



When I look in the bible I am amazed how innovative and creative God is when it comes to redeeming us. God never changes. God is the same yesterday, today, and

tomorrow, but God is constantly redeeming us in innovative and creative ways.

Consider how God has moved among us in the past:

- The flood allowed God to start over through Noah.
- Calling Abraham to leave his father and country allowed God to set apart people that would bless the world. Jesus was from Abraham's family.
- Through the scandalous crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, we are given an opportunity to have an intimate relationship with God.

God has always been innovative and ever creating. We are made in God's image. Therefore, we too can be innovative and ever changing. The good thing about change is that it keeps us young.

Research has shown that those who continue to learn live longer. Those who have a faith that is ever growing, live longer. Change is not the enemy of this age, death is the enemy. Death comes when we stop changing.

When we think that we just want the status quo, we start to die. When we can not see the mystery in our changing lives we stop living. You and I are continually changing. From the day we were born until we decide to stop changing, we will grow and mature. But the day we decide to stay where we are, or that the status quo is good enough, or that we are holding our own; that is the day we stop growing and start dying.

What is your preference? Do you want to live or die? There is no such thing as just staying where you are.

Jesus calls us to live. Jesus is the definition of change. He changed from Spirit, living with God the Father, into a man living among us. God was innovative and sacrificial in his desire to have a relationship with us. God calls the church to be innovative and sacrificial in our



desire to have a relationship with Him too. Let us work together on this "innovative Change" thing God calls us too. Let us look with anticipation to who the church is yet to become. Come and walk with Jesus. He will change your life for the better.

Blessings,  
Pastor Janet

# BRIDGES

## Leading to God's House

### WORSHIP

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

A great big warm welcome to Al and Harriet Daugherty and Brenda Morrison who joined our Church family on July 6, 2008. Donna Dunning, Historian

Pastor is organizing a Worship Team to help her brainstorm worship for Advent. If you would like to be part of this team please contact Pastor. The Team currently is the Mary & Jeff Klinger, Carole Martin.

#### Prayer Team Update

Save the Date!  
September 20, 2008 will be our next Concert of Prayer. This is another opportunity for you to participate with us in praying for Perry Christian Church and "The Promise." We will provide more information in the September Crier.



We would like to formally welcome Ellen Maier to the prayer team. If you are interested in being a part of the prayer team, and would like to help us with prayer events, or have

questions, call any team member. As a reminder, the following are Prayer Team Members: Penny Angeloro, Donna Dunning, Penny Harrison (event helper), Bobbie Heinz, Dave Helmick, Ellen Maier, Carole Martin, Laurie Martin, Sherry Smith, and Linda Warfield.

Please continue to pray with us for the vision of Children & Seniors.  
Prayer Team Leader  
Linda Warfield

## DISCIPLESHIP



Women's Bible Study

Our book for the next Bible study is Twelve Ordinary Men by John MacArthur. It was not

a sale book at the Christian bookstore. It is \$14.99 and you can use a coupon. I get coupons, so if anyone needs a coupon. Let me know. Due to scheduled vacations, we will take August & September off and meet again in October.

Chair, Penny Harrison

## FELLOWSHIP



August 10<sup>th</sup> after worship VBS is sponsoring a potluck lunch. Please come and celebrate with us after worship. There is

a sign up sheet on a clipboard in fellowship hall to tell us what you will be bringing to the potluck. VBS Thanks you.



## Kid's to Kids

The "Kids" group met once in July, Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>. We continued to work on our "Tents of Hope" project. We now have a tent and a display board. The display board includes maps of Africa & Sudan and information on what UNICEF and the Christian Church Disciples of Christ are trying to accomplish in Darfur, Sudan.

We will not be meeting in August because of Vacation Bible School activities. We will start up again in September.

Brenda Carr and Connie Smith



## The "CUTUPS"

The "CUT-UPS," Scrapbookers and paper Craftiers will be taking a break in August, but will start

again the third Saturday in September.

Chair, Penny Harrison



## MINISTRY

Thanks to Our  
Sunday School  
Teachers!



Thank you to all the teachers and helpers this year. Anyone interested in helping in September please come to our meeting on Sept. 14, at 11:15a in the Library. Sunday school class will start on Sept 21, at 11:15a – 12 Noon.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER:

- 4 Clocks
- Color paper
- Craft magnet's
- 4 Regular size staplers
- Christian sing along C D's
- give cash donations to Shay

Sunday school Superintendents, Shay Helmick, Tim Johnson, Taunya Brewer



### FOR AUGUST:

**AUG 3** – Taunya & Julie Brewer  
**AUG 10** No Nursery today –  
VBS Staff & church family Celebration  
**Aug 17** – Pat & Earl Johson  
**Aug 24** – Dave & Shay Helmick  
**Aug 31** – Laura & Shelley Braden  
Sunday school, Taunya Brewer

## VACATION

### BIBLE SCHOOL IS



### CALLING "ALL HEROES"

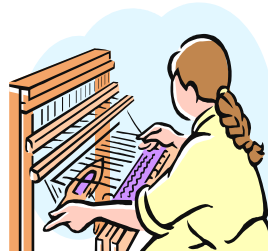


LAST WEEK TO SIGN UP FOR VBS PLEASE

SEE  
TIM JOHNSON

The Promise team is reviewing new ministries we can start now and take with us to the new facility. If you have any ideas, please contact Laurie Martin.

## BITS AND PIECES



### HAPPY HOOKERS

The ladies are taking a summer break July and August and will start up again in September.  
Secretary, Pat Boehnke

Bobbie Heinz, Co-Chair  
Helen Hayes, Co-Chair

## PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

We held our annual church picnic/ Men's Bar-B-Q and Chili Cook-Off at Townline Park on Sunday July 20, we enjoyed a beautiful sunny day with great fellowship, good food, and swimming and even enjoyed a baseball game!

The committee is currently working on some new developments for the fall and winter seasons.

Programs Committee Chair,  
Tim Johnson

## NEWS FROM THE BUILDING TEAM



Barrington has completed the survey of the Call Road property and the boundaries have been identified for the lot. Corner pins are in place and the property is ready to be recorded with the County.

The engineering firm has also completed the topographical map of the lot and established where the utility, sanitary, and water lines will be placed on the property.

Joe Myers has been contacted about the design of a garage and pavilion for the property so that we will be able to construct that structure when we are ready to begin the project. This is a commercial building and requires an engineering and architectural design for the building before we can get the Building Permits to build the structure.



### THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

- Donna Dunning for fixing the side door to open easier and for spraying the weeds in the Parking Lot. **"Looks Wonderful"**
- George Worth for raking and leveling the stones & mowing around the stop sign at the corner of Center Road. **"Great Job."**
- Kim Davis for mowing the front section of the lawn & leveling out the stones. **"Cool"**

### TO THE CHURCH:

I would like to thank the men who participated in the chili cook-off at the all Church picnic. Your chili made the picnic a success. Thanks to master chefs: Jeff Klinger, Dave Martin, Dick McCrea and Glenn Mers. We also thank all the ladies for there delish side dishes. Until next time Ya'll  
Cowboy Curtis

### DEAR PERRY CHRISTIAN CHURCH and Donna Dunning

On behalf of the residents residing at Forbes House, we would like to thank you for the recent donation of pull-ups and diapers for the shelter.

We truly appreciate your generosity and continued support to Forbes House!  
Sincerely, C. Stapler  
Office Manager

### Thank you, Perry Christian Church

I would like to thank everyone for your cards and expressions of sympathy on the loss of my

Mother, Arabella Hayes. Your thoughtfulness and caring meant a lot to my family and me.  
Helen Hayes and Family

### **Thank you, Nursery Helpers**

Tim and I cleaned the Nursery from top to bottom. We also, disinfected all the toys. We are looking for two people, who are not church members, who are interested in doing the Nursery every Sunday from 9a to 11a. Anyone who knows someone, who would be interested, should call Taunya Brewer at 440-391-3289 or see her in church.

I will be drafting a letter, hopefully by the board meeting, to send to Auburn Career Center's Early Childhood Development Department. Hopefully, someone there will be interested.

Taunya M. Brewer

**Newsletter”  
Deadline is  
Monday  
August 25,  
2008**



### **RELAY FOR LIFE**

#### **Thanks for your support.....**

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to help make the 2008 Relay for Life Cancer Walk a success. Thanks to those donating, purchasing luminarias, and buying candy bars or muffins. Also, I would like to thank the Helmick and Hinton families for being fill-in walkers when we needed them. Andy, Emily & Shay were our overnight guests.

Even though we had an interruption of a rainstorm it actually turned out to be the most beautiful night with a gorgeous sunset and wonderful temperatures.

Rosie's Raiders exceeded the goal of \$4,000.00 and brought in about \$4,300.00. The event also exceeded their goal. The event total was over \$123,000.00. Every dollar helps when it comes to Cancer Research. Thanks again!!

Linda Warfield