



STEWADSHIP CAMPAIGN TEAM - 2008

I am very honored and humbled to have been chosen to be the Director of our Stewardship Campaign Team. I do have to admit, however, that my first response to this challenge was that I could serve on the team but not as the director. I didn't feel capable nor did I feel I could commit to the time and energy that this job would require. My response to God was why me???? I have a business to run. I have other leadership positions in the church that demand my attention and time. I'm involved in other community organizations. And, of course, I just need some time for myself!

Each one of us on this team has had a similar experience. See Donna Dunning's testimony below, that she shared Sunday morning.

It has been a prayerful process, as we have looked to God to raise our awareness as to what He is asking us to do. And God has kept saying...it's not about what we have the time to do but what we are willing to sacrifice for Him and for our church. As we continued to pray, one by one, each of us began to realize that we are right where we're meant to be. We have put our trust in God and we have said, yes.

We want to thank you for putting your faith and trust in us. You invested in us and validated our prayers by sending us to INJOY Campaign University in Atlanta. This workshop put on by INJOY Stewardship Services has helped equip us for the job that God has asked us to do. Already, this experience has raised the level of our spiritual journey and we are so excited to be part of the team that is going to help Perry Christian Church reach more people for Jesus. This is not about us, but about those people who are not here yet.

These are your Campaign Team Leaders:

Pastor Janet: Spiritual leader and vision caster

Linda Warfield: Prayer leader

Joyce McCrea: Event Planning leader

Judy Bartlett: Personal Communication leader

Donna Dunning: Media Planning leader

Each of the teams has a specific task and purpose. We would love to have 100% involvement of our gathered family so please offer your time and talent to any of these team leaders. We also welcome your questions, concerns, suggestions, and comments at any time.

The congregation received a campaign brochure during the worship service, January 20th. We are also including it in this newsletter. It includes a message from Pastor Janet, a brief explanation of the teams, a calendar of events, and frequently asked questions. Please take the time to read it and mark your calendars for these special events:

- Monday, January 28, 2008 Prayer and Fasting begins
- Friday, February 29, 2008 Prayer Vigil begins, ending at Concert of Prayer event
- Saturday, March 1, 2008 Concert of Prayer (6:00-7:30 pm)
- Sunday, March 9, 2008 Prayer Walk
- Sunday March 16, 2008 Celebration Event
- Sunday, March 30, 2008 First Fruits Sunday

God's Promise and the underlying theme of this Campaign is that we will Serve God, Like Jesus in Our Community. The VISION is that we will provide new ministries for Seniors & Youth.

In our pursuit of God's direction, we have begun to pray this simple prayer taken from the book Pivotal Praying. Won't you pray it with us?

Lord, this church belongs to You. It's not ours. Our desire is to do what you want us to do and to be what you want us to be. You know the people you want us to reach through Perry Christian Church. We place ourselves in your hands and we long to be used by you.

Laurie Martin
Campaign Director





I was asked to be the Media leader by Pastor Janet. And when she asked me I said we needed someone with more creative talent to do the job. She told me that I was chosen to do this

job by God. At the time, I could not imagine what she meant.

When I had my first meeting with her I talked about the prayer books I received at Christmas from my Husband and how they were helping me to connect to God, and we discussed some of her ideas for the campaign logo. Pastor had suggested I try photographing the red gift package with a man and woman holding either side of it as children peeked inside. There were other suggestions of the gift just sitting on a pedestal with colored backgrounds or party favors popping out of the box. And then she told me to talk to God about what God wanted for our church campaign logo. I dutifully set about giving pastor exactly what she wanted and even employed the services of Joyce and Dick McCrea and Isabelle Martin to be part of the logo. However, God had other ideas.

When I talked to God about the campaign, and what ideas God had for our campaign logo, I prayed that God would give me an image that would touch our hearts. Then as I sat praying for guidance, so I could produce the powerful pictures needed for the campaign, I had a vision of hands in a robe holding out the red gift package and surrounding the gift was a holy glow. The thought I understood from God regarding this image was, "This is 'My' gift to give to you." This gift is only from me.

When I saw the image and understood the thought behind the logo, I knew no one else should be touching the present, because it was from God. God was giving us this building not for the life time of those in the picture but for the next generations to come, for the next 179 years of Perry Christian Church's future life. It's not just about the people who are here now, but it is all about reaching out to the people in our community well into the future. And the image and feeling I received was that God wanted to

give us a powerful logo that would touch our hearts and remind us of the hundreds of people and souls this church will minister too, because of this new building.

The last thing I told pastor as she listen to the vision I received from God, was that I saw hundreds of people going in and out of this new building. Then pastor shared with me that God had shown her that there will be so many people come to this new building that they will be hanging out the windows.

It is the prayer of the stewardship campaign team that this logo will touch your heart as it has touched ours. May it be a reminder of God's gift to us as we serve God like Jesus in our community.

Donna Dunning
Media Team Leader



BRIDGES

Leading to God's House

WORSHIP



Sunday, January 20th was our first real snow storm, which meant a portion of the church was not in attendance. We announced the launch of our Stewardship Campaign and defined our God given future at Perry Christian Church. It was a wonderful worship service and those who could not attend can get a flavor of worship by reading Laurie Martin and Donna Dunning's testimonials in addition to my article which recap the events of the day.

Our God given vision is to expand ministry in our community to seniors and children first. We will be located across the street from a senior gated community. Seniors need a place to socialize and to be active serving God like Jesus in our community.

At Perry Christian Church we see seniors having dinners and social events in our fellowship hall specifically designed to meet their needs. We see seminars on senior issues being held in our media ready education wing. We see seniors caring for their community in a variety of ministries at PCC. Also, it has been my experience from the last 2 churches I have served, that it is usually the grandparents who bring their grandchildren to church.

That brings us to our second God given vision, an expanded children's ministry. Perry Christian Church has designated almost 4,000 square feet of 21st century education ready space to create an environment that is of interest to the children in our community. We see our ministry to children expanding to include environments that are safe for children in which to meet their friends, socialize and connect to God in ways that we who grew up in the 20th century can not imagine. Part of this vision is to equip this ministry with a Youth Minister who will work with volunteers to create the environment that will not only interest children, but will compel their parents to want to get involved in our church family too.

There are many ministries that are planned for the new space that we are building. Seniors and children are just 2 of the God given vision that we are focusing on right now. There are endless possibilities as we serve God like Jesus in our community.

But as you know, if we were to put all our energy into every possibility all at once, there would be little return for our efforts. We had to chose from a list of great possibilities and put our efforts in 2 so we could reach our potential in many. The senior's and children's ministries will be the catalyst that launches the other ministries and will be the foundaiton on which our ministries in the future will be successful. So today, I need you more than ever, to dream with me about ministries for seniors and children. WE must stay the course, we must keep our focus, we must not be distracted by all the good possibilities that lay ahead. As we keep the course we will build our ministries one by one on a firm foundation that will last us for another 179 years, in a space that is designed to change with the times.

Blessings,
Pastor Janet Mers

FELLOWSHIP



THE "CUTUPS"

The Cut-ups is the name of the Perry Christian Church scrapbooking group. Although the the group started with scrapbooking, anyone who does, or would like to learn paper crafting such as cardmaking and scrapbooking, is welcome to attend. We meet right after Bible study on the second Saturday of each month, at 9:30a. The next meeting will be February 9th. Make this the year you decide to get those pictures and mementos out of the "shoe box" and into a memory or scrapbook. We are really excited about growing this group, so if you would like to attend or want more information, call Penny Harrison.
Chair, Penny Harrison



Christian Women's Ministries News

Mark your calendar for March 19th at 7:00 p.m. for our general meeting. Since our service project for March is Teen Challenge we will have a speaker that evening from Teen Challenge.
Penny Angeloro
CWM Vice-President

DISCIPLESHIP

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

The Women's Bible study will begin meeting on February 9, 2008. The group meets @8:00a at Andrei's Café on Center Street in Perry. We will be continuing our study on Prayer. Come and join us.

Chair, Penny Harrison

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR: February 2008

Thanks to Our
Sunday School
Teachers!



Feb 3 - Taunya & Julie Brewer
Feb 10 - Tim Johnson & Linda Warfield
Feb 17 - Kathy & Shannon Franko
Feb 24 -

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All is going very well. A big thanks to Taunya, Tim, Alysia, and Shannon for taking over while Dave & Shay were out. They all are doing a great job teaching this year. We are looking forward to 2008.

For the month of February we would like to make cards for our shut-ins. This will be our February project. Also, Dave and I would like to thank our church family for the cards & prayer while we were home and in the hospital. Thank – You Sunday school Team leaders
Shay, Tim and Taunya

MISSION



The CWM Service Project for February is to send care packages to our church members who are college students or serving

in the Military. If you would like to donate items for these packages, suggestions include the following items:

- Individual packets of cheese, hot chocolate, or Kleenex
- Cheese dips in cans, or pudding cups
- Microwave popcorn or soups
- Gum, Candy, fudge or cookies
- Fast food certificates

- First Aid items.

Feel free to use your imagination as to what you feel would be fun or useful.

Cash donations will be used to offset the cost of shipping the packages or postage stamps. Sherry Posey is compiling a list of recipients so please check with her if you know of someone who should be receiving a care package.

Penny Angeloro
CWM Vice-President

BITS AND PIECES

NEWS FROM THE BUILDING TEAM



Bobbie Heinz and Helen Hayes met with Joe and the Site Engineer this last week. They are looking at the site layout and will be getting back to us when they are finished. We will keep you informed.

Co-Chairs, Bobbie Heinz and Helen Hayes



Dear Gathered Family,

Shannon and I would like to thank everyone for saving their Christmas cards for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Perry Christian Church had a big part in helping Chestnut Elementary collect the most cards ever.

Thank you –
Kathy & Shannon Franko

Dear Members of Perry Christian,

On behalf of Project Hope for the Homeless, I want to thank you for your donation of miscellaneous paper products. Your generosity and caring is greatly appreciated.

We are so blessed to see lives of men and women positively changed because of people like you who display genuine compassion and empathy. The homeless men, women and children who come through the doors of Project Hope are deeply touched by your efforts. We thank God for our donors constantly because they are a blessing to us. May God richly bless you in all that you do. 2 Corinthians 9:8.

In Christ, Kathy Sneary,
Project Hope for the Homeless

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“Happy New Year” to all you Dear Ladies who put together those Gems that added up to a Big Bag of Love. I sure enjoyed digging in to see “What Next.” God Bless you all and Many Thanks. Sincerely, Ida Cottrell

Dear Perry Christian Church,

I would like to thank you for the Christmas card and gift card. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Love Haley Friend

(Bethany Christian Mission)



**“Newsletter”
Deadline is
February 18,
2008.**

Reverend Janet Mers
Worship
Fellowship

Pastor
9:30am
10:45am