

Koinonia *focus*

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Perry, OK
September 3, 2025

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.

Giving Report:

8/10/2025	General	\$4,034.63
8/10/2025	Restricted-Grief Support	\$145.00
8/17/205	General	\$4,305.00
8/24/2025	General	\$3,347.00
8/24/2025	Memorial	\$25.00
8/24/2025	Restricted-Grief Support	\$20.00
8/31/2025	General	\$2,410.00
8/31/2025	Subsplash	\$2,236.88
8/31/2025	ACH	\$800.00
Total		\$17,323.51

Attendance Report:

Date:	8:15 AM	10:30 AM	YouTube
8/10/2025	46	59	17
8/17/2025	36	65	9
8/24/2025	41	79	7
8/31/2025	35	68	16

GRACE AFTER
SUNDOWN

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
600 PM

DISCIPLES
KIDS

Registration
Form



RETURNS SEPTEMBER 17TH!
GRADES K-6TH
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

Josh's Jottings

Giving Voice to the Vision

This fall feels like a season of new beginnings and renewed energy for our church family. At the Voice and Vision Summit, we lifted up the words that will continue to shape our identity: Love First. Give First. Forgive First. These words are not just a statement on a page—they are the path we are walking together as we listen for God's Spirit and live out our calling as a congregation.

One way this vision is already taking shape is in our new Sunday evening service, now officially named Grace After Sundown. The name gives voice to what we are doing: creating a space of worship that is simple, joyful, and open to all, especially those who may not be able to gather on Sunday mornings. Grace After Sundown will be a place where we practice our vision—leading with love, giving generously of our presence, and offering forgiveness and peace in Jesus' name.

Our Sunday sermons in the weeks ahead will continue to highlight themes that echo this vision. We will explore the wisdom of Scripture in fresh ways—asking questions, wrestling with what it means to follow Christ in today's world, and finding encouragement for our daily walk of faith. Each message will point us back to the heart of who we are called to be: a people of love, generosity, and grace.

On September 16th, our congregation has another opportunity to live out this vision in a very visible way. As a community, we will take part in the celebration happening here in Perry. This will not just be an event to attend, but a chance to embody our faith in the midst of our neighbors—to be a presence of joy, kindness, and welcome. Our church will be there, sharing in the celebration

and showing what it looks like when a community truly lives by the words: Love First, Give First, Forgive First.

The months ahead are full of possibility. Let us continue to raise our voices, not just in words but in action, as we become the church God is calling us to be.

A Journey in Sermons

This fall, our sermons will take us on a journey that connects to our vision—Love First, Give First, Forgive First:

We begin by receiving God's wisdom and learning to live faithfully with Potpourri of Wisdom (James 1:17-27).

Then, we learn to stand firm against the challenges of life with How to Whup the Devil (Ephesians 6:10-20).

As we grow, we discover that questions can open doors of faith in Questions That Open Faith (Luke 14:1-6).

Jesus then calls us to bold discipleship in Strong Words (Luke 12:49-56).

Along the way, we are invited to see God's promises through holy places with Sinai and Zion (Hebrews 12:18-24).

Finally, we lift our eyes with hope to a Fresh View of God's generosity (Luke 12:32-40).

Together, this journey reminds us that living by our vision is not a single step but a way of life—a path we walk together, guided by Christ.

Shalom,

Joshua Bell

Christian Women's Fellowship

White tablecloths, topped with green checked runners and fresh flowers, welcomed 32 ladies to the Multi-Purpose room, on August 20th. The CWF Leadership team prepared a delicious lunch of turkey tetrazzini, French bread, spring salad, and cherries in the snow dessert, for those attending. The luncheon was filled with friends and fellowship, and of course conversations.

Mark Your Calendars for the next event:

Next CWF event will be on September 18th, with an evening of BUNCO. If you have never played before, there will be a short "tutorial" at 5:30, with the start time being at 6:00 PM. ALL ladies of our church are invited to attend. The ladies from the Zion Lutheran church have been invited to participate in this fun and fellowship.



CWF PRESENTS



LADIES'

BUNCO NIGHT

Two rounds
of Bunco
will be
played.



SEPT. 18
6:00 PM

FCC Multipurpose
Room
701 Holly St.
Perry, OK

**ALL LADIES
ARE
WELCOME**

PRIZES!
REFRESHMENTS!
DESSERTS!

PLEASE RSVP BY
SEPT. 15TH!

Call the church office @
580-336-4576 or sign up
in the narthex. Guests are
welcome but must be
signed up by Sept. 15th.

Bunco tutorial
@ 5:30 PM for
those new to
the game.



CHOIR NOTES

The choirs are looking forward to another fulfilling year! Our first practice is this Wednesday, Sept. 3: Chancel Choir from 6:00-7:00 pm and Bell Choir from 7:00-8:00 pm. Please contact me if you are interested in singing with the Chancel Choir; we would love to have you join us. The Bell Choir will have some changes this year. Sally Frazier and Kathy Taylor will be retiring after many active years of service ringing the bells. We will certainly miss them. On the bright side, we will have three new bell ringers: April and Kevin Bond and David Sharp. David is temporarily filling in for Ted Loring who warns David -- "Don't get too used to those bells!" :)

The Chancel Choir has been invited to sing at the Cherokee Strip Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 13. We hope you will be able to join the celebration and support our choir.

The Bell Choir will be ringing in church on Oct. 5, World Communion Sunday, with a piece using bells and organ: "Meditation on 'Let Us Break Bread Together'."

Our hope is that our music helps you connect with our Lord for a meaningful worship experience.

Keep a song in your heart!

Paula

Thank you...

Dear Pastor Josh & FCC family,

It was great to see you all again last Sunday (Aug. 3rd)! Thank you for giving us a chance to share & update you on Father's work in us, & through us and around us. We are grateful for your loving support, and care. May Father continue to bless the FCC family as you continue to bless those around you like us!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Casey, Karen, Hanan & Lauren

September Birthdays

Quinton Bell 9/2

Max Carris 9/3

Kylee Klinglesmith 9/3

Sharon Boyd 9/5

Kayley Wilda 9/5

Sean McLain 9/13

Jenna Thompson 9/15

Glenna McKenzie 9/16

Kaelyn Roberts 9/17

Sharon Worrell 9/19

Codi Hodge 9/22

Janice Hansen 9/22

Donna Parrish 9/22

Brett Sandy 9/26

Susan Richardson 9/28

Marilyn Ewy 9/28

Lila Johnson 9/30

September Anniversaries

Willie & Ashley Bode 9/12

Nolan & Jenny Barrientos 9/15



Reoccurring Events:

Sunday School : Sundays at 9:30 AM

Sunday Worship Services: 8:15 AM 10:30 AM

Grace After Sundown Evening Worship: Sundays 6:00 PM

Caraway Street: 3rd Sunday at 9:30 AM.

Disciples Kids: Wednesday after school **starting Sept. 17th!**

Youth: Sundays at 5:00 PM **beginning September 21st.**

Chancel Choir: Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM (except the 2nd Wed. of the month.

Bell Choir: Wednesdays @ 7:00PM (except the 2nd Wed. of the month.)

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.

You are invited to
the Grand opening of
the new location of

PERRY FOOD PANTRY

736 Elm Street

Perry OK.

September 8, 2025

10:00 to 12:00

Opening words, acknowledgement
of special guests, and
Blessing of the new facility
will be done prior to
refreshments and touring
of the facility

Disciples **WOMEN**

FALL SCHEDULE:

SEPTEMBER 18

OCTOBER 16

NOVEMBER 20

DECEMBER 18

@ 6:00 PM

**Rev. Dr. Joshua
Bell**

Senior Minister
(620) 491-3488

Organist

Sharon Worrell

Custodian

Shiloah Kennedy

*Administrative Assis-
tant*

Ted Loring

AV Tech

Emily Androes

*Children's Ministry
Coordinator*

Bobby

Cunningham

AV Tech

Paula Shryock

Director of Music

Nancy Wells



Church Office

701 Holly St.

580-336-4576

Monday-Thursday

8:30 AM-3:00PM

Friday

8:30-12:00

Sunday Services

8:15 AM & 10:30 AM

Sunday School

9:30 AM

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2 Bible Study 9:00 AM Pickleball 10:00 AM	3 Choir 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM	4 Quilters 1:00 PM	5 Pickleball 0:00 AM	6
7 Christian Ed. mtg. 4:00 PM Grief Book Club 4:00 PM Grace after Sun-down 6:00 PM	8	9 Bible Study 9:00 AM Pickleball 10:00 AM	10 Choir 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM	11 Quilters 1:00 PM	12 Pickleball 10 AM Food pantry 10-12:00 PM	13 16th Celebration
14 Grief Book Club 4:00 PM Grace after Sun-down 6:00 PM	15 Deadline to sign up for CWF ladies Bun-co Night. Deacons' mtg 5:30 PM Elders' mtg. 6:00 PM	16 Bible Study 9:00 AM Pickleball 10:00 AM	17 Disciples Kids be-gins! 3:30 PM Board mtg. 6:00 PM	18 Quilters 1:00 PM CWF Bunco Night 5:30 PM.	19 Pickleball 10 AM	20 CMF 7:00 AM Big room reserved for homeschool group 4-8:00 PM
21 Caraway St. 9:30 AM No Grief Book Club Youth 5:00 PM Grace after Sun-down 6:00 PM	22	23 No Bible Study Pickleball 10:00 AM	24 See You At The Pole Disciples Kids 3:30 PM Choir 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM	25 Quilters 1:00 PM Food Pantry 5-7:00 PM	26 Pickleball 10 AM	27
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