his teachings. It took a long time for them to understand fully what Jesus was saying and how they were to respond. We are no different. The words of Jesus take time for us to comprehend. Forgive us, Lord, when we are so impatient; when we just want to “get on with it,” and be where the action is. Help us to understand the commitment we make in discipleship, through the rocky times and the smooth seas alike. Push us in our ministry of help and compassion to do more than we ever thought we could do in helping others. Give to us that extra measure of faith and commitment that we may truly serve You by serving others. And in faith, we pray the way You taught us to pray...Our Father who art in Heaven...AMEN.

***LORD’S PRAYER “using debts”**

***“Gloria Patri” #142**

CALL TO PRAYER

Prayer Hymn “Take Time To Be Holy” #457
Silent Prayers, Quiet Music, and Morning Prayer
Response “Bless His Holy Name” (hymn #379)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to partake of the Holy Communion
Communion Hymn “Come Thou Font Of Every Blessing” #318
Sharing of the Lord’s Supper

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Meditation
Offertory
***“Doxology”** #382
***Prayer of Dedication**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“How Great Thou Art ” (hymn #2) Arlen

YOUNG DISCIPLE’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4: 4-13
Melanie Utterback

MESSAGE

“Paul's Gentleness”
Eric Holmes

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

INVITATION

If you desire to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, to renew your faith, or to place your membership with our church family, please come forward during this hymn.

***Invitation Hymn** “Spirit Of The Living God” #155

***Benediction**

***Recessional Hymn** “Revive Us Again” (Stz 1) #574

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD

1 Kings 8:1-11, 22-30, 41-43
Ephesians 6:10-20

Psalm 84
John 6:56-69

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PRAYER CONCERNS

New people added this week:

- Mary Young – returned to Tri County after being hospitalized, on hospice
- Frances Wells (brother of Carol Norman) – cancer has returned
- Mary Ames (friend of Glenna Johnson) – fell down steps, broke neck and has other severe injuries
- Heartfelt sympathy to family and friends of Sally Smith

We pray continued prayers of hope and healing for:

- Those dealing with cancer
- Crystal Bandy (friends of Alvin and Nancy Seelow) – on a ventilator
- Bonnie Berrey – recovering from hand surgery
- Ronnie Cragen – moved to Tri-County Care Center
- Ashley Crow (granddaughter of Collin and Mary Lee Dye) - 7 months pregnant, hospitalized with Covid, breathing difficulties
- Melburn Fisher – up walking some, still having trouble keeping oxygen levels up, moved to Pin Oaks
- Dave Fosmark (brother-in-law of Donald Broyles) – heart mitral valve replaced, recovering at home
- Connie Murray – trouble with wounds healing
- Paula Roland – having lung issues, doing a biopsy to help determine what’s wrong
- Betty Scherder (niece of Melburn and Eunice) – has a new open wound on her leg
- Moriah Schutte - Crohn’s Disease
- Arlin Smith (friend of Alvin and Nancy Seelow) – recovering at home
- Jardel Stratton (friend of Arlen) – two-time Cancer survivor, her cancer indicators keep going up, has an appointment at Siteman’s Cancer Center in St. Louis
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- Becky Tuley (cousin of Nancy Seelow) – back at home following the stem cell transplant and doing well
- Salinda “Sam” Voepel – doing remarkably well, scheduled to be released in August, delaying release due to high number of Covid cases in Hannibal
- Melba Whitford (sister of Eunice) – cancer returned

Next Sunday’s scripture is
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Pastor Nancy’s Retirement Celebration

The date has been changed due to unforeseen circumstances. Once the new date has been determined, it will be posted in the bulletin and Facebook.

Last Sunday’s Attendance
August 13 --- 40

Last Month’s Offering
July 2021 --- \$4,573.34
Last Month’s Expenses
July 2021 --- \$1,326.63

Bulletins, newsletters, and recorded church services are posted on the Perry Christian Church website
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Golf Tournament August 28, 2021

It's not too late to sign up teams for the golf tournament. Also, it not too late to sponsor a hole. Talk to Lauren Cowan and Jim Bair if you want to do either of these.

Still looking for individuals who will be able to help the day of the tournament. Everyone is welcome to help; before and/or during the tournament! Please let Jim Bair know if you will be able to assist with the tournament. The more people who volunteer to help, the less each person must do!

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Blessing of the Backpacks

It's that time of year again. Schools in the area will be starting within the next few weeks. Ralls County School will start on August 23. This morning, visiting minister, Eric Holmes, will be leading the "Blessing of the Backpacks" during the church service to send our children off with prayers for a safe and successful year of learning. All students are encouraged to bring their school supplies to church next Sunday so they can be blessed. Supplies may be in backpacks, plastic bags or in your arms. It doesn't matter how you bring them to church.

Also, anyone who attends or is employed or volunteers for a school are encouraged to attend, as they will also be blessed. What a wonderful and positive way to start the new school year.



Ronnie Cragen has moved to Tri-County Health Center for rehab.
Ronnie's address

Tri-County Care Center
Ronnie Cragen Rm 214
601 N Galloway Rd.
Vandalia, MO 63382

Melburn Fisher now has a phone.
His phone number is 573-253-8176

Greetings Perry Christian Church!

A note of thanks to all of you for the blessing and prayers on our last day of service in Perry. And now that the heat has gone for a while, we can put that very generous gift card to good use. We were so blessed to be with you for almost 7 years and will always be thankful for all your kindnesses. May God bless you and keep you until we see each other again.

Nancy and Bob

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August 22, 2021

BIRTHDAYS

Aug 22	Dan Reed	Aug 26	Cyndy Coleman
Aug 27	Nolan Byrne	Aug 28	Alex Rothwell
Aug 29	Melburn Fisher	Aug 30	Nancy Kellstrom
Aug 31	Rachel LaManes	Sep 03	David O'Haver
Sep 03	Gary Hodges	Sep 07	Cheri Provancha
Sep 07	Christia Provancha	Sep 07	Tony Blanchard
Sep 12	Debbie Hodges	Sep 20	Taylor Davis
Sep 20	Austin Hodges	Sep 21	Nicole Birkhead
Sep 22	Olivia Berghager	Sep 23	Danielle Berry
Sep 24	Clyde Oligschlaeger	Sep 25	Andi Caldwell
Sep 29	Brityn Schutte		

ANNIVERSARY

Aug 25 Dan and Cheryl Reed (1979)
Sep 02 David and Jill Lewellen (1995)

GREETERS

Aug 22	David Lewellen	Melanie Utterback
Aug 29	Nancy Seelow	Lois Stuart
Sep 05	Alisha Eisele	Mary Wasson
Sep 12	Melanie Utterback	David Lewellen

UPCOMING

Sat., Aug 28 – Golf Tournament at Mark Twain Country Club
Sun., Aug 29 – Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.
Sun., Aug 29 – Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.
Sun., Sep 05 – Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.
Sun., Sep 05 – Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.
Sun., Sep 12 – Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.
Sun., Sep 12 – Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.

S. S. SUPERINTENDENT – Greg Harrison
MINISTER – Pulpit Supply Minister
PIANISTS – Cheri Provancha or Bonnie Berrey
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