

PERRY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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fall 2011

# Connect for Life

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The book of Acts describes the early church and the spread of Christianity over a period of 30 years. In Acts 2:42-47 we read about early Christians devoting themselves to Christ and one another through simple everyday acts of sharing life—fellowship, sharing meals, prayer, teaching, meeting together. The Lord blessed their devotion by adding to their numbers daily. They became a community identified by their salvation in Jesus Christ, the belief in His resurrection power, and their unity to one another.

While the landscape has changed over the last two thousand years, the early church remains the model for us as the body of Christ. Do we see that devotion and life sharing activity among ourselves? Do we make room for the Holy Spirit to flow through us and connect us with everything in common?

It's a question worth reflection for both Perry Nazarene and each of us who make up Perry Nazarene. In a world of overloaded schedules, technological hyper-connectivity, and increasing demands on our time and family, the temptation is great to settle on one or two hours of worship on Sunday mornings. Yet, is an hour enough? Can we share much of our lives with the people that sit behind us in the pew? Do we have time to rejoice with our neighbors or share their burdens? Can the body function as we are called when we limit our time together?

This fall, we encourage you to make space for the Spirit to unite you with those you worship alongside at Perry Nazarene. We have several small groups available for spiritual growth and Christian education; so whether, you're looking for a men's or women's ministry, financial support, or bible study, all of them will create opportunities to connect. Pray for the Lord's direction and see where he leads you and the community of Perry Nazarene.

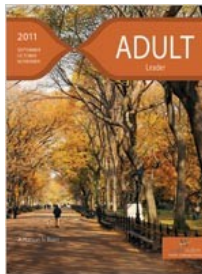
# Sunday School Classes

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## LOGOS Class

*Sundays (Weekly) 10:00am Perry Nazarene*

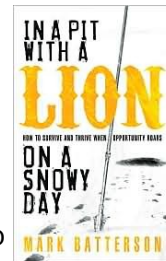
The LOGOS class focuses on the discussion, study and application of God's word. This fall's bible study looks at the birth of the nation of Israel. After the death of Joseph, the descendents of Israel remained in Egypt for nearly 400 years. Their freedoms were taken away. They were oppressed and forced into slavery. Plans were enacted for their genocide. Yet even in the midst of unprecedented suffering, God was watching over them. He would deliver them from bondage and lead them into the land of promise. He would make them the people of God.



## Mountain Movers in Training

*Sundays (Weekly) 10:00am Perry Nazarene*

Mountain Movers in Training is studying the book, *In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day*. Your greatest regret at the end of your life will be the lions you didn't chase. You will look back longingly on risks not taken, opportunities not seized, and dreams not pursued. Stop running away from what scares you most and start chasing the God-ordained opportunities that cross your path. This book is inspired by one of the most obscure yet courageous acts recorded in Scripture, a blessed and audacious act that left no regrets: "Benaiah chased a lion down into a pit. Then, despite the snow and slippery ground, he caught the lion and killed it" (2 Samuel 23:20 -21).



## Crossroads

*Sundays (Weekly) 10:00am Perry Nazarene*

This class is for anyone out of high school and under age 30. Bible study and discussions focus on weaving faith in Jesus Christ into the inevitable decisions—the crossroads—encountered in life.

# Life Groups

## re:creation

*(Begins the week of Sept 25)*

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, we are able to reconnect with God to realize our full potential as the people He intended us to be. We are empowered to become new creations and experience our true selves; however, we have to be active participants in that process. Many people are not living in the freedom and power Jesus has provided; they are held back by past experiences and worldly expectations. This fall, life groups explore and discuss the Sunday sermons and the instruction and tools they provide for fully experiencing life as a New Creation.



### **Sunday Meeting Times:**

Bi-Weekly at 1pm	Perry Area	Jane Quigley (303-1302)
Weekly at 3pm	Perry Area	Peggy Montpas (625-6446)
Weekly at 4:30pm	Perry Area	Greg & Deb Peisert (625-5246)
Weekly at 5pm	Church	Pastor Lonny & Reese (625-3400)
Weekly at 6pm	Church	Pastor Tim & Sandy (625-3400)
Weekly at 6pm	Perry Area	Paul & Stacy Smith (625-9419)

### **Wednesday Meeting Times:**

Weekly at 2pm	Church	John & Sherry Newman (230-6880)
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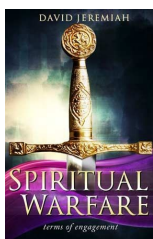
### **Friday Meeting Times:**

Weekly at 8pm	Perry Area	Linda Tavella (625-4250)
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## **Spiritual Warfare (starting Sep 25)**

Sundays (Weekly) 3:30pm Fowlerville

Ed & Dale Reese (223-7833)



Whether we realize it or not, we are at war. We must arm ourselves for victory in Christ. *Spiritual Warfare—Terms of Engagement* presents Dr. David Jeremiah's verse-by-verse study of the believer's spiritual armor as found in Ephesians 6. The study focuses on the importance of each piece of armor, prayer, and of understanding Satan's tactics.

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## **Wild Goose Chase (starting Sep 18)**

*Sundays (Bi-weekly) 3:00pm Perry Area*  
*John & Darlene Harris (675-7442)*

This study of the book *Wild Goose Chase* will bring us to a better understanding of living by the Spirit. Celtic Christians had a name for the Holy Spirit—*An Geadh-Glas*, or ‘the Wild Goose.’ The name hints at mystery. Much like a wild goose, the Spirit of God cannot be tracked or tamed. An element of danger, an air of unpredictability surround Him. There isn’t a better description of what it’s like to follow the Spirit through life. Most of us will have no idea where we are going most of the time. That is unsettling. But circumstantial uncertainty also goes by another name: *Adventure*. If you chase the Wild Goose, He will take you places you never could have imagined going by paths you never knew existed.



## **GriefShare (starting Sep 14)**

*Wednesday (Weekly) 6:30pm Perry Nazarene*

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences. You don’t have to go through the grieving process alone. This is a Christ-centered, biblically based grief resolution group using a short DVD presented by experts in grief, group sharing and a workbook. Each session is self contained and people are welcome to join at any time. Even if your grief is not fresh you will find encouragement and help whenever you begin. There is a \$15 fee for the workbooks. (Scholarships are available.)

## **Financial Peace University (starting Sep 14)**

*Wednesday (Weekly) 6:30pm Perry Nazarene*

Financial Peace University is a life-changing program that teaches you to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. More than one million families have attended FPU with amazing results. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever. Families may visit one class for free. Thereafter the course fee is \$100 per family. Scholarships are available.

# Men's and Women's

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## Men's Fraternity (starting Sep 28)

Wednesday (Weekly) 6:00am Perry Nazarene

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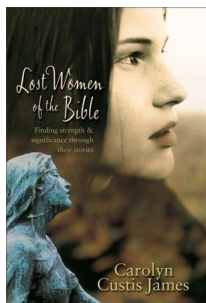
Men's Fraternity is a time for men to come together and strengthen each other through weekly teaching sessions that combine biblical teaching with small group interaction. This year's study is "Winning at Work and Home." It focuses on the two areas that are central to a man's life: career and family. It explores how a man can enjoy and engage his work and how he can relate to a woman in a whole new way. Men's Fraternity begins with a kickoff on September 24<sup>th</sup> and then meets weekly on Wednesdays either at 6 AM or at 6:30 PM at the church, beginning September 28<sup>th</sup>.



## Lost Women of the Bible (starting Sep 14)

Wednesday (Weekly) 7:00pm Perry Nazarene

You know the women of the Bible, but you don't know them like this... It's easy for Christian women—young and old—to get lost between the opportunities and demands of the present and the biblical teachings of the past. They live in a confusing world, caught in the crossfire between church and culture. Although home and family still remain central, more women than ever, by choice or by necessity, are blending home, career, and ministry. They need strong biblical role models to help them meet these challenges. Building on solid scholarship and a determination to wrestle honestly with perplexing questions, author Carolyn Custis James sheds new light on ancient stories that brings the women of the Bible into the twenty-first century. This fresh look at the women in the Bible unearths surprising new insights and a powerful message that will leave readers feeling challenged, encouraged, and deeply valued. Rediscover and be inspired by: Eve, Sarah, Hagar, Tamar, Hannah, Esther, Mary, and others.



# Children and Teens

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## **Children's Quizzing (starting Sep 14)**

*Wednesday (Weekly) 6:30pm Perry Nazarene*

Children in grades 2nd–6th grade meet weekly for bible quizzing. This year, children will study the book of Matthew. Children will learn memory verses, great stories, engage in fun activities and so much more.

## **Children's Caravan (starting Sep 14)**

*Wednesday (Weekly) 7:00pm Perry Nazarene*

Caravans is a weekly Christian scouting program for children ages kindergarten through 6th grade. Kindergarten children learn about the world in which they live and learn the foundation of Christian living. Children in 1st-6th grade learn about the world they live in and earn badges in areas such as gardening, travel, cooking, safety, sports and fitness, prayer, bible study, church history, archery, map reading and many more.

## **Shaken Youth Ministries (all year round)**

*Wednesday (Weekly) 7:00pm Perry Nazarene*

Mid-week youth gathering for students in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Refuel during a busy school week with conversation and fun that helps deal with life in the real world.

*Sunday (Weekly) 10:00am Perry Nazarene*

Weekly bible study for students in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We discuss and apply God's word to our life.

### **Monthly Activities:**

#### **September**

10 Team Day: Team Building with high and low ropes

30 5th Quarter Party

#### **October:**

15 To Save a Life Movie

28-29 Michigan District Lock In

#### **November:**

5 Harvest Party

24 Annual After Thanksgiving Football Game

#### **December**

30 New Years' Eve Eve Party

# Registration Form

Complete this registration form and return it to the church office. If you have any questions about the groups, contact the church office or one of our Pastors.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I would like to participate in the following group(s) :

\_\_\_\_ I would like more information about the following group(s):

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| <input type="radio"/> <b>LOGOS Class</b><br>(Sun . 10am . Perry Nazarene)                 | <input type="radio"/> <b>Spiritual Warfare</b><br>(Sun. 3:30pm . Reese)                   |
| <input type="radio"/> <b>Mountain Movers in Training</b><br>(Sun . 10am . Perry Nazarene) | <input type="radio"/> <b>Wild Goose Chase</b><br>(Sun. 3pm . Harris)                      |
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| <input type="radio"/> <b>re:creation</b><br>(Wed. 2pm . Newman)                           | <input type="radio"/> <b>Shaken Youth Ministries</b><br>(Wed . 7pm . Perry Nazarene)      |
| <input type="radio"/> <b>re:creation</b><br>(Fri. 8pm . Tavella)                          |   |

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