

‘Call this person an angel, or just an awesome dude’

2007 was a devastating year for many in Oswego.

One of those severely injured in the February car crash was Oswego Presbyterian Church’s Josh Dillon. As if this wasn’t enough for the church, another young man died tragically later in the year. Many at OPC and in the community were deeply saddened by these acts. They gathered around in time of prayer and had one-on-one conversation with a very special person at OPC, Sam Perkins.

Sam dealt with these tragedies in an unimaginable way, and tried to relieve the pain of others who were willing to listen to him. Sam is a loving husband and now father and has a special relationship with God. His knowing of when to be sincere and when to be funny allows him to get through to people the word of our Lord.

Most of the congregation sees this at service on Sunday mornings, but it goes even deeper. As the Youth Director at OPC, and among other things, he leads High School Youth Group from 7-9 o’clock on Sunday nights, which I attend. As I walk out of that building at 9:15 I feel closer to God than I ever imagined. It’s something that you cannot get out of a service or any Sunday School class. This is truly God working through a trustworthy, respectful, honest, and honorable person. So whether you want to call this person an angel, or just an awesome dude, Sam Perkins is truly an amazing person.

—Nathan Kyes, Oswego



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Sam Perkins digs into his work, be it as part of the youth group’s fall kickoff event in September, in his job as youth director at Oswego Presbyterian Church, or in roles as a husband and father.