

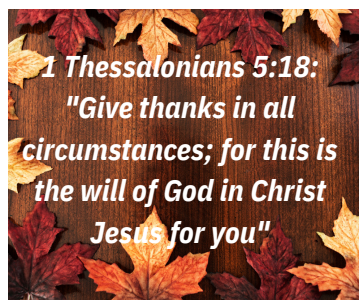
November 2025 Newsletter

The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Perry is a family that finds ways of supporting growth through the connection of worship and the compassionate care of our church members and community.



Attendance Report:

	8:15 AM	10:30 AM	6:00 PM	YouTube
10/5/25	46	71	n/a	13
10/12/25	40	67	22	3
10/19/25	37	83	15	8
10/26/25	44	74	n/a	42
11/2/25	42	80	unkown	6



The church office will be closed November 11th for Veterans Day & November 26th-28th for Thanksgiving.

Giving Report

10/5/2025	General	\$5,359.00
10/5/2025	Restricted-Reconciliation Offering	\$275.00
10/5/2025	Restricted-Insurance	\$2,195.83
10/12/2025	General	\$4,482.00
10/12/2025	Restricted-T-shirts	\$45.00
10/12/2025	General-Funeral Luncheon	\$150.00
10/12/2025	General-Garvie Family Big Room Rental	\$150.00
10/19/2025	General	\$5,116.00
10/19/2025	Restricted-T-shirts	\$30.00
10/19/2025	General-Copier	\$5,858.44
10/19/2025	CWF	\$25.00
10/26/2025	General	\$3,159.02
10/26/2025	Restricted-Holiday Food Baskets	\$200.00
10/26/2025	Restricted-Food Pantry	\$1,000.00
10/31/2025	Subsplash	\$529.85
10/31/2025	ACH	\$800.00
11/2/2025	General	\$4,495.00
11/2/2025	Memorial	\$225.00
11/2/2025	Restricted-Barry Cook Fund	\$100.00
11/2/2025	Restricted-Poinsettias	\$18.00
Total:		\$34,213.14

Josh's Tottings

Faithful Gratitude: Remembering, Rejoicing, and Ready for What Comes Next

November holds a special place in our hearts as it encourages us to pause, reflect, and express our thankfulness. With the arrival of crisp air and the gentle descent of leaves across Perry, we find ourselves in a time of transition—standing between the season of harvest and the anticipation of Advent. This period is sacred, marked by moments of reflection, remembrance, and hopeful looking ahead.

At First Christian Church, this rhythm resonates deeply with our faith journey: we remember God's steadfastness in the past, rejoice in God's presence with us today, and prepare our hearts for the promises yet to unfold.

Honoring Service and Sacrifice

At the start of November, our congregation comes together for the annual Veterans Day Service on November 9. This cherished tradition is a time to honor those who have served and made sacrifices for others. In a fast-paced world, this Sunday serves as a powerful reminder to pause, recognize the courage of the brave, and pray for lasting peace.

The sanctuary fills with people of all ages—veterans sitting beside families—while familiar hymns of hope echo throughout the space. The service is more than an expression of patriotic pride; it embodies faithful gratitude. We give thanks for those who have shouldered the responsibility of protecting others and recall the gospel's call to “lay down one's life for one's friends.” Through this remembrance, we renew our commitment to Christ's example of service, compassion, and reconciliation, especially in a divided world.

Following worship, we gather for a fellowship meal. This simple act of sharing food and conversation strengthens our sense of community. Stories are exchanged, laughter rings out, and gratitude spreads among us. These moments reveal our congregation's character—connected, caring, and devoted to one another.

Gathering in Gratitude

Thanksgiving week presents another opportunity to live out our faith collectively. The upcoming Community Thanksgiving Service will once again unite neighbors and friends from throughout Perry for worship at the Lower Elementary. There is tremendous power in seeing individuals from diverse backgrounds—churches and community members alike—joining to sing, pray, and give thanks together.

Thanksgiving can bring mixed emotions: joy and remembrance, celebration and longing. But, no matter our circumstances, we are reminded that true gratitude is not simply a response to favorable events; it is a way of acknowledging God's presence even in uncertain times. As the Apostle Paul wrote, “Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thess. 5:18) Thanksgiving, then, becomes more than a holiday—it becomes a way of life.

As we gather around our tables, let us also remember those who will be at different tables this year—those who grieve, those serving far from home, or those facing hardship. Our gratitude grows deeper when it inspires us to reach out with generosity and compassion to others.

Preparing the Way

As Thanksgiving gives way to memory, our church calendar points us toward something new. Advent begins on December 1, and soon the sanctuary will be adorned with the symbols of hope, peace, joy, and love. Before the rush of Christmas descends, we are called to prepare—not just our homes, but our hearts as well.

The coming weeks will bring familiar rituals: decorating the sanctuary, lighting the first candle on the Advent wreath, and singing hymns that remind us “Emmanuel” means “God with us.” This year, as we approach Advent, let’s do so with renewed awareness—recognizing the ways God’s presence is already evident in our daily lives.

- In the faces of volunteers at the food pantry.
- In the laughter of children at Disciple Kids.
- In the faithfulness of those gathering each Sunday evening for Grace After Sundown.
- In the quiet prayers of those who knit, cook, serve, and listen.

Advent is not only a season of waiting for Christ’s return; it is also a time to recognize Christ already present, working in and among us.

Looking Forward with Joy

November teaches us that faith and gratitude are inseparable. To be grateful is to remember that all we have and all we are come from God’s generous hand. To be faithful is to respond with generosity, hope, and love—not just during worship, but in the way we live every day.

As the year draws to a close, may the spirit of gratitude infuse every act of service, every song we sing, and every prayer we offer. Let us give thanks for everyone who makes this congregation vibrant—a living testament to Christ’s love in the heart of Perry.

As Advent approaches, may we open our hearts once more to the One who comes not just once a year, but whenever love is born anew among us.

Shalom,

Joshua Bell

You're Invited....

**Come & Go Baby Shower
for Jessica Ward
November 16, 2025,
2:00 PM-4:00 PM
at the First Christian Church
Multi-purpose room.**

**Jessica is registered at
Target & Amazon
(Registry search:
Jessica Ward Moore, OK)
Her nursery colors are blush pink,
gray & white with a moon & stars
theme.**



Christian Church of the Covenant
invites you to join in celebrating Paul Ragle's
retirement from Christian Ministry
Saturday, November 15, 2025, 1:00-3:00 PM.
Christian Church of the Covenant Enid, OK.

Cards may be sent to Paul at:
2801 Haystack Lane,
Enid, OK 73703

November Birthdays

Levi Karcher 11/1
James Ferguson 11/2
Kira Bond 11/3
Lyla Klinglesmith 11/3
Nikki Barrett 11/3
Beth Lowry 11/3
Nancy Wells 11/5
Jim Robison 11/5
Gabrielle Dilbeck 11/6
Pat Sanders 11/6
Harper Schweer 11/7
Renee Hannum 11/7
Sally Frazier 11/9
Lily Greenlee 11/9
Allen Vaughn 11/9
Brian Wheatley 11/11
Missy Groom 11/11
Helen Fuller 11/12
Kyle Klinglesmith 11/13
Deah Sharp 11/14
Brenley Thompson 11/14
Gordon Cargill 11/15
Gabrielle Dilbeck 11/16
Bob Bornt 11/18
Loren Weiher 11/18
Xander Bond 11/18
Lou Geisinger 11/19
Liliana Newton 11/19
Ethan Ferguson 11/20
Matt Groom 11/20
Jase Roberts 11/21
Olivia Ferguson 11/23
Shelley Hawkins 11/23
Nicole Noteware 11/24
Kathy Wilson 11/25
Melanie Cunningham 11/26
Carman Lowe Bell 11/26

November Anniversaries

Allen & Hannah Vaughan 11/2
Diesel & Betty Dillon 11/24

Family Day 2025



Parkhurst
Pumpkin
Patch
Arcadia,
OK.

Pop's
on
Route 66



Ephesians 5:15-17

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Stewardship Minute

Everything we have is given to us by God including time. Each of us is given 24 hours a day — no more, no less. One can only fill time, use time or waste time. We must budget our hours wisely in order to give of our time to fulfill God's plan. Time stewardship is the careful, wise and Godly use of the time God gives us. Where might God be calling you to make different priorities of your time to accomplish His plan? Ask Him where you might serve. In addition to gratitude for God's many blessings, let November be a month of stewardship with an emphasis on how we can better use the time He has given us.



Meet FCC Perry's newest members! Sheri Justus, Robert Rahn, & the Taylor family: Derek, Chelsie & Emily.



WELCOME



Poinsettia sign-up is now available.

Poinsettias are \$18.00 each & due at the time of signup. The deadline to sign-up is November 30th.





IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

THE PERRY FOOD PANTRY
WILL HAVE AN ADDITIONAL
FOOD SHOPPING DAY
OPTION
THIS FRIDAY, NOV 7, 2025
FROM 5PM-7PM
(DELIVERY IS NOT AVAILABLE)

OR
YOU MAY SHOP OUR
DUAL SHOPPING DAY
THURS. NOV 20TH 10A-12P
OR THURS. NOV 20TH 5P-7P
(DELIVERY AVAILABLE NOV 20TH)



Perry Community WINTER COAT DRIVE

DONATE OCT. 17 - NOV. 12



DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- LIFE180 CHURCH
- DITCH WITCH
- PERRY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- EXCHANGE BANK
- FIRST BANK & TRUST



COMMUNITY COAT DISTRIBUTION DATE:

- THURSDAY, NOV. 13
- 5:00-6:00PM
- FB&T EVENT CENTER
- FREE COATS FOR ALL AGES!

All size coats, gloves, hats, scarves & socks accepted. Monetary donations
payable to First Presbyterian Church OR shop the Amazon list.



SUPPORT THE COAT DRIVE & GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH!



FREE Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, November 26th

Perry Lower Elementary Cafeteria
1103 N. 15th

Serving 5:30pm-7:00pm
Dine In or Carry Out

Hosted by the
Perry Ministerial Alliance

Everyone
Welcome!



Thanksgiving Baskets

Accepting donations for the Thanksgiving baskets
that are given to families in need.

Sign-up sheet in the narthex.

- (10) 5 lb bags of potatoes
- (10) packages of fruit cups
- (10) packages of dinner rolls
- (10) boxes of macaroni & cheese
- (10) pies
- (10) turkeys
- (10) tubs of butter
- (20) cans of vegetables

Please have your items to the church by November 24th.



Announcements

Reoccurring Events:

Sunday School : Sundays at 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship Services: 8:15 AM 10:30 AM
Grace After Sundown Sundays 6:00 PM
Caraway Street: 3rd Sunday at 9:30 AM.
Disciples Kids: Wednesday after school
Youth: Sundays at 5:00 PM
Chancel Choir: Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM
(except when Board meetings are scheduled.)
Bell Choir: Wednesdays @ 7:00PM (except
when Board meetings are scheduled.)
Bible Study: Bible Study Tuesdays at 9:00 AM
Disciples Women: 3rd Thursday of the month
6:00 PM
Quilters: Thursdays 1:00 PM
Pickleball: Tuesdays & Fridays at 10:00 AM
Christian Women's Fellowship: Events
scheduled throughout the year.
Christian Men's Fellowship breakfast: 3rd
Saturday of the month 7:00 AM.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Thanksgiving Fellowship Luncheon

Celebrating our Veterans & Showing
Support for the Cook Family.

Sunday, November 9th
after the Veterans Day Service at 10:30
AM.
**We will only have one service that
morning.**

Signup sheet available for sides & desserts
Turkeys, drinks and paper goods will be
supplied by the Fellowship Committee.



CMF Breakfast
November 15, 2025
7:00 AM

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
701 Holly St.
Perry, OK 73077
580-335-4576



Rev. Dr. Joshua Bell, Sr. Minister
Shiloah Kennedy, Administrative Assistant
Emily Androes, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Paula Shryock, Music Director
Nancy Wells, Organist
Karen Douglass, Pianist
Bobby Cunningham, AV tech
Ted Loring, AV Tech
Sharon Worrell, Custodian

Thank you for reading!

November

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Elder's Workshop 3:00 PM Grief Book Club 4:30 PM Youth 5:00 PM Grace After Sundown 6:00 PM	3	4 Bible Study 9:00 AM Pickleball 10:00 AM	5 CWF meeting w/ Pam Lightfoot 10 AM S & D room Disc. Kids 3:30 PM Chancel choir 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM	6 Quilters 1:00 PM	7 Food Pantry 10-12:00 PM -no delivery. Service for Nicole Noteware 10:00 AM	8
9 Veterans Day Service 10:30 AM only. Fellowship lunch following Elders Workshop 3:00 PM Youth 5:00 PM Grace after Sundown 6:00 PM	10 Deacons meeting 5:30 PM Elders meeting 6:00 PM	11 Veterans Day (Church office closed)	12 Disc. Kids 3:30 PM Board meeting 6:00 PM	13 Quilters 1:00 PM	14 Pickleball 10:00 AM	15 CMF 7:00 AM
16 Caraway St. 9:15 AM. Baby shower for Jessica Ward 2:00 PM Youth 5:00 PM Grace after Sundown 6:00 PM	17	18 Voting in the Big Room Bible Study 9:00 AM	19 Disc. Kids 3:30 PM Chancel choir 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM	20 Quilters 1:00 PM Food Pantry for Nov. 10-12 PM & 5-7 PM Disciples Women 6:00 PM	21 Pickleball 10:00 AM	22
23 Hanging of the Greens Service 4:00 PM Youth 5:00 PM Grace after Sundown 6:00 PM	24 Big Room & Multipurpose room reserved	25 Bible Study 9:00 AM Pickleball 10:00 AM	26 Community Thanksgiving at the Lower Elementary 5:30 pm	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
			Big Room Reserved 27th-29th			
			Church office closed for Thanksgiving			
30 Deadline to order Poinsettias Youth 5:00 PM Grace after Sundown 6:00 PM						