

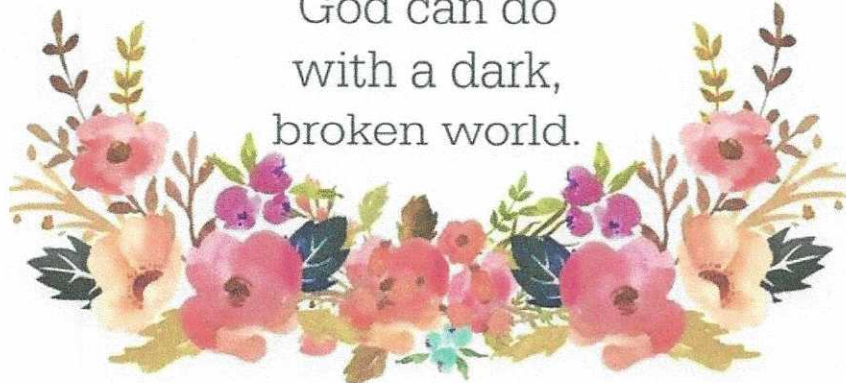
“News From Home”
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Spring
shows us
what

God can do
with a dark,
broken world.





From the March 1998 Christian Banner

The church choir has been practicing music for the Lenten season, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. If you have ever thought about singing in the choir, now is the time to join us. It's always nice to have extra voices in the choir during a special season. Choir practice is each Sunday morning at 9:00. Our choir members are also busy rehearsing for Brahms's Requiem to be presented Palm Sunday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. in our church. Along with this, we are working on the music for our community Easter Sunrise Service also to be held at the Perry Christian Church at 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 12th. The Community Choir will sing a rousing acapella piece called "King Jesus Is Arisen!" by Don Besig and "Mary, Mary", a contemporary spiritual type song with a jazz/rock feel by Joseph M. Martin. Community Choir practice is held each Sunday at 2:00.

There will be a Maundy Thursday communion service on April 9. It will be a simple service of meditation and prayer. Plans are being made for the Palm Sunday Service and Easter Sunrise Community Service and regular Easter service.

From the March 1999 Christian Banner

After a very good Sunday school hour with good – if not great attendance – 90 people entered the worship service at 10:45. But the most wonderful part came at the end of the service when 5 adults pledged their faith to Christ through Christian baptism; Herman McClain, Craig & Barb Cunningham, Connie Murray and Etta Day. Becky McClain transferred her membership to the church at the same time and with these vital families came six or eight energetic children who truly transform the feeling of energy into the services of the church!

Sunday school has also had some very good days recently; our best attendance of late was 45 during the last Sunday of January. The good group of children who have joined our school has made a difference, Jeanie Gay's great class upstairs has been strong, and the class of "younger" adults ("younger" not including the preacher) which meets in the office has also enjoyed steady attendance of a good group.

Tuck-pointing of the Perry Christian Church during the past few weeks plus sealing – cost was \$13,525.00. To cover the cost, \$5,000 was taken out of the Memorial Fund, \$5,000 was borrowed at the bank and the remainder of \$3,525 came out of the church's checking account, leaving between \$6,000 and \$6,500 left in the checking account. There has been a little over \$2,000 donated by caring individuals to be put on the tuck-pointing loan.

TEEN ASSOCIATE DEACONS ELECTED

A change in the constitution of the Perry Christian Church, approved earlier this spring by the congregation, established the position of Teen Associate Deacon. Those holding this office are elected for one year at a time and must be between the ages of 14 and 18 years of age. Matthew Johnson and Dustin Wasson were nominated and elected by the congregation for the new posts, and were installed together with the senior officers of the church on July 28th.

These young men have already participated in service at the communion table and stand ready to help with the other work of the church in which they can be of assistance.

THREE WEDDINGS IN THE CHURCH SANCTUARY

In the evening of April 27, the wedding of Tricia Norman and Ray Snell was conducted in the sanctuary of Perry Christian Church with Dr. Jorgenson officiating. Tricia is the daughter of Buddy and Carol Norman of the Perry Christian Church. The Snell's are making their home in Colorado.

The wedding of Jerrid Woodhurst and Stacy Weeks of Troy, Missouri was celebrated in the church on June 22, again with Pastor Jorgenson officiating.

The marriage of Meri O'Haver and Chad Williams is set for the evening of September 14 in the church sanctuary. Reverend Tom Vanskike will be the officiating minister.





Arlen Notes

Nothing brings joy to my heart and fills me with more delight than seeing the youth participating in the church service. In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." I am hard pressed to think of a better way to bring children to Jesus than to let them be a willing participant of the church service where they can worship Jesus and learn about his unrelenting love.

Every Sunday during the Lenten Season the youth will be reading about the decisions and activities that people do in their everyday lives to put out the Light of Jesus. Then they will extinguish one more candle each week to symbolize the power of darkness and death in this world. Jesus said in John 3:19, "Light has come into the world, but the people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed."

On Easter Sunday the Christ Candle will be relit, because we all know that the Light of Christ was not extinguished by the crucifixion. We will celebrate the victory of light over darkness, of life over death, which is demonstrated in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Also, I am humbled by all the youth of the church who volunteer to be participants during the Lenten Candle Celebration. They have always done an impressive job! All these children are proof that the Light of Jesus is burning strong and not ready to be put out at the Perry Christian Church.

April will be here before you know it and unfortunately the snow will be a thing of the past, at least for another year. I believe that for most people their New Year's Resolution has been forgotten. It is time to start anew, just like Jesus did with his resurrection. It is never too late to make a change. This change could be providing a special for the church service. Not that I am in anyway comparing Christ's resurrection and singing to be equal. However, singing can be enlightening or even a heavenly experience. One never knows! I do know that singing is following what we are told to do in the Bible, "worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs." (Psalm 100:2)



Three Reasons to Sing Loudly in Church

Following is an article emailed to me and I decided that I wanted to share this article with the congregation. Arlen

I have been singing since the fifth grade. I've been in audition-only honors choirs, taken voice lessons, sang in musicals, and even toured Ireland and Scotland with my college chorale. And I have a confession. Sometimes, I don't sing in church.

There is just something about singing in church that feels different than singing with a school choir. Hymns are different than choir arrangements. The tune is usually simple enough for a congregation to figure it out without hours of rehearsals and the old-English lyrics are sometimes confusing.

What is a bulwark ("A Mighty Fortress is Our God)? What is a buckler ("For We Are Strangers No More")? Why are we raising our Ebenezer (Come Thy Font of Every Blessing) and are we talking about Ebenezer Scrooge, from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"?

These are questions that I have asked myself while singing hymns. After doing some research, I did find out that a bulwark is a wall, a buckler is a shield, and Ebenezer was a rock that Samuel raised in the air saying that God had helped the Israelites defeat the Philistines (1 Samuel 7:12). Still, it is easy to get stuck on the confusing words and whisper to the person next to you, "Hey, what is a bulwark, anyway?" But if we fail to sing in church, we are missing out on a major component of worship.

In a blog post titled, "Why You Need to Sing Loudly in Church," composer Keith Getty writes that singing in church is on the decline (you may have heard of Getty, or at least know of his work. He wrote "In Christ Alone" with his wife, Kristyn). Christians come to church, pray in church and listen in church. And when it comes time to sing, some of us stand there awkwardly, mouthing the words, or busy ourselves getting a tissue out of our purse. What is up with that?

Getty gives three main reasons why we need to stop this nonsense, and sing to our God.

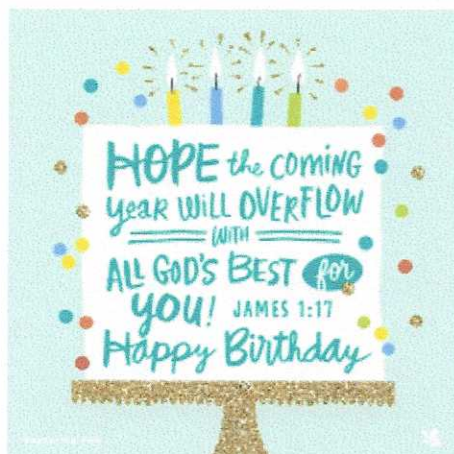
1. We are commanded to sing.

It is right there in the Bible. According to Getty, scripture commands us to sing over 250 times. "It's not a choice. It's not dependent on 'feeling like it,'" he writes.

Here it is in Psalm 100:1-2 (KJV): "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing."

I suddenly feel very guilty. Refusing to sing in church is openly defying scripture. If that doesn't motivate you to start singing praises, I do not know what will.

You will have to read the next newsletter to get the rest of the reasons why you need to sing to our God! Arlen



March Birthdays

March 2 Clayton Birkhead
Gary Chandlee

March 3 Jeanie Gay
Amy Hodges

March 5 Sawyer Asbury
Kim Long

March 10 Linda Fierge
Caytlyn Provancha

March 14 Roger Benne

March 17 David Swon

March 18 Brian Hodges
Eric Holmes

March 21 Debra Lewis

March 22 Rylee Eisele

March 25 Amy Wilkinson

March 28 Jessica Bailey

March 29 Trenton Brown

March 30 Karena Davis

March 31 Connie Hopke
Venda Orth

April Birthdays

April 2 Polly Berghager Morgan

April 4 Donnie Schutte
Austin Simmons

April 5 Shelby Hodges

April 6 Bob Kellstrom

April 10 Annie Hodges

April 11 Diane Brooks

April 12 David Birch
Gunnar Long

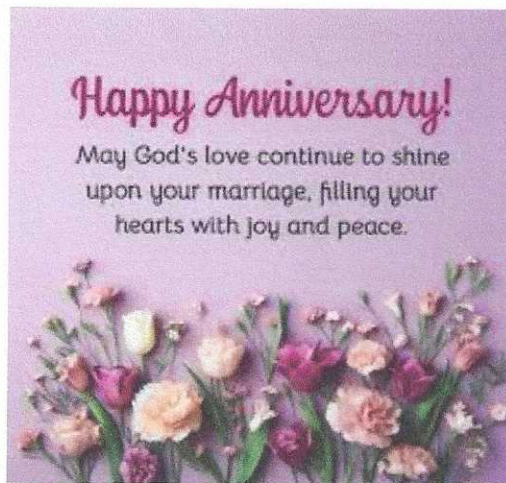
April 14 Bruce Coleman

April 15 Mikka Wasson

April 23 Matt Johnson

April 28 Jacob Asbury

April 30 Terri Anderson

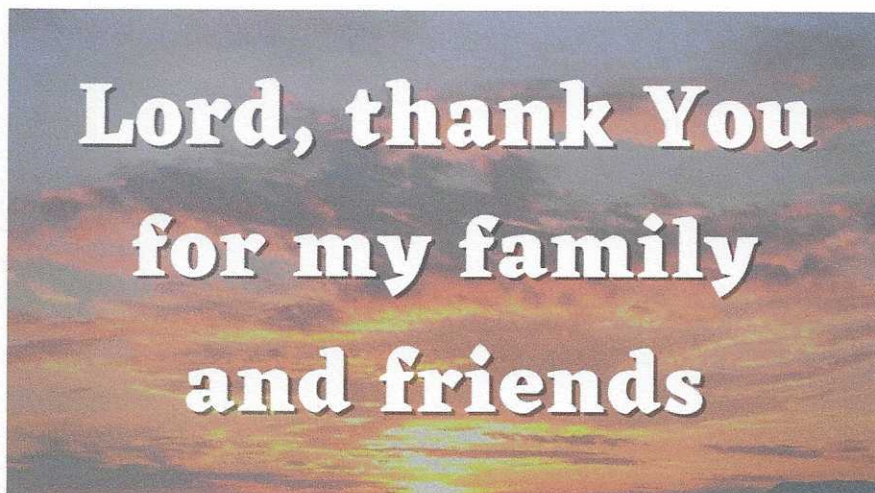


March Anniversaries

March 6 Nathan & Kim Long
March 18 Michael & Shelby Hymes
 Melburn & Eunice Fisher

April Anniversaries

April 16 Tom & Linda Fierge
April 28 Tony & Zabette Elam



ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SEARCH

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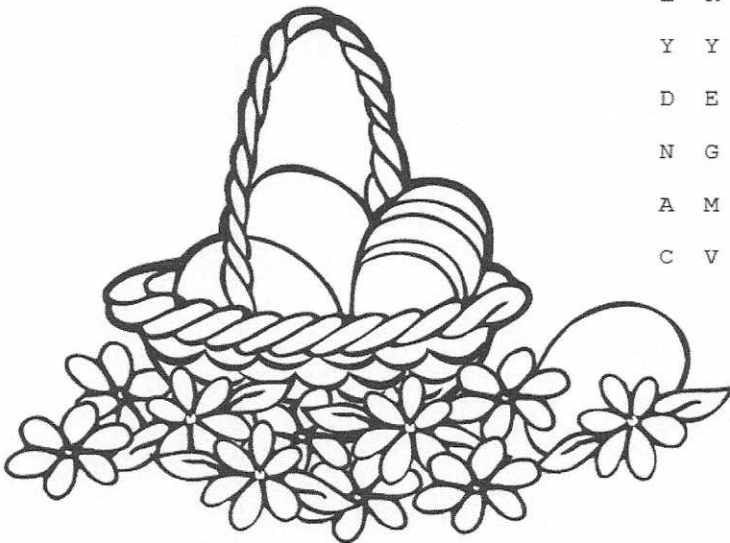
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Easter

WORD SEARCH



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BASKET	CROSS
BIBLE	EASTER
BUNNY	EGGS
CANDY	JESUS
CHURCH	LAMB

Church Bulletin Bloopers

Women's Luncheon: Each member bring a sandwich. Polly Phillips will give the medication.

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson's sermons.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

A new loudspeaker system has been installed in the church. It was given by one of our members in honor of his wife.

The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus

