

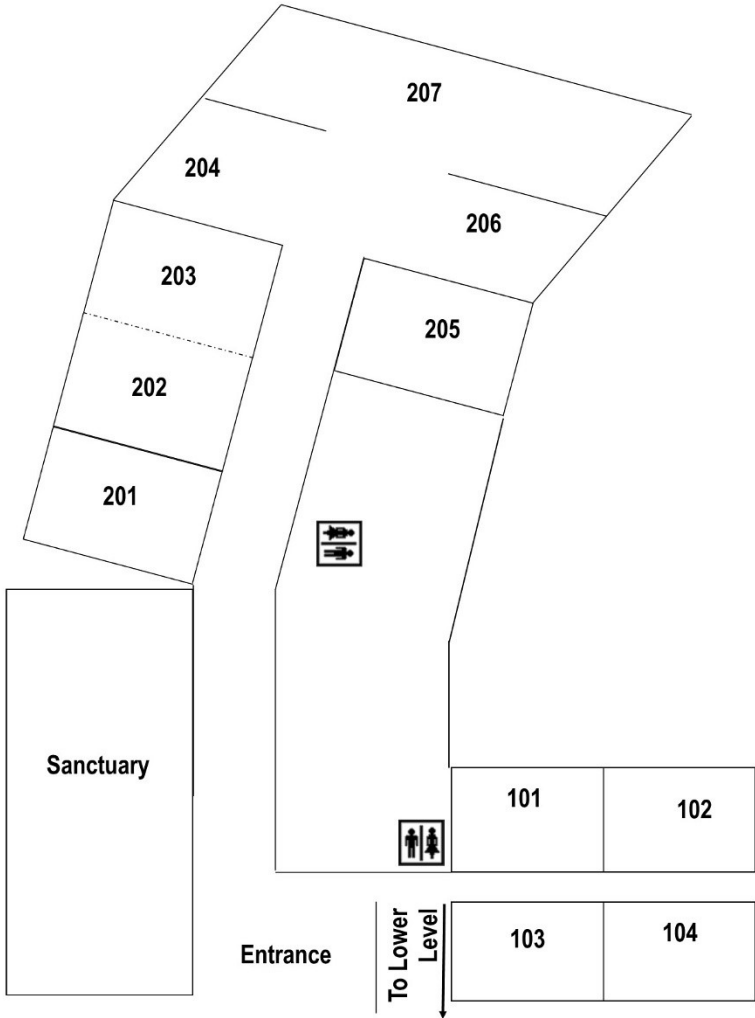
# Winter 2018



PERRY CHURCH of the NAZARENE

# Building Map

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# We are Perry Nazarene

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*“Go and make disciples.” - Jesus*

At its core, the church is the community of disciples of Jesus. A disciple is a follower of Jesus — a person who desires to learn from and be changed by Jesus Christ. Here, at Perry Church of the Nazarene, we are simply a community of people who desire to have Jesus at our center to lead, inspire and empower us to live as He did.

We become a disciple the moment we accept Christ as our Savior. From then on, we embark on a journey of constant learning, growing and changing into the image of Christ. This journey requires us to make Jesus the center of our lives by attending to our personal spiritual growth and by participating in the community of disciples. Both are critical to our growth as a disciple.

Through Celebration, Connection and Care we journey together in our pursuit of Christlikeness.

- Celebration: the joining together in worship as we praise and honor our resurrected Lord who triumphed over sin and death.
- Connection: the coming together in fellowship and study to grow deeply together into the image of Christ.
- Care: the way we serve Christ, each other and the world.

We believe these three steps of the journey are all integrated and vital to the life of a disciple and our community. If we don't engage in all three, we miss out on the abundant life Jesus promised us. We believe God has uniquely created each of us and gifted us to play an important role both in the life of the church and in reaching our world with the love of Christ. We need you that we might be who God has called us to be.

This catalog is meant to provide you with information about opportunities to engage in Celebration, Connection and Care. Take time to prayerfully consider these as you seek to take your next step in the journey.

# Celebrate with Us

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## **Sunday Worship**

*Sundays (Weekly)*

*9:30am or 10:45am*

Worship is the foundation of our lives as disciples. Sunday is the Lord's day. It is resurrection day, the celebration of the risen Lord. Each Sunday, we give praise and honor to the one who defeated sin, death and evil. His victory is our victory and so we lift our voices in praise and honor to him.

We believe in the value of intergenerational worship and welcome families to worship together. However, we also realize that children grow spiritually when they can be in a worship service geared to them so we offer children's worship on Sunday mornings for children up to 6th grade. Below is a schedule for our children on Sunday mornings.

### **9:30am Children's Opportunities**

Praise Station (1st-6th grade)

KidBit Worship (18mo—Kindergarten)

Nursery (infants—18mo)

### **10:45am Children's Opportunities**

Sunday School (18mo-6th grade)

Nursery (infants—18mo)

## **Wednesday Evening Meal**

*Wednesdays (Weekly)*

*6:00pm*

*Heritage Hall*

We start our mid-week services with a family style meal at 6:00pm. Our cooks prepare a hot and delicious meal where we gather around the table week after week and share time with one another. Community forms as people catch up each week, sharing about their families, their work, their joys and their struggles before heading off to Bible study. Cost is \$4 a person or \$12 for a family of three or more.

## **Real Life Student Ministries Youth Group**

*Wednesdays (Weekly)*

*6:30pm*

*Lower Level*

Every Wednesday night at 6:30 in the lower level, students in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade come together for youth group. We join with our youth group family for fun and fellowship as we worship and learn together how to be open and honest with each other, seeking to become fearless disciples of Christ.

# Connect with Each Other

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**Two adult Sunday School classes are offered every Sunday morning throughout the year. Each class session stands alone and participants are encouraged to join at any time.**

## **LOGOS Class**

*Sundays (Weekly) 9:30am*

*Room 207*

The Logos class topic for this winter is Isaiah's Messianic Hope. All are welcome. A student handbook is provided so that readings and preparation may be done during the week. Class discussion is vital so that we may learn from each other what the Holy Spirit has revealed through our individual study.

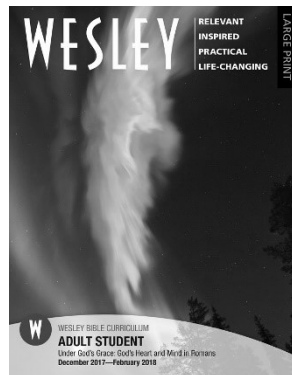


## **MissioLife**

*Sundays (Weekly) 10:45am*

*Room 207*

MissioLife is a class focused on missional living—leading followers through the path of spiritual formation, from Scripture to a way of life. This winter, we are studying the letters the Apostle Paul wrote to various churches including Colossians, Ephesians, Galatians, Philippians. Our class includes people who like to talk in discussion and people who prefer to be quiet and soak in the discussion around them. Our fellowship includes people new in their Christian walk and those who've been walking with Jesus ever since they can remember. Wherever you find yourself, there's a place for you to come, learn scripture and apply it to your life.



# Connect with Each Other

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## GROWTH GROUPS

Whether this is your first Sunday or you've grown up in church, we all have questions about God and faith. We don't want you to leave with those questions unanswered. Our growth groups, described below, are a series of short-term consecutive classes that will help you set the foundation of your faith.

### **Promises Kept—The Whole Story of the Bible (Starting January 7, 2018)**

*Sundays (Weekly) 9:30am Room 202/203*

This 12-session class will introduce you to the promises God made in the Bible and how He kept those promises. We'll cover some basic questions about the creation of the Bible; God's overarching story line in the Bible; and narrow in on some specific events and people in the Bible. This will be a rapid tour from creation to the promises of the future. The class is led by Jerry and Cindy Bawks and is open to everyone including those who have never picked up a Bible before and those who have read the Bible from cover to cover.

### **Spirit Filled Life (Starting April 2018)**

*Sundays (Weekly) 9:30am Room 206*

Living in the power of the Spirit is the key to finding the abundant and victorious life that Jesus offers. This class is led by Kyle and Sarah Bawks and will help you learn who the Holy Spirit is and how to live in the power of the Spirit.

### **Christianity 101 (Fall 2018)**

*Sundays (Weekly) 9:30am Room 206*

This eight-session examination will help students feel confident in knowing the basics of the Christian faith. We'll examine who God is, who Jesus is, where the Bible came from, the purpose of the Holy Spirit, the role of the church and many others. This class is led by Jay and Debbie Hanks.

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## **GriefShare (starting January 3)**

*Wednesdays (Weekly) 6:30-8:30pm Room 202/203*

Have you lost a family member or close friend either recently or in the past and feel you need to talk about them and how the loss is affecting your daily life? GriefShare may be the place for you. It is a 14-week faith based program utilizing a three-pronged approach to healing from loss. Each week there is a DVD featuring specialists in grief counseling. There is a weekly workbook component and also time to share in a support group setting. The weeks are separated into three thematic categories: comfort, answers, hope. While it's ideal for group members to attend all 14 sessions, each weekly session is designed to be "open", meaning a person can begin attending at any time.



Members will find comfort, answers, and hope in every session. Topics include:

- Is This Normal?
- Challenges of Grief
- The Journey of Grief – Part 1
- The Journey of Grief – Part 2
- Grief and Your Relationships
- Why?
- Guilt and Anger
- Complicating Factors
- Stuck
- Lessons of Grief – Part 1
- Lessons of Grief – Part 2
- Heaven
- What Do I Live For Now?

## **Cancer Support Group**

*Second Monday of Month 7:00pm Heritage Hall*

Caring cancer survivors meet monthly to listen and discuss the challenges of living with cancer. Whether facing a cancer diagnosis yourself or caring for someone with cancer, everyone is welcome.

## **PrimeTime Meetings**

*Tuesdays (Monthly) 12:00pm Heritage Hall*

PrimeTime ministry is for adults, age 50 and better, who enjoy fellowship in the Lord. We meet monthly (generally on last Tuesday of the month) for a potluck and a time of fellowship. Often we have special guest speakers and musicians. Everyone is welcome. Watch the bulletin for details.

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## Men's Bible Study (starting January 3)

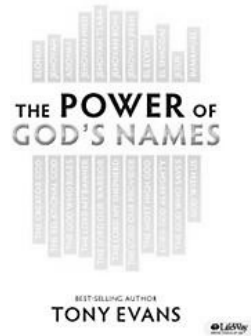
Wednesdays (Weekly)

7:00pm

Sanctuary

### The Power of God's Names

The study examines 11 names of God. The words translated as name show up over one thousand times in Scripture and routinely carry with them power, responsibility, purpose, and authority. A name not only expresses the essence and significance of what is being named but also—when duly authorized—accesses the capacity intrinsic within it. Because of God's depth of character, He has a variety of names to reflect His different capacities of relating to humanity. For example, God is called Elohim when referenced as the all-powerful Creator. When you need provision, get to know the name Jehovah Jireh, which means God, the Provider. God has a name for any and every situation you can find yourself in. Get to know the names of God because it is in knowing His character and His capacity that you will rest and discover both peace and power in His covenant care.



### Men's Breakfasts

Each month, men's ministries meets for breakfast on a Saturday morning at 8am in Heritage Hall. We encourage all men to join us for good food, great fellowship and relevant teaching. Dates for breakfast this winter are:

Saturday, Feb 17 at 8am

Saturday, Mar 17 at 8am

Saturday, Apr 21 at 8am

Saturday, May 19 at 8am

### Save the Date:

Our annual men's retreat will take place on January 12-14 at Indian Lake Nazarene Campgrounds in Vicksburg, Michigan.



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## **Women's Bible Study (starting January 3)**

*Wednesdays (Weekly)*

*7:00pm*

*Room 207*

### **Reclaiming Eve: the Identity and Calling of Women in the Kingdom of God**

"For many of us, it is Eve's sin that defines her. Truly when the church focuses the entire problem of sin and the destruction of relationships on women, we have a problem." As a woman, do you sometimes feel inferior, resigned to a self-image that seems second-best? Do you feel strong in your faith but wonder, how does God see me? Do you look around and realize you don't fit into a typical mold? Every daughter of Eve faces an identity crisis at some time in her life. And many of us wonder where we fit in on a regular basis. This study sets out to discover what scripture says about every woman's identity. It will help women, no matter their stage in life, find freedom to become all they can be in God's kingdom.



## **Women's Small Group (starting January 15)**

*Mondays (Weekly)*

*2:00-3:30pm*

*Room 202/203*

The Monday afternoon Women's Bible study began in the fall and continues to meet weekly to study the Word of God and develop sacred friendships. This is a study for all women and anyone is invited to join our next session. Come taste and see what the Lord is developing in his daughters.

### **Save the Date:**

- Bi-annual women's retreat will take place on February 2-4th at Michindoh Conference Center in Hillsdale, Michigan.
- Instructor Guided Painting Event on Friday, March 16th.



## **Youth Group**

Every Wednesday night at 6:30pm in the lower level, students in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade come together for youth group. We join with our youth group family for fun and fellowship as we worship and learn together how to be open and honest with each other, seeking to become fearless disciples of Christ.

## **Sunday School**

*Sundays (Weekly) 10:45am Lower Level*

Weekly Bible study for students in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Come discuss and learn how we apply God's word to our lives in practical ways. This fall, we'll prepare for our Christmas program in December with a devotional, program practice and prayer time.

### ***January Events:***

26-27: District Celebrate Life (Teens display and develop the gifts God has given them in a wide array of areas. Cost: \$60, includes food and lodging.

### ***February Events:***

11: Winter Jam (\$10)

### ***March Events:***

23-24: Spring Retreat (A live-in retreat hosted at our church. An ONU band will lead us in worship! Cost: 35)

### ***April Events:***

13-14: 30 Hour Famine

### ***May Events:***

10-12: Regional Celebrate Life

30: Graduation Celebration

### ***June Events:***

18-22: Senior High Camp

25-29: Junior High Camp



*Our mission is for every child within the Perry, Morrice and Shaftsbury area to hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ before they reach the age of 12.*



Praise Station, our children's worship for kids in 1st –6th grade, meets Sundays at 9:30am in the lower level . We share the Word of God with praise, worship and fun.

Each month we explore a different virtue and explore the character of God, learning how to apply God's Word to our lives. At 10:45am, kids in 1st-6th grade meet in age level classrooms for Sunday School with age appropriate lessons and activities.

### **Children's Quizzing**

*Wednesdays (Weekly) 6:30-8:00pm Room 204*

Children's Bible Quizzing is a fun Bible study with scheduled competitions for children in grades 2nd—6th grade. This year, children will study Matthew where kids will learn what it means to live for Jesus and "Go and make disciples."

### **Children's Caravan**

*Wednesdays (Weekly) 7:00pm Room 206*

Caravan is a character building program for children kindergarten through 6th grade. Kids earn badges in the categories of mental, physical, spiritual and social development. These are then woven into the fabric of what it means to be a follower of Christ through their new practical skills and knowledge. Nursery care is available for kids four years old and under.



The 'kidbits' are our precious little ones from nursery to kindergarten. The nursery is available during all service times for infants to 18

months. Kids from 18 months to kindergarten meet each Sunday in age level classrooms. They explore God's word with fun, age appropriate lessons and activities.

# Care for Others

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As Christ came to serve, we are sent to serve. We are the hands and feet of Christ, serving and going where he calls us to go. Each of us have been gifted for the sake of the body. As we grow with Christ, we learn how God has gifted us and can use those gifts to serve the body.

The church office works with individuals to determine how their gifts and passions intersect with the needs of the body. We also offer careful screening and training to equip volunteers for success. The following are some of the volunteer job titles available in various areas of service in the church. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities or other opportunities to serve, please contact the church office.

## **TEACHING**

- Substitute Teacher (adult, teen, children)
- Youth Leader
- Children's Volunteer
- Children's Caravan Skill Coach
- Teen Quizzing Coach
- Teen and Children's Christmas Program Leader

## **ADMINISTRATION**

- Transportation Coordinator (coordinate drivers and passenger pick-ups on Sundays and Wednesdays)
- Event Coordinator and sponsor (adult, teen or children activities)
- Event Photographer (photograph adult, teen or children's events and activities)
- Communications Aide (develop or assist with promotion and communication of adult, teen or children's events)

## **HOSPITALITY**

- Greeter (Sundays, Wednesdays and events)
- Usher (Worship services)
- Host Home (adult, teen, children's events)

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## **SERVICE / HELP**

- Bus or Van Driver (Sundays, Wednesdays and events)
- Kitchen Help (cooks and clean-up crew)
- Snow Shoveling (church and parsonages)
- Snow Plowing (using church snow plow truck)
- General Church Maintenance (in and out of building)
- General Landscape Maintenance (weeding, trash pick-up)
- Counters for Sunday offering

## **CARE**

- Prayer Team
- Encourager (Encourage, visit or pray for people in the church who are struggling)
- Meal Ministry (Prepare and deliver a meal to families after hospital stays, funerals and other needs)
- Home Maintenance Support (Advise and assist those in need with home maintenance projects)
- Student Scholarship Helper (Help a teen fund church activities)

## **MISSIONS**

- Communications Liaison to Missionaries
- Liaison for our sponsored child
- School Pal-Pak Coordinator
- Missions Reading Book Coordinator
- Compassionate Ministries Project helper (Assist at food bank, shelters, and other local agencies who provide community support)

Contact the church office if you are interested in serving in any of these areas or would like to learn more about these opportunities.

# Winter Events

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## January

- 3 Grief Share Begins  
Men's Bible Study Begins  
Women's Bible Study Begins
- 7 Promises Kept Bible Study begins
- 8 Cancer Support Group
- 12-13 Men's Retreat
- 20 Children's Quiz Meet
- 26-27 Teen Celebrate Life
- 30 PrimeTime Luncheon

## February

- 2-4 Women's Retreat
- 9-10 Upward Flag Football Evaluations
- 12 Cancer Support Group
- 14 Ash Wednesday
- 17 Men's Breakfast
- 24 Children's Quiz Meet
- 25 Guest Speaker: Joe Knight, Nazarene Pastor and founder of 4Ethne Ministries, a non-profit ministry that equips Christians to share the Hope of Jesus Christ with some of the least reached cultural groups.  
  
Luncheon: Reading Our Global Neighbors
- 27 PrimeTime Luncheon

# Winter Events

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## **March**

- 10 Children's Quiz
- 12 Cancer Support Group
- 16 Women's Painting Event
- 17 Men's Breakfast
- 21 Christ in the Passover Service
- 23-25 Teen Spring Retreat
- 27 PrimeTime Luncheon
- 30 Good Friday
- 31 Flag Football Games Begin

## **April**

- 1 Easter
- 9 Cancer Support Group
- 13-14 Teen 30 Hour Famine
- 21 Men's Breakfast
- 24 PrimeTime Luncheon

## **May**

- 10-12 Teens Regional Celebrate Life
- 14 Cancer Support Group
- 19 Men's Breakfast
- 23 Upward Awards Ceremony
- 30 Graduation Celebration

