



PITMAN ROAD

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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You're Invited

to a musical production of



TODAY!!! at 4:00 pm

Performance will be followed
by a finger food reception.

Please invite your family, friends, neighbors,
and coworkers!

Printed invitations are available at
the Information Center.



Please Join Us For

TRUNK OR TREAT!

This Coming Wednesday, October 28th
6:15—7:00 PM
Rain or Shine!

A safe, traffic free environment for your
children to Trick or Treat!

Please accompany your children through
the parking lot while they Trick or Treat.

Refreshments for all will be
provided inside our building.

Following Trunk or Treat:
Fun activities in our
Family Life Center!

Please invite family, friends, neighbors, and
coworkers!

Invitation flyers are available at the Information
Center.

Important Information!

There will be a Wednesday Night Meal at 5:15 for
our members and their guests.

At 5:45, children should get into costume.

Adults, this is for you too! Please dress in costume,
bring candy, decorate your trunks, and be ready to
go by 6:00 PM!

Contact Aaron and Jenn Pearl
for more information.

Our Vision

A place where God's love is experienced, known, and shared by all.

From Daniel's Den

How Much Did You Give the Pizza Delivery Guy Last Sunday?

That is a question that was asked of me several times, and many others probably wondered but did not ask. Are you curious to know the total amount given in gift cards and cash? I certainly am!

Well, we don't know and we probably never will! We did not keep track. We did not ask him to call and tell us the amount. The amount each of us gave during this "Extravagant Generosity" blitz is private, between God and us. We had a wonderful opportunity to practice what Jesus taught in His Sermon on the Mount. He said, "But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you" (Matt. 6:3-4).

God saw what you gave in secret! And while I'm certain that you did not give just so that you would be rewarded, don't be surprised when you experience a reward. Watch for His reward. God keeps His word! When you experience God's reward, praise Him. Worship Him! Adore Him for being a God who is faithful! Tell others about His faithfulness.

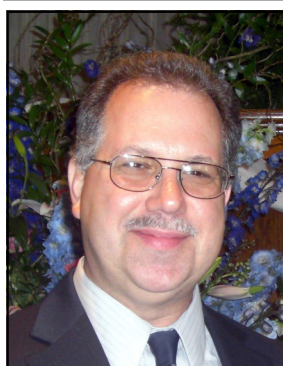
And how do you think Dane reacted to our extravagant generosity? You saw his face! Shock! For the rest of his life he will talk about the day he visited our church to deliver an \$11 pizza. He will tell others he received the biggest tip of his life from our church! I'll bet that one day Dane tells his kids, "I want to tell you the time that I delivered a pizza to this church on Pitman Road, and..." Last Sunday we communicated "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ," to a man who will carry that memory with him forever. My hope and prayer is that the grace of Jesus deeply touches his life, and motivates him to faithful living.

He Who Sows Bountifully will also Reap Bountifully, Dan



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Tony DeStefano
Deacon of Body Life
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A Servant Speaks

Body Life and Fellowship

In The Beginning..., our beginning, I was content to go about my business on Sunday morning without thinking much beyond mowing the lawn. When Stephanie told me that she was going to attend church in Sewell, 14 miles away, I was dumbfounded. Why? With Whom? Though we had been married in the Catholic Church about five years before, we had not attended Mass much since. What was the attraction to attend this church?

I stayed home each week and waved goodbye as she got into a stranger's car, waiting for this new phase to pass, but it didn't. Eventually, I agreed to go with her one Sunday, to make sure that she wasn't getting involved with some crazy cult. What I encountered was a group of Christians who were great singers, knowledgeable Bible teachers, and talkative pew mates. Most amazing was that each one was genuinely thrilled to see me there.

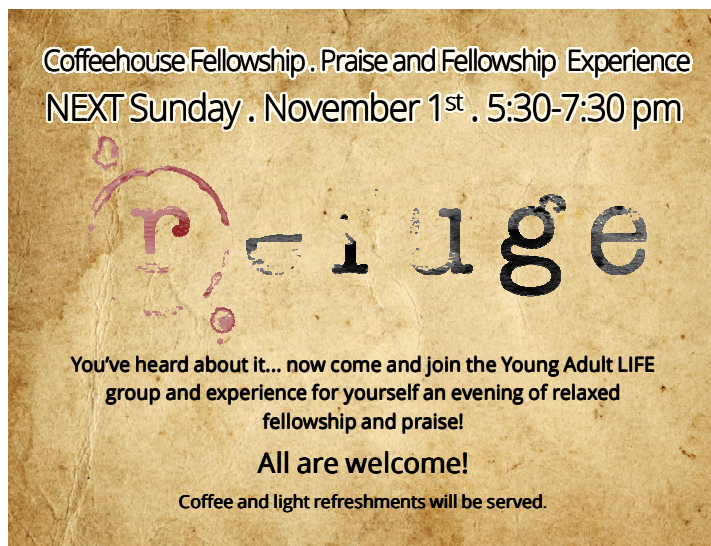
Is this still the image we project to someone who walks in the door for the first time?

It didn't stop there. Dwight and MaryLea (the strangers in the car), Dan, and many others held weekly Bible studies in our home with a growing group of young couples. Always included in these gatherings were fellowship and food. We attended pot luck dinners, picnics, and lunches after church. Before long, we had forged real relationships with a number of members. So when I was shown where the Bible said that I needed to be "born again" for the forgiveness of my sins, I didn't run away, as I would have if a stranger had pointed out the same words to me.

This is the essence of our area of ministry. Only by spending time together in activities beyond the formal worship setting do we build deep relationships and trust. It has been 30 years for us. Our group remains close. We have enjoyed celebrations and endured trials together. We are family.

So take a bus trip. Attend a fellowship meal. Invite someone to lunch. Share your stories. Build bonds that will last a lifetime and beyond.

Tony Destefano - Deacon over Body Life & Fellowship



FAMILY PROMISE "CITIES OF HOPE CAMPAIGN". We raised \$1,103.60. Thank you to those who donated and attended the meal. We could not do it without you. Also, thanks to those teens who slept outside in the cold in the cardboard box to raise money and awareness.

Tim & Melody Davis

Pack the Pulpit!



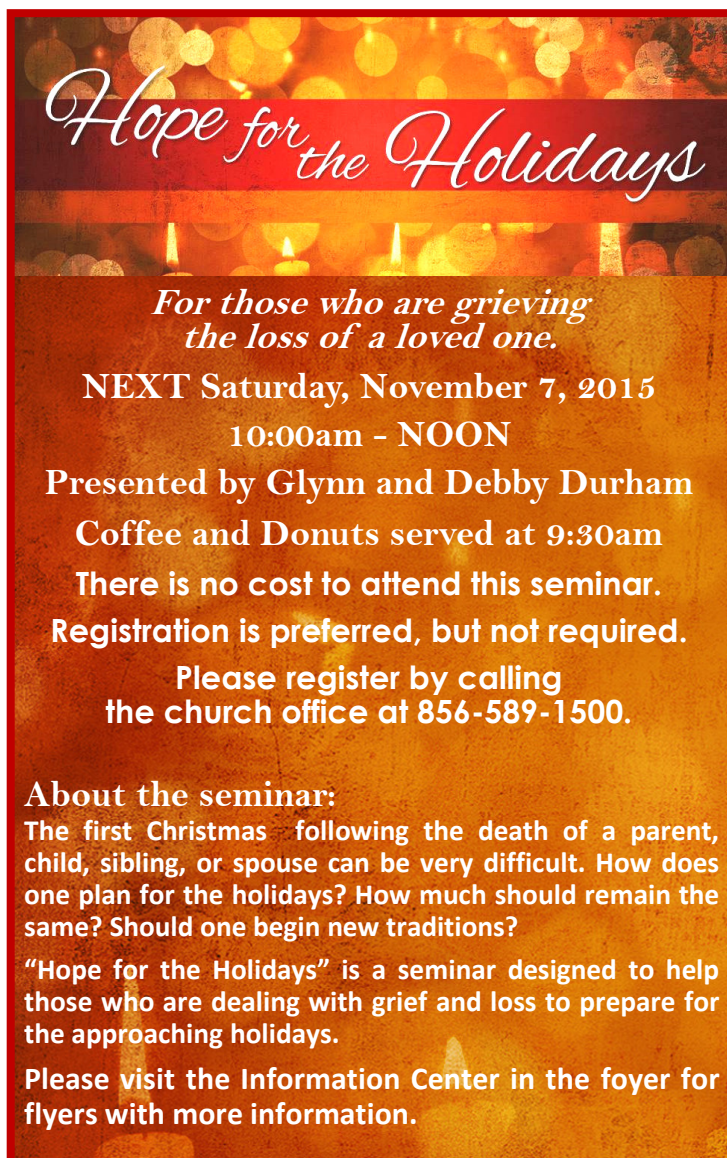
Beginning next Sunday, the shopping list/bags for the "Pack the Pulpit Sunday", will be available in the foyer, coming up, November 22nd.

If you are not familiar with this annual event, this is the day that we collect food for Thanksgiving dinner baskets that we give to families in need. It's an opportunity to get children involved in giving as well. If you like you can take your children shopping with you to purchase the items on the list. On "Pack the Pulpit" Sunday, we ask our members to leave their bagged groceries in a designated place in the foyer and at the appropriate time the children of the church literally pack the pulpit with the groceries. After the worship service, the teens get to work sorting the food and packing between 30 and 40 baskets.

If you, or someone you know, is in need of food assistance for Thanksgiving dinner, please let Dottie know.

If you would like to donate a turkey or pie for the baskets, please let Dottie know that as well. We will need 50 turkeys and pies.

Pick up your paper bags in the foyer, next Sunday.



Camp Manatawny...Thank You!

This end of the season report just in.

Camp Manatawny impacted the lives of 584 campers for Christ in 2015! Through Bible classes, devotionals, singing, prayers and relationships, children came to know Jesus on a deeper level. We hope you are planning to return and bring your friends. We can't wait for the summer of 2016!

We are so thankful for our Directors who work so hard to organize and run our Summer Sessions: Shawn and Cindy Cutts, John Mark and Kristen Niehls, Mark Wilson and Dave Garrett, Aaron Pearl and Tim Davis, Jeff Werkheiser, Andy and Christine Hower, Matt Ahearn, and Manny Vander Vennen and Eric Williamson. After 10+ years of directing Jeff, Chris and Andy will pass the directorship for the Intermediate week to Jonathan Woodall, the preacher at Gracepoint Church of Christ in Elizabethtown, PA. We welcome Jonathan and thank Jeff, Chris and Andy for your decade of service.

This year over 480 volunteers served at Camp.

Most gave up a week of their time to serve as activity leaders, Bible teachers, canteen workers, cooks, counselors, horse-wranglers, dishwashers, lifeguards, maintenance people, and photographers. We also appreciate all the off-season volunteers who donated time and effort throughout the year to maintain camp. Special thanks go to the Harry Ake family, who have provided horses for Camp for the past two years, and to our Climbing wall staff, Ed Gawlas, Mark Niehls, Eric Williamson, Josh Dove, Brian Freund and Anna Chandler for their work safely operating our climbing wall. Thank you to each person who served!

Noel Beale, who has served on the Camp board for over 45 years, will be stepping down in November. Noel and his wife Jinny were involved in many areas during their service to camp. Including fundraising for Camp's infrastructure namely the "Sink or Swim Fund" for the pool and for the push to install the Multipurpose Building. As his career path involved food service Noel spent many years overseeing the food service at camp and preparing the meals for the Booster Dinners. Most recently he has served on the Finance committee where he helped to reduce our mortgage, increase our rental market and craft our budget. **Thank you Noel and Ginny!**

Another couple we could not do without is Val and Doug Gemmel. Val has been managing our canteen for the past few years with the help of her husband and family. Val has done a fabulous job overseeing the canteen and making sure each week is well stocked with snacks and drinks. We are also thankful for her willingness to step in this summer and help out in the kitchen during food deliveries. **Thank you Val and Doug Gemmel!**

Thank you also to Thea Winter and Kim Swenson who help keep our nurses up-to-date and our First Aid Station organized and stocked with supplies. **Thank you to the many nurses who served** while weathering the renovation of the First Aid Station this summer. The renovation is now complete with tile floors, updated bathrooms and drywall. We are currently renovating "Sleepy Hollow"

cabin with updated doors, windows, wiring, drywall, insulation, HVAC and a rear deck. Much of this work was done by the Sojourners who serve every year. This year they also painted and repaired swings, doors, and chairs.

Thank you Sojourners!

We also want to thank our Employees and their Families. Tracy Santee, who has stepped down as General Manager, but will continue to serve as our Rental Facilitator, has secured \$80,000 in new rental business. He has made an impact with his work on Camp's website and registration software. He has tremendously helped the board over the past year as GM. Ken Chandler, our Facilities Manager, has completed many projects including repairing burst pipes from last winter. He also lead the efforts to update the new Boy's Staff Cabin, First Aid Station and Sleepy Hollow. Laura McIntosh, our Administrative Assistant, has kept summer sessions' campers, parents and directors happy through communication with each group. Laura also works with rentals and helps to ensure the daily mail is delivered to the campers. Macy Santee, our Bookkeeper, has dutifully managed our finances and billing. We also appreciate their families, we know and value their volunteered time this past year working at camp. Thank you Employees and their families!

Lastly, we want to thank the parents and friends of Camp for your support! We are truly blessed to have a wonderful group of people who care about Camp. Most campers hear about Camp from church or through a friend or relative. Please help us get the word out about the life-changing experience of Camp Manatawny. Thank you for sending your children, for your prayers, and for your financial support! Camp Manatawny is Impacting Lives for Christ because of you!

Editor's Note: Did you know that in addition to furnishing "sponsorships" for Campers during this year's camping session, our church donated \$2,000 to assist with this life changing ministry. Dan

15th Annual Orphan Sunday is coming up next month! November 8th!

One Sunday each fall we sponsor a special collection to address the needs of orphans around the world. We already help to support Timothy Hill Children's Ranch, a home for neglected and troubled boys and girls each month, but this is something extra that we do. 100% of all designated contributions on Nov. 8th go to support orphans around the world.

Yes, every single dollar will be used to sponsor orphans. Not one nickel, not even one penny of what you donate will be used to cover overhead or administrative expenses.

Your donation will provide food, shelter, clothes as well as education for the precious children.

Check out the special insert for more information and specific details. Read Jesse's story!



We have reserved Regal Cross Keys Stadium 12 Theater in Turnersville on Sunday, Nov. 8th, seating 125 folks to view the powerful movie, War Room. The movie is very well done and is a vivid reminder of the power of prayer. Katherine and I watched it several weeks ago, and we were powerfully impacted by it. We will go see it again.

We need to arrive at the Regal

Theater in Cross Keys between 2:00 and 2:15.

Tickets are \$7 each, if you are able to cover the cost of your own ticket.

If you invite guests, they are free. You can cover the cost of their tickets, or the church will.

This movie ties in beautifully with the sermon series that Dan and Carlos are delivering during the month of November...

"The Problem With Prayer"

Be certain to sign up if you plan to attend. Sign up sheet is at the information center.



It's that time of year again to bless a less fortunate child! The cardboard shoe boxes and other materials you'll need to begin packing your boxes are on the table in the foyer. Let's get packing!!

If you would rather donate money towards items to be put inside

a box or help with the \$7.00 shipping fee that would also be very helpful to this cause. Tina Broyles

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Cookie Holmes-Rowe** as her brother **Calvin Holmes** passed away early on October 21st. He had lung cancer and passed after 3 treatments. Cookie has lost two other brothers in a short period of time. She was very close to her brother. No details at this time.

Our sympathy is also extended to **Ed Stetser** as his **Uncle Barney** passed away on Sunday October 18. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Oct. 24.



Aubrey and Luke are celebrating the arrival of their new baby boy, Xavier. His big brother Zachary is excited too, as are the entire Kellum and Greenleaf families. There are lots of aunts and uncles, cousins, grandparents and great grand parents looking forward to meeting this new addition to the family.

Xavier Luke Greenleaf - Born 10/21/2015 at 9:25pm - 7lbs, 6oz - 20" long

This Week's Prayer Requests

Prayers Requested:

April Sykes had a fall and hit her head and has a concussion.

Yvette Kenner is being treated for very painful back issues. She was at the doctor last Thursday, and has another appointment this week. Please pray for relief of the pain and for the doctors to diagnose and treat Yvette's on-going pain.

Lynne Sbaraglia recovering from an auto accident. Praise God that she did not sustain any life threatening injuries.

Carolyn Dargan requesting prayers for **Elijah Sr. and Elijah Jr.** for multiple and serious health concerns.

Alana Peterson, will have her last chemo treatment on Monday, November 2.

Millie Moore will be having surgery on October to remove the plates that supported her wrist.

Gladys Isaziga, Carlos' mom, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will have a lumpectomy, followed by radiation and chemo. Her cancer has been caught very early.

Prayers for the **Tim Davis family** and for **Tim's parents** as they move to NJ.

Trudy Michael, a woman who is supported by our food pantry, has been diagnosed with stage 4 uterine cancer.

Charles Busch, as of this writing is still in the ICU.

Nancy Calabro, numerous health concerns.

Laura Ann Lindsey, Dave Lindsey's mother, hospice care.

Military:

Andrew Holden at West Point.

Doug Peterson III, deployed with Air Force

Expecting:

Erin and Tommy McGrath, October. It's a boy!

Tim and Paige Holmes, January

Tyler and Katherine Steffy, January

Engaged:

Sean Fenton & Rebekah Lucien, April 16, 2016

RUN Ministries (Reaching Unreached Nations) is purchasing over-sized blankets at \$12 per blanket for Christian, Yazidi, and other minorities in northern Iraq. The winter is coming and these people are in desperate need of staying warm at night. RUN's goal is 160,000 blankets. The numbers and the suffering is staggering. Over 20,000 Iraqis are in or near refugee camps in northern Iraq and have very specific and urgent needs. These refugees fall into three high-risk groups: the sick, the elderly and infants. Anything that you donate during the first three Sundays of November will be forwarded to help provide blankets, food, water and medical care as God's children and adults enter the Winter season.

Make Checks payable to Pitman Road Church of Christ and add RUN to the Memo section of your check, or simply make your check directly to RUN.

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Tony DeStefanoBody Life & Fellowship

Matt Downing..... Worship

Glynn Durham LIFE Groups

Darren Fields.....Greeters Ministry

Brian Holden Special Activities; Body Life

Garth Hutchinson Local Evangelism

Larry Kellum, Jr. Caring & Sharing

Brian Mansdoerfer .Building Maintenance; Jr. Worship

Chuck OlleyTeens

Aaron PearlYouth

John Peoples.....New Member Involvement

Steve Pierre-Jacques

..... Audio Visual; Information Technology; Website

Jay Schneider Serving Our Seniors

Carl Steiner World Evangelism

Manny Vander Vennen

..... Church Directory, Kids for Christ

Sunday Schedule

9:00 AM Bible Classes

10:00 AM Worship

Wednesday Night Schedule

7:00-7:45 PM Bible Classes

7:45 PM Fellowship

Last Week

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| Bible Class | 144 |
| Worship | 256 |
| LIFE Groups | 122 |
| Wednesday | 72 |
| Contribution | \$8,309.00 |
| Fiscal YTD Goal | \$168,960.00 |
| Contribution YTD | \$160,272.00 |
| Under Budget | (\$8,688.00) |

Serving Us Today

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| Nursery | Linda Prenger |
| Kids For Christ | Robin Steward |
| Jr. Worship | Brian Mansdoerfer |
| Hall Monitor: Bible Class | Volunteer Needed |
| Hall Monitor: Worship | Volunteer Needed |
| Greeters: Front Entrance | George & Cookie Rowe |
| Greeters: Back Entrance | Larry Peterson & Mike Lazar |
| Ushers | Mike Lazar & Anthony Phillip |
| Information Center | Jerri Manfre |
| Shepherd's Call | Mike Broyles |
| Song Leader | Matt Downing |
| Communion | George Kenner |

L.I.F.E. Group Locations Today

| Group | Location | Contact |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Brook Besor | Durhams, Thursday at 7PM | 856-589-2280 |
| Circle of Sisters | Prenger's, Tuesday at 7PM | 856-689-7932 |
| Convenience Group | Church Building at Noon | 856-589-1500 |
| Hammonton Group | Children's Musical at 4PM | |
| Men's Bible Study | Church Bldg. Monday at 7PM | 856-217-3956 |
| Paracletes | Children's Musical at 4PM | |
| Silver Linings | Children's Musical at 4PM | 856-881-2039 |
| Solid Gold | Children's Musical at 4PM | 856-223-1699 |
| Teens | Children's Musical at 4PM | 856-589-1500 |
| Vineland | Children's Musical at 4PM | 856-839-0051 |
| Women in the Word | Church Bldg., Tues.at 9:45AM | 856-589-1500 |
| Young Adults | Children's Musical at 4PM | 850-814-6632 |

Elder on Call:

September/October: Dwight Thompson



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