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**Mission Statement**

“Fulfilling God’s Call to Reach Out and Visibly Serve the Community,  
Sharing the Joy of Jesus Christ with All People  
Seeking to Develop a Meaningful Spiritual Relationship with God”



## 2009 Newsletter

Reverend Janet Mers	Pastor
Worship	9:30am
Fellowship	10:45am
Sunday School	11:15am
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## NEW HOPE

It's a New Year, and we have a renewed hope for our future. The media certainly has been pushing the idea of renewed hope for a better life which rests with President Obama's election. I couldn't help but think if all those people knew about Jesus and the hope and life He brings, what a difference it would bring to the United States and the world.

Jesus tells us in John 15 that if we are grafted into the vine, and rooted in Jesus, then God will live in us and we in him. We are children of God. How much more hope can we ask for? And then Jesus goes on to say, "If you remain in me and my word remains in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." (John 15:7) Jesus is the only one who can guarantee us security. But how often do we forfeit our peace of mind in Jesus for the rhetoric of the media.

As the Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins said in her sermon at the Inaugural Prayer Service, let us hold to our values and the truths that have brought us to salvation (my paraphrase). We must not let the problems of the world take our eyes off the only one who can save us and give us a good nights sleep.

Remember God owns all the cattle on a thousand hills. God knows every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are His. (Psalms 50:10-11) God is able to walk with us through these tough times, and God will see us through to the end. And then at the end, God will give us grace and salvation for all eternity.

Worry is an attitude that we either choose to engage or to ignore. Ignoring worry is not the same as sticking our heads in the sand, rather we acknowledge the difficulties that lie ahead and choose to look to God for our strength. I choose God and a good night's sleep. Which do you choose?

Abide in Jesus and God will abide in you. Look to God for all your cares. Blessings for the New Year  
Pastor Janet



# BRIDGES

## Leading to God's House

### WORSHIP

#### CONCERT OF PRAYER February 21, 2009 at 6:30pm

Please come and be a part of the next Concert of Prayer. It is important for us to come together as a church family to ask God for wisdom and guidance for our church. Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am also."

February many times seems to be a dreary part of the year, but we would like to change that. Our theme is "Color of Hope, The Next Step". We have heard many times about Hope this past year. Be with us to worship and experience that Hope. What is your Hope?

Please continue to keep Perry Christian Church in your daily prayers, asking God for guidance and a clear message regarding the ministries we should be planning for this community. Also ask God for wisdom, courage, and strength for our pastor to lead us in God's ways.

The Prayer Team has created this evening for you to experience the power of God and His redeeming Grace upon your life.

See you then....

Prayer Team Leader, Linda Warfield



#### Deacons Training

Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> the Deacons will be training in the liturgy of Communion and home visits immediately following worship.

This year Ash Wednesday will be part of the Concert of Prayer. So please plan to attend

# Ash Wednesday

this most meaningful Concert of Prayer worship service.

## FELLOWSHIP

### FAMILY NIGHT

We are beginning to have a big turnout for Family Night. We currently have a Family night once a month. For January Shay made homemade chicken noodle soup with all the trimmings. We also now have a "Wii" and have enjoyed playing bowling. There are other games we can enjoy with our new Wii also.

In March, we are planning to have a chili cook off with judges and prizes, details to come. Please see or call Tuanya Brewer with any questions, comments or suggestions.

## DISCIPLESHIP

Thanks to Our  
Sunday School  
Teachers!



## CHURCH WORSHIP NURSERY

Thank you to our teachers for the great job they are doing! All classes are taking turns decorating the Sunday school bulletin board each month.

Thank you,  
Team Leaders, Shay & David Helmick, Taunya Brewer

### CHURCH WORSHIP NURSERY:

FEB 1 – Bob & Sharon Wright

FEB 8 – Elizabeth Ball & family

FEB 15 – Dave & Shay Helmick

FEB 22 – Earl & Pat Johnson &  
Kathy Sue Svoboda



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School children are having a blast! They are learning about Jonathan and David's

friendship. We used disappearing ink and a hair dryer to understand that friends care for each other even when they're far apart. We are going to be finishing up Jonathan and David and moving on to Daniel for February.

If you have a child in Sunday school, please note that each child has a folder with all their papers including, newsletters, any work from a day they may have missed and other information. Please visit your child's folder located on the door of the Sunday school room each week when you pick your child up from class.  
Taunya Brewer

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study has been looking at the *Twelve Ordinary Men* Jesus selected for his Apostles. Our next study will be *James- The Apostle of Passion*. Some things you will find out about James: He was the first to be martyred, his name comes right after Peter's in two of the lists of Apostles in the New Testament, and he was passionate about Jesus. Please join us at Bellasano's Coffee Shop located in Concord at 7548 Freddie Dr., on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and learn along with us about James.

Any questions about the February's Bible Study can be answered by Brenda Carr or Laurie Martin. Blessings to all,  
Penny Harrison



NEW TESTAMENT  
BIBLE STUDY

## MISSION

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's time to start planning for another VBS!! We have a theme- Crocodile Dock. VBS is planned for Monday, August 10 – Aug 14, so mark your calendar!! We are also planning to have a VBS tribute during Sunday worship like we have in the past. We are beginning to line up the “crew.”

The theme and dates will be mailed in the family night letters. Please see Taunya Brewer if you are interested in helping with this year's VBS. Taunya will be announcing the VBS meeting scheduled at Saturday's meeting, January 31, at 10:00a.

VBS Director, Taunya Brewer

will be collecting money donations for emergency needs such as electric and gas disconnections. Please mark your envelope “PERRY CENTER” or use the one located on the glass case in the back of the sanctuary, and place the envelope in the offering plate.

Please remember to bring our regular toiletry items needed for the Perry Center: Shampoo, toothpaste, laundry soap, dish soap, and hand soap. These items may be placed in the container provided in the vestibule.

Please remember to save Education marked box tops and Campbell soup labels for the Cleveland Christian Home. You may give them to me. They are used to purchase computers and educational supplies for the Cleveland Christian Home school.

Chair, Laura Braden

### Happy Hookers



The Happy Hookers were sad to hear of Sarah Johnson's passing. She was a great friend and she loved to help cut material for rugs. Sarah will be greatly missed by all of us.

The Hooker's have missed several Wednesdays because of bad weather and the Holidays. We are back now, making and tying rugs and getting ready for our Annual Rug Sale in June.

We still need help with cutting – sewing – tying and rolling the material into balls. If you are interested in learning to weave, please join us on Wednesday mornings at 9:00a.

Secretary, Pat Boehnke

### CWM MISSION MATTERS



Prayer partners have been assigned. If you didn't receive a partner and are interested please contact Laura Braden!

Our February mission project will be the Perry Food Center. We

## BITS AND PIECES



### NEWS FROM THE BUILDING TEAM

Barrington Engineering completed the description and survey map and the paper work was delivered to the Title Office for appropriate legal description and review. Upon completion of the review process the Title Office filed the document with the County.

The current and accurate title to the Call Road Property is now on file with the County. Letters were sent to all the neighbors informing them of this action.

Co- Chair Bobbie Heinz

Co-Chair Helen Hayes





## SYMPATHY

Our church family wishes to extend our sympathy to the Wakelee and Johnson families and their friends in the passing of Sarah Johnson January 5, 2009. Please keep Victor her husband of many years in your

prayers. Sympathy cards can be sent to the Lantern of Madison, 2041 Hubbard Rd, Room 141.



**“THANK YOU”  
CWM – FROM  
OUR 75 PLUS  
MEMBERS AND  
STAFF!**

**Thanks for the Christmas Basket** filled with useful items and goodies too! It was greatly appreciated. Pauline Bowlus

### **Thank you, thank you, to CWM**

My Christmas basket was great. We have a loving bunch of members who respect us older ones & younger ones too & love us. Merry Christmas, Ethel Campbell

### **Thank you, CWM & Christmas Carolers**

who delivered the “gift bag.” I was so happy to see those familiar faces, hear the lovely Christmas Carols, and to see Pastor Janet. Thank you and God Bless. Eleanor Alexander

### **Thank you Pastor Janet and CWM**

Thanks so much for sending different members once a month to visit and also the choir for the Christmas season. Love, Allene McClenaghan

## **THANK YOU PERRY CHRISTIAN CHURCH & CWM FROM THE STAFF:**

### **Thank you for the Giant Eagle gift cards.**

We were able to purchase needed food and gas with your gift. We wish you a Happy New Year and much success in your building program. Sincerely, Ric and Debby Cattell

**Thank you for your remembrance** of me and Glenn at Christmas. The Christmas ornament was prominently displayed on our tree, and the monetary gift purchased a GPS. Now I can find my way home. I pray many blessings on PCC this coming year. Blessings Pastor Janet and Glenn Mers

**Thank you, Thank you, to our wonderful** congregation and CWM for the “**LOVE GIFT**” and for the Giant Eagle gift cards that helped to purchase food for our Christmas dinner. It was an awesome sight to see the boys helping prepare dinner! God bless everyone, Secretary, Ellen Maier

## **PERRY FOOD CENTER**

Another busy year at the Perry Center has gone by fast. The number of families the center is currently assisting has grown from 100 to 150 families.

Perry Christian Church was very supportive last year and all your support was greatly appreciated. PCC gave \$287.28 for the sweet potatoes and pie crusts packed in the Christmas baskets.

The Perry Center Fund had extra funds that were spent on laundry soap, hand soap, dish soap, and toothpaste. They were also able to purchase 12- \$10.00 Christmas gift cards for the older children.

The Perry Center staff wants to thank everyone for packing baskets, helping with the Salvation Army donations and ringing the Bells. The Perry area total for the Salvation Army donations was \$9,205.54.

In Christian love,  
Perry Center, Pat Johnson



## THANK YOU PERRY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Thank you so much for all your support, through the years, with the Christmas basket program. Without the support of the local churches, we would not be able to help as many people. You are very generous with your food, clothing, and toy donations.

The Perry Center is very blessed, to have the support of the Perry Community Churches. Thanks again.  
Janet Brooks, Director

### Dear Carole & Perry Christian Church,

Project Hope for the Homeless would like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$428.85 dated December 31, 2008. Thank you for your commitment to our mission. We were able to help 296 people by providing them with 9,934 shelter nights in year 2008.

There are also over 50 persons actively participating in our aftercare program.  
In Service, Judy Burr, Executive Director

### Dear Rev. Mers & Perry Christian Church,

At Cleveland Christian Home we constantly evaluate our services and programs to make sure the children and youth we serve are provided the best of care.

The one thing we will never change is finding ways to thank our friends for their continued support of our mission. Thank you for your December 2008 gift of \$160.00 to the Cleveland Christian Home. Your financial support assists us in fulfilling our mission "to be a haven of hope and healing for children, youth and families. Again many thanks for your continued support of Cleveland Christian Home. Sincerely, Director of Church Relations & Gifts, James D. Runyon



**FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

**“HAPPY NEW YEAR”**