

The Chimes

October 2023

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE — NOT TO BE SERVED

WORSHIP



A WORD FROM PASTOR JIM

"Who do you say I am?"

One day as Jesus was walking along with his disciples, he asked them what people were saying about him. Specifically, he asked, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" (*Son of Man was a term Jesus often used when referring to himself. It comes from Daniel 7:13.*) His disciples answered, "Some say John the Baptist; others Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." People were wrestling to make sense of Jesus and who he really was, he was so different from all the other teachers of his day. And then Jesus asked the question that still echoes today. He asked, "But what about you? *Who do you say I am?*"

Who do you say I am? It is the only question that really matters and each one of us ultimately answers this question with our life. To some, Jesus is the One true Son of God, the Christ/Messiah, the Anointed One, Savior, God come close, the Word made flesh who walked among us. To others, Jesus was just a man. A good, maybe even great moral teacher, but nothing more. Certainly not God in the flesh. Still to others, he was merely a myth. Someone whose story was invented, made up by the gospel writers and the Apostle Paul. A nice idea perhaps, but just a salve, a balm for weak and needy souls. To be sure, there are a lot of thoughts about Jesus floating around.

But what about you? **Who do you say Jesus is?** You too have to decide what you believe about him and what you will do with him. To not answer or to dismiss the question as irrelevant is really not an option Jesus left open to us.

As your pastor let me encourage you, if you have never really answered this question for yourself, please come and talk to me or to Pastor Jodi. We would love to sit down and share that conversation with you. Come with your questions, your doubts and your concerns. Let's have an honest conversation about Jesus!

Grace and peace to you! -Jim

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INFORMATION

OCTOBER PRAYER CALENDAR

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God's Table Matthew 6:26	1 Blessings Psalm 23:6	3 Never Failing Isaiah 59:1	4 God's Mysteries Job 38:4	5 Troubles 2 Corinthians 4:17	6 Love Romans 8:38-39	7 Sing Praise Psalm 98:1
Generosity Luke 6:38	8 Listen 1 Samuel 3:10	10 Comfort Psalm 68:19	11 Care Luke 10:35	12 Never Forgotten Isaiah 49:15-16	13 Empathy Matthew 25:40	14 Rest Psalm 4:8
Trust 2 Samuel 7:18	15 Share Burdens Galatians 6:2	17 Redemption Luke 15:24	18 God Hears Us Malachi 3:16	19 Future Proverbs 3:5-6	20 Security Isaiah 14:13	21 Joy Psalm 30:5
Being Called Mark 8:34	22 Loving Children Matthew 7:9	24 Protection Psalm 71:6	25 Restoration Psalm 23:3	26 Freedom From Fear Isaiah 41:10	27 Responding John 10:27-28	28 Leadership Psalm 143:10
Patience James 5:7	29 Guidance Psalm 32:8	31 Eternal Life 1 John 5:13	  October 			

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Perrysburg First will hold their annual Charge Conference on Sunday, November 5th at 12 pm in the Sanctuary.

SPECIAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Pastor Jim and Pastor Jodi will be attending Special Annual Conference on Saturday, October 28th in Tipp City, Ohio (near Dayton).

INVITATION TO SINGERS!

Paul wrote to the Ephesians: "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord." The Perrysburg First Chancel Choir meets in the Sanctuary for these purposes on **Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm**, and we serve in worship on most Sundays. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact our Music Director, Tim Cloeter at timothycloeter@gmail.com.

CHURCH FAMILY

"THANK YOU!"

Rita Friess would like to thank Pastor Jim and the members of Perrysburg First for their visits, cards, prayers, and well-wishes!

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:

Printy Arthur, 99 years old – August 5, 2023– member for 60 years

EVENTS

FALL FEST

Join us on **Sunday, October 8th** from 4-6 pm in the church parking lot for an evening of free family fun featuring games, animals, a bounce house, corn pit, hot dogs & chips, and more! We hope to see you there!



PRIME TIMERS

The Prime Timers will gather on **Monday, October 16th** at 12 pm in the Multipurpose Room for their October luncheon. This month's theme is "Fall for Jesus... He Never Leaves." Join them as they celebrate fall with some seasonal activities and discuss fall symbolism in the Bible. As always, there will be food, fun, and fellowship with friends!

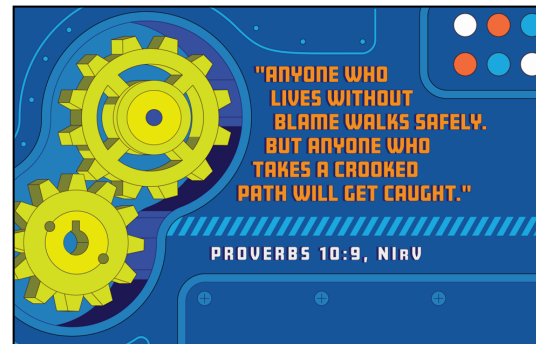
FAMILY MINISTRY

OCTOBER CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Theme



Memory Verse



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

INTEGRITY – Choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do

God is always good. Since the very beginning, God has been faithful and true. If God makes a promise, God keeps that promise. We are created in God's image ... and when we live with integrity, we reflect God's integrity. When Jesus lived on earth, He lived a perfect life and showed integrity in ways we can't because of our sin. Jesus makes it possible for us to live as new creations. Through the Holy Spirit, we are being transformed into people of integrity. Who we are in private should match who we are in public. When we trust in God, we can make the wise choice and be truthful in whatever we say and do.

Bottom Line 1: Be truthful with your whole life

Bottom Line 2: When you're not truthful, you lose trust

Bottom Line 3: Do what's right wherever you are

Bottom Line 4: When you do what's right, others can see God

Bottom Line 5: Focus on what's true

OCTOBER NURSERY/PRESCHOOL THEME:



Preschool Monthly Overview:

Now is the time for our preschoolers to begin learning that God can help me be brave because the need to be brave— God-brave—will only grow throughout their lives.

What is God-brave? God-brave is . . .

. . . the kind of brave that does the right thing even when others don't,
. . . the kind of brave that stands up to seemingly impossible circumstances,
. . . the kind of brave that trusts God during the darkest of times,
. . . the kind of brave that looks to God to help us be strong and courageous,
. . . the kind of brave that makes us SUPER KIDS—not because of what WE can do but because of what GOD can do

Story Focus Week 1: I can be brave because God is powerful

Story Focus Week 2: I can be brave because God is with me

Story Focus Week 3: I can be brave and trust God

Story Focus Week 4: I can be brave and help others

Story Focus Week 5: God can help me do brave things

HALLOWEEN CANDY WANTED!



It's that time again! We are collecting bags of individually wrapped Halloween candy for trick-or-treat at the church. Donations are being collected from October 1st—October 22nd and can be dropped off at the church office or in the box in the Lower Narthex on Sundays.

SAVE THE DATES

- October 8th – Fall Festival
- October 31st – Trick-or-Treat (The Christian Pumpkin Patch)
- December 10th – Christmas Pageant

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY REGISTRATION

Parents/Guardians, if you have not yet done so, please register your child(ren)/youth for the 2023-2024 children and family ministry. This very important step helps us to keep your child(ren) safe and keeps you informed of all that is happening in those ministry areas; cancellations, events, mission opportunities, etc. To register, follow this link: <https://perrysburgfirst.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1868445>.

TEAM KID/YOUTH

You are invited to join us for Team Kid (K-5th grade) or Youth Group (6th-12th grade) on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 pm for a time of faith, free food (dinner is included), fun, and fellowship beginning September 13th.

We believe "Little hands can do big things!" The first Wednesday of the month all Team Kid and Youth complete a monthly mission project.

TEAM KID/YOUTH MEAL SIGN-UP

Every week, we serve a meal for Team Kid/Youth and are looking for individuals or groups that would be willing to provide a meal.

Meals can be anything; sloppy joes, hot dogs, walking tacos, chicken nuggets, spaghetti, mac-n-cheese, mashed potato bowl, etc. The kiddos love GoGurts as a side, chips, veggies and ranch dressing, fruit, etc. If you want to include a dessert, that's great, but it is not necessary. Meals should be ready to serve by 6:20pm; staying to help serve the meal is greatly appreciated! Please provide enough for approximately 20 people to eat. We have plates, napkins, silverware and water to drink. You are welcome to bring something different.

Please contact the church office or Pastor Jodi if you have questions or would like to get signed up, or use the link below:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1q2Aa1Hfr3xqZSgw-F10_gvkNV6Tsl dhZuS9Uxs9iNUk/edit?usp=sharing

WANTED: GIFTS FOR GOD

God has gifted each and everyone of us with gifts and talents, including different skills, that we can use to build the Kingdom of God and glorify Him. We are looking for 6 or more people who would be willing to share their gifts, talents, skills, stories with our Team Kid children and youth. The community of Perrysburg First Church is filled with amazing people who serve God by blessing others with the gifts they've been given. Come share that with us! It's a one-time visit on a Wednesday of your choosing for approximately 30 minutes between 6-7:30 pm. Please contact the church office or Pastor Jodi for more information or to schedule.

OUR STAFF

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MISSIONS

- We had a great day building 40 beds for Let's Build on September 9th! Thank you to all our volunteers: Perrysburg Lions, Corvette Club, VFW, and Scouts. Thank you for all the bedding donations too! We will continue to collect bedding throughout the year.



- Adopt A Child - New Hope School in Kenya is back in session. For just \$150 you can provide a year's worth of tuition for one child. If you would like to donate monthly, a donation of \$25 covers the tuition for two children.
- Riverside School Community Closet needs some replenishing. Items needed are hygiene and cleaning products, belts, and 13-gallon garbage bags. They can also use gently used kids and adult clothing.
- Thank You to Bonnie Smith for sewing clothing for our Riverside Children!
- Thank You to Jenny Cayton for her donation of duduza dolls for Riverside. *Duduza* is a Zulu word for comfort. We have directions for knitted and crocheted dolls if you are interested in making some dolls. We would also welcome donations of yarn.

TROOP 198 UPDATE

FALL COURT OF HONOR

Troop 198 held their Fall Court of Honor on September 8, 2023. The troop recognized 32 scouts achieving 9 rank advancements and earning 89 merit badges. Congratulations to all those in Troop 198 for their continued merit badge earnings and rank advancements! The Troop would like to thank Perryburg First for their continued support of the Troop and the use of the facilities to celebrate the achievements of the scouts.

Donations may be made online at 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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