



PERRYSBURG  
FIRST CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICE  
10:15am

# The Chimes

March 2023

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE — NOT TO BE SERVED

## WORSHIP



### A WORD FROM PASTOR JIM

Just imagine what God could do with a whole group of people who were passionate about Jesus' love and eager to put it into creative practice. Think about what kind of difference that could make – the kind of impact that could have!

The thing about love, and especially God's love, is it is not some static theological, philosophical, or sentimental idea. God's love is an active love – it is alive, engaging, and not at all passive. When we resign love to just some theory or idea, it is safe, it is free of risk, and it loses its power to change anything or anyone.

Our faith is best expressed when we put it into practice and live it out in real practical ways. The best way to do that is by sharing God's love with others. Simply stated – Love Does.

### *Love Does Study*

I have grown to believe one of the best ways to develop and grow in your faith is to be a part of a small group, Sunday School class, or bible study. In groups like these, we are invited to engage in meaningful conversations about our faith and the work God is doing in our lives.

Lent is one of my favorite times of the year to lead a small group. People tend to be more aware of and focused on their relationship with Jesus and more motivated to invest in their faith formation. (CONT.)

STAY CONNECTED



This Lent, I will be leading a group on Tuesday evenings at the church (6:30-8 pm). The study will be based on a book by Bob Goff, titled appropriately, *Love Does*. The study takes a practical look at how God extends and offers his love to us and how we in turn are invited to share that love with others. The group will begin March 7th and runs through April 4th.

To register, go to: <https://perrysburgfirst.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1657403> or simply call the church office.

There is an accompanying study guide that is highly recommended and will be available on the first night of the study. The cost is \$10 per study guide. I hope you will join me! -Pastor Jim

## INFORMATION

### MARCH PRAYER CALENDAR

<i>March Prayer Calendar</i>  LENT			1 Incredible Faith 1 John 5:14	2 Renewed in Christ 2 Corinthians 4:16	3 Comforter John 14:16	4 Waiting Isaiah 30:18
5 Sharing Love Romans 12:10	6 Living Water John 4:14	7 Giving Thanks Acts 3:8	8 Helpmates Philippians 4:3	9 Call on God Psalm 17:6	10 Childlike Faith Matthew 19:14	11 Peace Hebrews 13:2
12 Facing Fears Joshua 1:9	13 Generosity Proverbs 11:25	14 God's Promise Romans 8:35	15 Service Galatians 5:13	16 Grace Ephesians 1:5	17 God at Work Matthew 6:8	18 Salvation Luke 19:10
19 Encourage 2 Timothy 2:1	20 Strength Psalm 28:7	21 Draw Near James 4:8	22 Resilience Ecclesiastes 3:1	23 Declaration Revelation 1:10-11	24 Guidance Psalm 119:105	25 Potter's hands Jeremiah 18:4
26 Focus on God 2 Corinthians 4:18	27 Give Thanks Matthew 6:11	28 Abilities Philippians 4:13	29 Being Found Matthew 18:12	30 Divine Calling Ephesians 1:12	31 God is great John 1:23	

## We are a Community of Prayer

If you wish to receive notifications of prayer requests, please feel free to contact the church office and let us know the email to be used. When a public prayer request is received, all those on the "prayer chain" are notified so that we may collectively lift them up in prayer. Prayer is powerful, shared prayer is dynamic.

### ALZHEIMERS ASSOCIATION CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

An Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group is coming to Perrysburg! Beginning March 7th, the Caregiver Support Group will meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 3-4 pm at Perrysburg First Church in the Youth Room. The Caregiver Support Group is for those caring for someone with any type of Dementia. As a support group member, you will: Develop a support system, exchange challenges, and possible solutions, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs, and concerns, and learn about community resources. Pre-registration is required to attend. Please call Dakota Stone, Program Coordinator with the Alzheimer's Association at 567-302-3608 to register or if you have any questions.

## BAPTISMS

Perrysburg First will be celebrating baptisms on Easter Sunday, April 9th! If you have never been baptized before or would like to have your child baptized, please contact the church office.

## CHURCH FAMILY

### IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory and honor of those in our congregation who have recently passed.

Gracious God, we thank you for those we have come to love but see no more. Receive into your arms your servant:

*Christopher Wilbarger, 58 years old – January 30, 2023- member for 10 years*

## EVENTS

### AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION CPR TRAINING

We are excited to offer American Heart Association Family & Friend CPR training for Perrysburg first members, staff, and our preschool families. The training will be on **Tuesday, March 14th from 5:30-7pm in the Fellowship Hall**. The cost to attend is \$25 per person and can be paid the day of via credit or cash. You must be ages 10+ to attend. To register, go to: [www.ohiocpr.com](http://www.ohiocpr.com), click on "Calendar", and go to March 14th to register. If you need assistance, please contact the church office.

### MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST



Save the date for the Men's Ministry Breakfast on **Saturday, March 18th from 9-11 am** in the Fellowship Hall! If you have any questions, contact the church office.

### PRIME TIMERS LUNCHEON

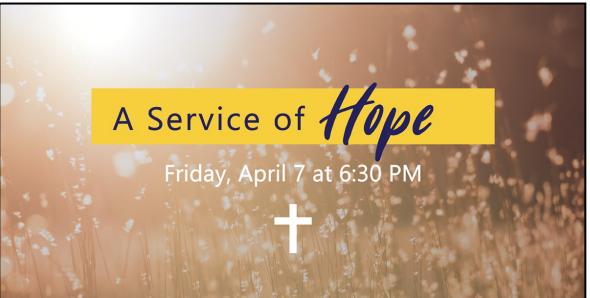
The theme for the March luncheon is "Time Travel." We will be traveling back to our high school days. Your assignment is to be prepared to share a story from your high school days (pictures, props, etc. are encouraged!). Did you receive an award, varsity letter, or trophy? Maybe an embarrassing story comes to mind? Whatever the memory may be, we are looking forward to learning more about our friends! We will gather on **Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at noon** in the multipurpose room.



### GOOD FRIDAY

Save the date for the community Good Friday service on **April 7th at 6:30 pm**. The service will be held on the lawn at the Commodore Building.

Perrysburg First will also hold a Good Friday service at 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary.



## FAMILY MINISTRY

### MARCH NURSERY/PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM THEME:

#### Monthly Overview:

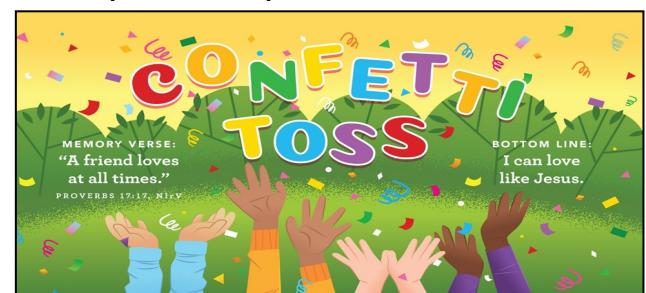
Preschoolers love trying to do things like grown-ups. They like to press buttons on computers and jump high to throw the basketball or stir the food to make something yummy to eat. Being able to say they can do things like Mommy or Daddy is a big deal! This month, we are teaching preschoolers something else they can do that's a really big deal. They can love like Jesus! We want preschoolers to know that they can love like Jesus, and when they love like Jesus, it's like tossing confetti everywhere! Serving others, showing kindness, helping and loving everyone—these are things that even our youngest children can do. And when they do, they love like Jesus.

**Story Focus Week 1:** I can love like Jesus.

**Story Focus Week 2:** I can be kind like Jesus.

**Story Focus Week 3:** I can share like Jesus.

**Story Focus Week 4:** I can love everyone like Jesus.

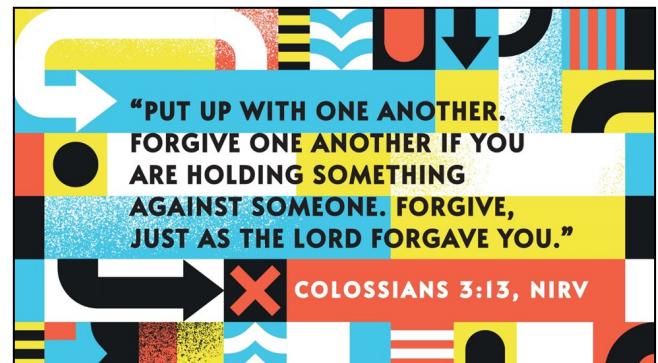


### MARCH CHILDREN'S CHURCH CURRICULUM:

Theme:



Monthly Verse:



**Monthly Overview for Children's Church:** The connection between FORGIVENESS and God's character.

No matter how much we mess up, God will always forgive us. Jesus even chose to forgive those who were crucifying Him. Because God forgives us, we should work hard to forgive others. We can decide that someone who has wronged us doesn't have to pay. With God's help, we can free ourselves from the weight of anger and bitterness, while giving the other person an opportunity to rewrite the story.

**Bottom Line 1:** Everyone needs forgiveness.

**Bottom Line 2:** When you forgive others, it can change them.

**Bottom Line 3:** Forgive others because God forgives you.

**Bottom Line 4:** God will always forgive you.

### SAVE THE DATES

- **EASTER EGG HUNT** – Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 am-11 am for ages pre-k through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. (\*WANTED: Individually wrapped candy. Donations can be placed in the plastic bin in the lower Narthex or dropped off in the church office.)
- **NO TEAM KID/YOUTH GROUP** – April 5<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>
- **LAST TEAM KID/YOUTH GROUP BEFORE SUMMER BREAK** – May 10<sup>th</sup>

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is tentatively scheduled for June 25th–28th, with VBS Sunday on July 2nd. We are again partnering with Grace Church and sharing decorations, reducing the cost for both churches!



We have workdays scheduled to make decorations on: April 22nd, May 13th, and June 3rd (if needed). Everyone is welcome to attend! There will be jobs for all ages! The workdays will be held at Grace Church in their Family Life Center from 10 am—1 pm. Snacks will be provided. Be on the lookout for more details in the near future.

## VBS TRAINING DAYS

Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-7pm & Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am-11am. Ministry partners only need to attend one training session.

## TROOP 219 SPOTLIGHT

The ladies of Troop 219 have been busy. They ran the concession stand at the Pack 209 Pinewood Derby and went to the Winter Camporee where they learned about fire safety. Ms. Rhonda and Ms. Christi have started a female cub scout den in Pack 209 to provide an opportunity for girls to be a part of Scouts BSA starting at age 5. There are currently 3 cub scouts in the new den.



## TROOP 198 UPDATE

Congratulations to Troop 198 Mr. Jacob Sterling who has achieved the highest rank advancement of Eagle Scout. Mr. Sterling has put years of work toward this achievement. Mr. Sterling can now proudly wear the Eagle Scout patch, neckerchief, and metal.

Mr. Jacob Sterling completed all requirements for Eagle rank on January 30, 2023. Over the years, the requirements include earning merit badges, serving in leadership roles, participating in scoutmaster conferences, as well as completing an Eagle Scout service project. For his Eagle Scout service project, while in a leadership role Mr. Sterling stated, "My Eagle Scout project consisted of restoring the entrance area, flagpole, and surrounding area at the Wood County Park's headquarters."

The project's main task was to remove and restore the old flagpole with a new one for the future. This took place this past summer with help of my family, fellow scouts, Jamie Sands, and the parks." Please join Troop 198 in congratulating Mr. Sterling on this achievement.



## OUR STAFF

**Senior Pastor**

Jim Jennings

**Pastor of Family Ministry**

Jodi Packard

**Administrative Assistant**

Betsy Martin

**Treasurer**

Irma Wolf

**Music Director**

Tim Cloeter

**Multi-Media Coordinator**

Dax Rice

**Organist**

Tolanda Kronfield

**Prime Timers Asst.**

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Sharron Waclawski  
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## MISSIONS

- Save the date! Our next bed build will be Saturday, September 9th! Watch for more information in the coming months.
- Adopt-A-Child: We were able to provide tuition for 10 youth to attend junior high school in Kenya.
- Riverside Community Closet: We continue to respond to their needs and they are so thankful for all the donations the church has provided!

## SERVE

### PERRYSBURG CHRISTIANS UNITED (PCU)

During the Lenten season, the PCU Food Pantry promotes an event called "Feed the 5000". This a campaign for each church to collect canned meats (chicken, beef, pork, tuna, chili, beef stew, and Spam). This year the campaign starts on Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, and ends on Good Friday, April 7th. Please place your donations for this event in the 2 wooden boxes on the floor located by the Missions Wall in the Lower Narthex. Thank you for your continued support of this important source of food for people in the Perrysburg community.

### PERRYSBURG FIRST AND PCU

The churches of PCU are asked to contribute specific items to the food bank each month. For the month of March, we are asked to donate crackers. For April, donations of cereal would be appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of PCU!

Donations may be made online at [www.perrysburgfirst.church](http://www.perrysburgfirst.church) under 'Give'.

The submission deadline for the next Chimes newsletter is on/around the 25th of the month.

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### Church Office Hours

**Monday - Friday: 9am - 2pm**

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There is always a chance we could be out of the office, so we encourage you to call ahead before stopping by.