

# PITMAN ROAD

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 29, 2015

Volume 31, Issue 48

500 Pitman Road  
Sewell, NJ 08080  
856-589-1500

[www.pitmanroadcoc.com](http://www.pitmanroadcoc.com)



## TODAY! Soup and Sandwich Fellowship Meal



Join us today for our  
Fifth Sunday Soup and Sandwich Fellowship Meal  
in the Family Life Center  
immediately after our worship service.

Our members are asked to bring soup or sandwiches to share.

Please use this time as an opportunity to spend some time with  
**Tom and Melva Toy** before they depart on their RV adventure! Tom  
and Melva will be moving into their RV full time and hitting the open  
road for the foreseeable future. We may not see them for a while, so  
give them a hug and wish them happy travels.

*The Toys have requested that there be no speeches, and no gifts,  
so please respect their wishes.*

### How do you say goodbye to a family that has been pivotal members of our church for 40 years?

They have served in numerous roles here. They've raised their children here. They have been our teachers! They have been our counselors! They have been our confidants! They have served as a deacon and wife! They have served as an elder and wife! They have given, given and given. They have welcomed new people. They have looked out for and taken under their wings those who were discouraged, overwhelmed and distraught. They have helped to make things happen. They have been hospitable, hosting meals that ranged from picnics in their back yard to formal sit down dinners. They are the "rubber meets the road" kind of people that every church must have if they are to exist!

*Thank you. From the bottom of our hearts, we say "Thank you."*

## Our Vision

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

# From Daniel's Den

## Amazing Grace...How Sweet the Sound...

You know the story of how that song came to be, right? If you don't, you need to! Please take a few minutes to "Google" the name John Newton, or in some way search out the background information on the story of this classic Christian hymn. John Newton was born in 1725. He was not the kind of young man you'd want to be your son's best friend. Before becoming a Christian he was a rebel, atheist, blasphemer, fornicator and slave trader. But...

In his book, *The Jesus I Never Knew*, Philip Yancey related the true story that started like this... "A prostitute came to me in wretched straits, unable to buy food for her two-year-old daughter." Through sobs and tears, she told me all the graphic details. As the sordid story unfolded, specific after sickeningly specific detail, the minister who reached out to down-and-out Chicago prostitute struggled to offer help. Eventually he "asked her if she had ever thought of going to a church for help." He said he'd never forget the look of pure and naïve shock on her face. "Church!" she cried. "Why would I ever go there? I was already feeling terrible about myself. They'd just make me feel worse!"

What strikes me about that story is that when Jesus walked the earth, the prostitutes and sinners fled toward Jesus, not away from him. The worse a person felt about himself/herself, the more likely they saw Jesus as a refuge. Has the church lost that gift?

During our series of sermons this coming month, we are going to be sharing in a study on what Yancey calls "the last best word." You will be challenged. You will be humbled. You will be fearful! You will have the widest range of human emotions...from rage and embarrassment to relief and pure joy! Don't miss this exciting series! Get me to the church on time!

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me, **Dan**



**Dan Cooper**  
aka  
**"Dan, Dan,  
the Preacherman"**

"Church!" she cried.  
"Why would I ever go there? I was already feeling terrible about myself. They'd just make me feel worse!"



**Merle (Glynn) Durham**  
Visitation Minister

"Little things," – maybe it's a text or a snail mail note to say "I love you," or "I'm thinking of you."

## A Few Moments with Merle

### LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT

When Debby and I married, I inherited a dog. She is the Thies family beloved Chloe. Chloe is smart enough to know when it's Monday, the day I am supposed to be off. She also knows that's the day for her car ride. On my day off I take her for a 20 minute car ride. That makes her so happy! She is all smiles. Little things mean a lot.

Pat Schuler came to worship last Sunday and freely acknowledged she has been feeling "bummed out" and a little depressed. During the worship hour Bud Britton led a prayer, in which he, among other things, thanked God for Pat Schuler and for her positive attitude and spirit, even in the midst of her health challenges. Bud's prayer made a huge difference to Pat. She was most encouraged and tremendously blessed. Little things mean a lot.

"Little things," – maybe it is a text or a snail mail note to say "I love you," or "I'm thinking of you." Maybe it is a brief phone call to say the same. Maybe it is a 15 minute visit with someone you love and respect, or even a total stranger. Maybe it is a \$10 pizza dropped off to a friend who is sick. Little things mean a lot.

**-Merle (Glynn)**

# So Many Opportunities to Serve.....

## The Sacrifice

We are typically more giving during this time of year. Why is that? Is it because of the holidays and presents? Is it because of days off? I have come to the conclusion that it is from none of these. I would suggest that it is because of the sacrifice of **TIME**. No, not the time it takes to bake turkey. No, not the time it takes to eat turkey. No, not even time it takes to drive said turkey over the rivers and through the woods to grandma's house. I'm talking about the time that we are forced to **SLOW DOWN**, reflect on our **BLESSINGS**, examine our **PRIORITIES** and actually sit and LISTEN to what's in someone's heart. Sometimes it's just sitting in silence with someone hurting. Rich or poor, everyone has a story. I would propose it is because at this time of the year, we return to our roots. We spend the holidays with loved ones and are reminded of who we are, who we belong to and where we are going. We are greeted by those who love us during this time. We are reminded of important things - things that matter. It's often during this time that I am driven to my knees in prayers of thanksgiving, humility and moments of silence. For it is during this time, that I am brought down a few notches by those who love me. I get too big for my britches during the year and I am blind to that. It takes a loved one to remind me of who I am and who I am not. It's not about me. It's about God. It's about serving Him. It's about doing the right thing - even when we don't want to.

We have an opportunity to do that right thing. **We serve in Trenton 3 times a year. The meal we serve in December is the biggest of the year.** I would ask that you examine your hearts, your minds and your priorities. Ask yourself, "How often have I served God this year"? "How much TIME have I sacrificed"? Right here, right now. Who will answer the call? Who will rise up and say "yes" to the sacrifice? **-Larry and Lea Ann Kellum**



## Feed the Hungry in Trenton Saturday, December 12th 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sign up at the Information Center or send an email to **Larry Kellum, Jr.** Transportation to Trenton is provided from the church building in the van, departure is 10:00 AM. The group will return to the building at approximately 2:00 PM.

**If you are willing to contribute to the \$500 cost of the meals, please write "Trenton Meal" on the memo line of your check and drop it in the collection plate.**

## Dinner at Joe's Place

**Adam and Helena Cerquoni** are asking for help to serve "**Dinner at Joe's Place**" on Broadway and Ferry in Camden, **December 26**, the day after Christmas. We need about 10-12 people to be there around 2:00 PM to set up, to serve from 4:00-6:00 PM, and to clean up between 5:30-6:30 PM. We also need help in preparing the meal itself. The Paracletes LIFE Group will be baking, cooking, and freezing food for this meal from Noon-2:00 PM on Sunday, December 6th and 13th. Additionally, we need volunteers to make a large green salad on December 26th, and need a case of frozen string beans to cook; we also really need people to help bake or donate desserts. We welcome any donations towards the cost of feeding 75 of our needy Camden brothers and sisters. Menu is: chicken cutlets, mac and cheese, cornbread, string beans, salad, desserts, coffee, ice tea. Please contact Adam or Helena at [helenasophia53@gmail.com](mailto:helenasophia53@gmail.com)/856-275-1581/609-254-7212 if you can help.



## The Pitman Road Youth Group is providing free babysitting for our members on Saturday, December 5th, 6:00-9:30 PM!



Please feed your children dinner before you drop them off, food will not be provided.

Please pick up your children no later than 9:30 PM.

## Pitman Road Church of Christ American Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, December 11th, 2:30 - 7:30 PM

Appointments are preferred but not required.

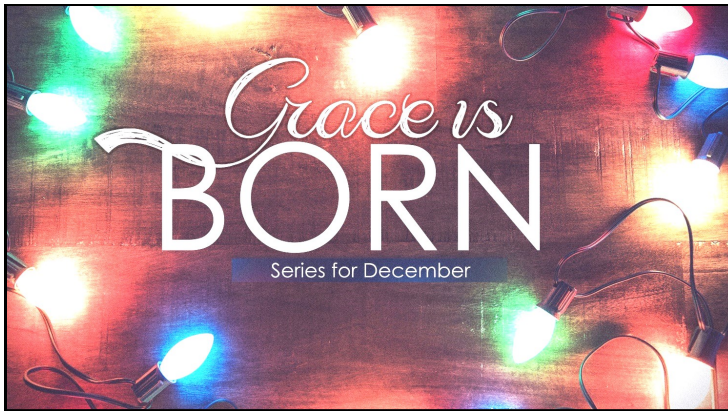
Sign up sheet at the Information Center soon!

Questions: contact Hope Hooley.





## New Sermon Series...



## Note Date Change for Refuge



## Another Opportunity to Bless Children



Nicks Pizza is located at  
644 N. Delsea Dr. • Glassboro, NJ 08028  
For more info call: 856-307-1100

## 2016 Calendar Dates are Due

If you are a deacon, ministry leader, or are considering a church event for



2016, please submit your events and dates to Dottie by December 6th. After December 6th, the requested will be reviewed and scheduled. Late submissions or requests for events during the course of the year will be subject to review by the office staff and leadership to avoid over-scheduling, as well as last minute scheduling.

## MED Meeting

Calling all Ministers, Elders and Deacons!

Our final MED Meeting of 2015 is  
**Sunday, December 6th at Noon.**

Once again, Harriet and Judi have agreed to put together a tasty meal of meatloaf for our lunch.

We will begin immediately after morning worship, about noon, in the Family Life Center, and conclude by 2:00.

Come and pray together, plan and share together, and learn some exciting changes proposed for 2016.

Please RSVP by THIS Thursday, December 3rd.



Mark your calendars for the annual

## Cookie Exchange!

Please bring 6 dozen cookies wrapped in 1/2 dozen packages, (6 cookies per pack.)

When: SUNDAY, December 6th at 2:00 PM

Where: At the home of Donna Lazar  
214 Harrison Ridge  
856-223-1699



**Hope to see you there!!!**

## Pack the Pulpit



**Pack the Pulpit Sunday** was a smashing success in every way! **Through the generosity of our members, we were able to provide Thanksgiving dinner to over 50 families.** We thank our **young people** for doing the heavy lifting

to "Pack the Pulpit" with dozens and dozens of bags of groceries. We thank our **teens, led by Tim and Melody Davis,** for packing and distributing the baskets to those who came to pick them up. Dottie said that not only were they efficient and hard working, but that they also engaged our visitors in conversation while they waited for their baskets to be ready. She said, "It was a blessing to watch them in action!"



That being said, we send out a huge thank you to **Dottie Grillo.** Beginning at the end of October, behind the scenes, Dottie coordinates this effort, identify families who need assistance, getting the grocery list and bags out, making phone calls, and making sure there are enough turkeys and pies for all. She is the face of the Pitman Road church to those who need assistance with food throughout the year, and she does this with the utmost compassion.

Thanks also to **Larry and Lea Ann Kellum,** who lead our Caring and Sharing Ministry.

*Mark Your Calendar!*

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
SERVICE

**Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM    Invite Someone!**

## Christmas Box Thank You

We are a giving church in so many ways and that includes packing shoe boxes! As a church family we will bless 78 children this year! Please continue to pray for this wonderful program and for each child that will receive some love in a box because of the time you took to fill one up for a special child. Thanks to everyone who participated in our annual Operation Christmas Child shoe box collection! It is a blessing to be part of this church family! **-Tina Broyles**

*(Remember to keep your eyes open when you're out shopping or at yard sales for bargains for the boxes you'll be filling up next year!!)*



## This Week's Prayer Requests

**Praises:** Over 50 families in our communities had a Thanksgiving dinner they may not have otherwise had!

### Prayers Requested:

**Alana Peterson,** surgery tomorrow.

**Constantine Bailey,** Jackie Fenton's dad, hospitalized for infection following prostate biopsy.

**Tiffani Patterson,** friend of Teresa Point Sussman, emergency surgery for uterine cancer.

**Gwen Phillip,** chemo treatments.

**Larry Point,** Parkinson's Disease

**Gladys Isaziga,** Carlos' mom, beginning chemotherapy.

**Charles Busch,** moved out of ICU, slowly improving.

**William Bartley,** prayers for post-concussion syndrome.

**Debbie Contravo** requests prayers for her health, finances, and family.

**April Sykes** sustained a concussion after a bad fall and is not able to work at this time.

**Yvette Kenner,** severe back pain.

**Lynne Sbaraglia,** recovering from an auto accident.

Prayers for the **Tim Davis family and for Tim's parents** as they settle into living in NJ.

**Trudy Michael,** stage 4 uterine cancer.

**Nancy Calabro,** numerous health concerns.

### Military:

**Andrew Holden** at West Point.

**Doug Peterson III,** deployed with Air Force

### Expecting:

**Tim and Paige Holmes,** January

**Tyler and Katherine Steffy,** January

### Engaged:

**Sean Fenton & Rebekah Lucien,** April 16, 2016

**Mallory Perine & Brandon Keeks**



## Our Ministers

### Evangelist

**Dan Cooper** ..... dcooper@coChrist.org

### Minister

**Carlos Isaziga** ..... cisaziga@coChrist.org

### Visitation Minister

**Glynn Durham** ..... gdurham1@coChrist.org

## Office Staff

**Dottie Grillo** ..... dgrillo@coChrist.org

**Annette Perine** ..... annette.perine@gmail.com

## Our Elders

**Mike Broyles** ..... mbroyles777@gmail.com

**Horatio Fenton** ..... HoratioFenton@comcast.net

**Greg Krinks** ..... 856-881-2039, hm  
..... Greg.Linda.Krinks@gmail.com

**Mike Lazar** ..... teacher.engineer@comcast.net

**Dave Perine** ..... davidt.perine@comcast.net

**Larry Point** ..... 856-769-0836  
..... lawrencepoint@helmerlegal.com

**Dwight Thompson** ..... 609-561-8561, hm  
..... 609-287-0109, cell  
..... DOTHompson@comcast.net

## Our Deacons

**Bud Britton** ..... Grounds Maintenance

**Derrick Busch** ..... Young Adults

**Tim Davis** ..... Teens

**Tony DeStefano** ..... Body 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 Olley** ..... Teens

**Aaron Pearl** ..... Youth

**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

5:30-6:30 PM Meal  
7:00-7:45 PM Bible Classes  
7:45 PM Fellowship

## Last Week

Bible Class	153
Worship	244
LIFE Groups	121
Wednesday	NA
Contribution	\$7,829.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$221,760.00
Contribution YTD	\$211,204.00
Under Budget	(\$10,556.00)

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Desna Yanzuk
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Hall Monitor: Worship	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Greeters: Front Entrance	Horatio & Jackie Fenton, Ron Dargan
Greeters: Back Entrance	Anita O'Hara & Adam Cerquoni
Ushers	Lee Collier & Tyler Steffy
Information Center	Kathryn Steffy
Shepherd's Call	Greg Krinks
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Waverly Hale

## L.I.F.E. Group Locations Today

Group	Location	Contact
Brook Besor	Not Meeting- Thanksgiving Day!	
Circle of Sisters	Prenger's, Tuesday at 7PM	856-689-7932
Convenience Group	<b>5th Sunday Fellowship Meal</b>	
Hammonton Group	<b>5th Sunday Fellowship Meal</b>	
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7PM	856-217-3956
Paracletes	<b>5th Sunday Fellowship Meal</b>	
Silver Linings	<b>5th Sunday Fellowship Meal</b>	
Solid Gold	<b>5th Sunday Fellowship Meal</b>	
Teens	<b>5th Sunday Fellowship Meal</b>	
Vineland	<b>5th Sunday Fellowship Meal</b>	
Women in the Word	Church Bldg., Tues. at 9:45AM	856-589-1500
Young Adults	<b>5th Sunday Fellowship Meal</b>	

## Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: **Cook-Out**  
Menu: **Dan & Team**

## Elder on Call:

November/December: Larry Point



@pitmanroadcoc



www.facebook.com/  
pitmanroadchurchofchrist



@pitmanroadchurch