

# The Messenger

## Perry United Methodist Church

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## YOUR SOUL SHAPE



What if you could actually see your soul? . . . What if your soul was visible and had a concrete shape to it? . . . Where would the deformed spots be?

Would the shape reveal a reoccurring problem with pride? Or maybe a dent would reveal a problem with lust or greed. Or perhaps a warped place in a particular relationship or situation. Regardless, no matter what it was, the point is. . . it would be a visible flaw.

Apparently, Jesus can see our souls. Over and over again in the scripture, what jumps out at me is that Jesus is absolutely intentional about getting to the man or woman who is sick in their soul. Not to shame them but to free them. Jesus moves from the crowd to an individual in the crowd. There's a story in the gospels of a woman who had a bleeding disorder. Her desire was not to make a scene. She didn't want to draw any attention to herself. So she slipped through the crowd and tried to get close enough to Jesus to just touch his garment. "If I can just touch Jesus and slide away, that will be good enough," she thought to herself. So she does just that. And then what happens? Jesus turns and asks, "Who touched me?"

"Oh no," the woman thinks. "This is not what I wanted." But there are too many people pressing against her. She's trapped. Why does Jesus do this? He's trying to set her free. He wants to set her free from the need to hide. He wants to liberate her by moving close to her.

The good news is. . . Whatever the glitch in our souls, God comes to us individually to free us from the defect that holds us back. And that encounter brings us to a choice point -- a choice point we must all face if healing is really what we desire. Think again of the area where your deformity manifests itself. Realize that God is seeking you out in that place -- not to condemn you, but to free you. Remember, the psalmist says, "He restoreth my soul."

See you in church where we get in shape!

*Rev. Jenny*

May 31  
The Church At Worship  
**9:00 AM and 11:00 AM**  
**Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams**

**6:00 PM**  
**Rev. Billy Kimbrel**

*Special Music*  
Jane Kimbrel, Miriam Marchetti  
piano and organ duet

### Greeters

9:00 a.m.  
Evelyn Cawthon  
Mildred Newberry

11:00  
Kopie O'Neal  
Peggie Williams

### Acolytes

9:00 a.m.  
Mary Margaret Gilbert  
Lydia Prichard

11:00 a.m.  
TBA

### **Prime Time Luncheon**



**Thursday  
June 4  
12:00 Noon  
Fellowship Hall  
\$5/Person**

### **Brett Moore Houston Healthcare "Wellness 101"**

Make your reservations by 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday before the luncheon. If you make a reservation and find that you cannot attend, please call the church office and cancel by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday before the luncheon. If cancellation is not made by the deadline, the payment of \$5 per person is due. For reservations call 987-1852.

*Menu ~ Country Style Steak, mashed Potatoes, Squash O'Brien, Biscuits and Lemon Lush*

**★ DEADLINE for Messenger  
information is Friday before the  
next week's issue.**

# Mission . . . Possible!

## UPDATE ON THE PERRY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Perry Ministerial Association continues to gather monthly to plan the work of the Association and enjoy ecumenical fellowship. The Officers of the Association are: Rev. Jeremy Morton, President (Crosspoint Baptist Church); Rev. Ryan Herrington, Vice President (Perry Crossroads Church of God); Rev. Thad Haygood, Treasurer (Crossroads United Methodist Church); Rev. Roland E. Fall, New Member Secretary (Perry United Methodist Church).

Funds received for the Association are primarily used to offer assistance and hospitality to those traveling through Perry and who need assistance with gas and oil, food, or a night's lodging. This program has assisted many grateful travelers who found themselves in need of help as they were making their way across the country.

Our next community gathering is the Perry PraiseSing on August 30 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for this dynamic musical event!

Interested in helping out with missions, please contact . . . Brian Bowen through the church office or at [blbowen@aol.com](mailto:blbowen@aol.com).

### DATES - DATES - DATES!

**June 7 - 10 - Annual Conference**  
**June 22 - 26 - Vacation Bible School**  
**June 28 - July 3 - Youth Mission Trip - Hendersonville, NC**  
*July 3 - Church Office Closed for Fourth of July*  
**July 11 - 17 - Youth Camp at Indian Springs**  
**July 15 - 19 - Children's Camp - The Mountain, Highlands, NC**  
**July 19 - Youth Led Service**  
**August 30 - Perry PraiseSing**



### UNWILLINGLY ABSENT

If you are unwillingly absent, or if you have a loved one who is unwillingly absent, you are invited to receive the Lord's Supper on Communion Sundays at home. To make plans to do so, please call Rev. Roland Fall at the church office (987-1852) and he will make all of the arrangements.

### PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

**Sgt. Bert Branson**, brother of Lyle Massey  
**Captain Henry Donaldson**, brother of Juliana Horsting  
**Capt. Matt McNeal**, nephew of Susan Pierce  
**Capt. Elmo Cooper Wright, III, Lt. William R. Wright**, grandsons of Elmo and Elaine Wright  
**Lt. Barrett Perdue, PFC John Lane Sirmon**, grandsons of Rene Fendley Sirmon and John Sirmon  
**Lt. Phillip Ferris**, son of Mark and Gloria Ferris



## Music Notes

### JOY Choir

The JOY Choir will sing *God of Our Fathers* in worship on Sunday, from their recent patriotic musical presentation *Faith of Our Fathers*.

On Monday, June 8, the JOY Choir will travel by charter bus to the Columbus Civic Center where they will sing two anthems and lead the hymns for the Commissioning and Retirement worship service. Gene Salyer will play clarinet and alto saxophone for the Prelude and Postlude. This group certainly models "life during retirement!" The JOY Choir will represent our Perry United Methodist Church very well.

As we participate in this service, we will surely hold the memory of Mr. Richard Johnson near in our hearts. During his final days, Mr. Richard's primary desire was to be well enough to sing for Annual Conference, even ranking over a fishing trip! We will sing with heartfelt "JOY" as we remember our dear and dedicated choir member, Mr. Richard Johnson.

Blessings,

Jane



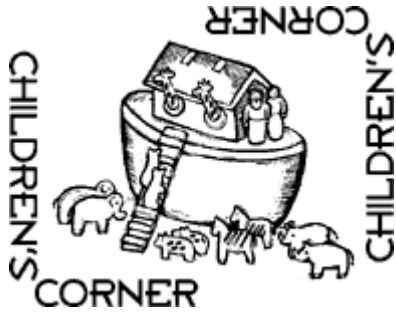
### **2009 PEACE CONFERENCE** "Building Partnerships for Peace"

**September 20-22 - Lake Junaluska**

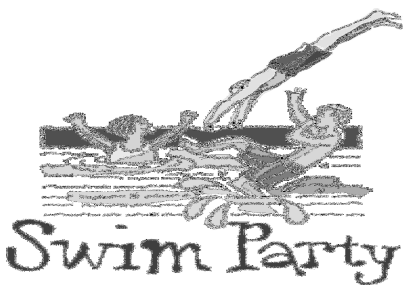
#### Registration Information

\$89 (\$79 before August 1)  
\$65/Students

Register online and learn more at  
[www.lakejunaluska.com/peace.aspx](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/peace.aspx)  
or call 800-222-4930



**PICNIC End of Year Pool Party**  
 Sunday Afternoon, May 31st  
 5:30-7 pm  
 At the Cottages at Lakeview Road  
 Clubhouse Pool, Lakeview Road  
 off of Hwy 41 N, WR  
 (Edgewood Development)  
 Sub Sandwiches, Watermelon  
 Cake, Final Lunch Drawing!



Summer is almost here and the kids are excited! Our intern, Jennifer Andrews, is here and working hard to help prepare a summer full of fun for the PUMC kids! The final clue for Children's Camp is coming out this week and Vacation Bible School is less than a month away!

Please be in prayer for our team of summer workers, our kids out of school, and the things God has in store for all of us to learn this summer!

**Training Meeting**  
 All youth planning to help with children's activities for the 2009-2010 year must attend a Training Session on June 2, 2009 at 7pm in the back porch. This training session will also include the Safe Sanctuaries training required by the Conference. Any parents interested in attending this training are invited to join us in the Back Porch at 7:30 pm.

**Summer Kick-Off**  
 June 7th  
 4-6 PM  
 Back Porch, PUMC  
 AGES 4 yrs old-5th grade  
 Nursery available for children under the age of 4.  
 Dinner will be served!



**VBS**  
 Crocodile Dock  
 June 22-26  
 9 am-12 N  
 Ages 4yrs old-5th grade  
 (3 year olds welcome if a parent volunteers to help.)  
 \*Register today in the church office or online at [www.perryumc.org](http://www.perryumc.org)!

# Youth News

**God's Blog**  
**James 4:17** - *So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him is sin.* Most of us know what God's word is calling us to do, but often times we fail to do it or we choose not to do what is right. Here we find that by failing to do what is right, it's a sin.

**Mission Trip Meeting**  
 The mission trip is just around the corner! We need to get together and have a quick meeting to make sure we are set and ready to go. All of those who are going on the mission trip, please make plans to attend a meeting on Sunday afternoon May 31 from 4:00 - 5:00. This will be a meeting for the youth and parents. Be sure to bring your insurance card and final payment. If you are unsure on how much, if anything, you owe, please call me at the office.

**Brant's New Contact Info**  
 Cell Phone: 478-235-1679  
 Email: [wbpickard@gmail.com](mailto:wbpickard@gmail.com)

**Summer MYF**  
 Summer MYF starts this Sunday! Come as we dive into a summer series on the Parables of Jesus. Don't forget to bring a sack lunch from your favorite restaurant to eat from 5:00 - 5:30. Worship will start at 5:30 and will be over by 7:00.

**Youth CAMP 2009**  
 Did you know that we are less than two months away from Youth CAMP!? Go ahead and send in your registration information ASAP! Remember, the sooner you get your information in, the better we can plan for camp! Registration forms are in the church office and Youth Center.

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## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, May 31

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
5:00 p.m. - UMYF  
5:30 p.m. - PICNIC Pool Party  
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship

### Monday, June 1

4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room

### Tuesday, June 2

11:00 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal  
2:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting - Conference Room  
7:00 p.m. - Tour Guide Training Meeting/Youth Helpers - Back Porch

### Wednesday, June 3

6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, June 4

12:00 p.m. - Prime Time Luncheon - Fellowship Hall - See front page  
7:00 p.m. - Invitation to Psalms Bible Study - Conference Room

### Friday, June 5

9:30 a.m. - Invitation to Psalms Bible Study - Conference Room

Attendance Report 2009	May 24
Morning Worship	350
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.	170 and 180
Sunday School	221
Evening Worship	52

Finance Report 2009	May 24
Budget Needed Weekly	21,518.31
Budget Receipts	11,900.96
Needed Year to Date	451,884.51
Disbursements to Date	447,367.48
Received Year to Date	442,899.85
<b>Other Contributions</b>	
Memorial/Pipe Organ	170.00

## A REPORT FROM BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Beginning in June, we will begin trimming back the shrubs around the PUMC grounds.

It is important that the shrubs be cut back drastically so please bear with us. The shrubs will grow back fuller, greener and healthier in a very short time.



To Millie Smith and family in the death of her brother, Chuck Shugart.

**CenterStage for Christ will begin practice for its next play in May. Watch The Messenger for more information about this upcoming play!**



Allen Tabor - Coliseum Rehab

**JUNE THRU AUGUST  
No UMW "Circle" Meetings**

### UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

Mark these dates on your 2009 calendar!  
PUMC Fellowship Hall - 6:30 p.m.

Monday Monthly Meetings

**June 15**

**July 20**

**August 17**

**September 21**

**October 19**

Saturday, August 1 ~ Special meeting for UMM Project  
More info later

### Church Staff and Our Methodist Connection

Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams	Senior Pastor
Rev. Roland Fall	Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
Rev. Billy Kimbrel	Associate Pastor for Evangelism
Dr. Billy Key	Pastor Emeritus
Brant Pickard	Youth Pastor
Krissy Pope	Children's Pastor & Dir. Of Christian Ed.
Jane Kimbrel	Minister of Music
Miriam Marchetti	Music Associate/Pianist

John Williams, Building Supt.  
Leslie Mercer, Financial Secretary  
Ginger Vance, Admin. Assistant  
Grace Daniel, Organist  
Deborah Walker, Pianist  
Alice Releford, Custodian  
Dicky Gilbert, Audiovisual Technician

*Nursery Workers*  
Christie Rooks  
Linda Hall  
Amanda Suttmueller

Bishop James R. King, Jr.  
Rev. Ronnie Wills

Resident Bishop  
District Superintendent