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New Winter Quarter Bible Classes Begin Today!

2015-2016 Winter Quarter Adult Classes

December, January, February

Sunday

Location	Intended For	Topic	Teachers
Family Life Center	Adults	Revelation - Part 3	Mike Grove
B-1	Lavender Ladies	Ecclesiastes	Mary Lea Thompson, Yvonne Pearl
B-2	Men	Man to Man	Coordinated by Greg Krinks
B-3 Chapel	Women	"James: Mercy Triumphs" video series	Brenda Peoples
B-4	Adults	Healing is a Choice	Derrick Busch
Parke Place	Senior Saints	Worship	Jay Schneider

Wednesday

Location	Intended For	Topic	Teachers
Auditorium	Adults	Matthew	Garth Hutchinson
B-1	Adults	Barnabas Group	Fran Point, Donna Lazar
B-4	Adults	A Reading & A Prayer	Dave Perine, Brian Holden

M.E.D. MEETING TODAY AT NOON

All ministers, elders, and deacons are encouraged to attend whether or not they RSVP'd. Please be prepared to submit calendar dates for your ministries 2016 events and activities.

Lunch is prepared by Harriet Wensel and Judi Campbell. *Thank you to both of you!*

Our Vision

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

From Daniel's Den

Grace Is Born

Today we begin a new sermon series! We're calling it "Grace is Born!" It is no accident that this series begins during the very month that the Christian world celebrates the birth of Jesus! The greatest gift ever given? God gave His son! (John 3:16) The Sunday before Christmas, Dec. 20th, our topic is "Grace is Born in a Manger." Invite your friends to join us! Grace is mandatory for our spiritual well-being, just like water is mandatory for our physical well-being. A frequently quoted mental health counselor, David Seamands, summed up his counseling career this way:

"Many years ago I was driven to the conclusion that the two major causes of most emotional problems among Christians are these: the failure to understand, receive, and live out God's unconditional grace and forgiveness; and the failure to give out that unconditional love, forgiveness and grace to other people...We read, we hear, we believe a good theology of grace. But that's not the way we live. The good news of the gospel of grace has not penetrated the level of our emotions."

-p 15, "What's So Amazing About Grace" by Philip Yancey

The fact of the matter is that *"the world can do almost anything as well as or better than the church,"* says Gordon McDonald. He continues, *"You need not be a Christian to build houses, feed the hungry, or heal the sick. There is only one thing the world cannot do. It cannot offer grace."*

Yancey published his book, "What's So Amazing About Grace" in 1997, but I didn't really sink my teeth into it until my sabbatical earlier this year. Profound! Powerful! Emotional! Join us on this amazing journey into grace during the Sunday mornings of December!

-Attempting to be Dan the Gracious Preacherman



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

"There is only one thing the world cannot do. It cannot offer grace."



Carlos Isaziga
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But it's not about the practice in which we celebrate the coming of the savior, but about the posture of our hearts.

Waiting, Hoping, Expecting...Jesus

This is the greatest time of the year. The eyes of most of the world are on the coming of Jesus; all baby, and all God. Amazing isn't it? We can get so wrapped up in the hustle and bustle of Christmas that we may miss this amazing act of love. But that's why Advent comes before Christmas. The observance of Advent isn't about a biblical mandate, because there is none, but it is totally about a spiritual posture. The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming". There are all kinds of different ways that Christians celebrate and have celebrated Advent. But it's not about the practice in which we celebrate the coming of the savior, but about the posture of our hearts.

Are you waiting, hoping, expecting the coming of our savior? We celebrate His coming into the world, not large family get-togethers, or big meals, or even all the gifts that are given and received. Are you saying, "I can't wait to celebrate the birth of my savior", or "I can't wait...for Christmas to be over; to get that gift I've wanted; to be off from work for a couple of days." You get my point. What are you waiting for?

I believe Advent has the power to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ. It usually starts Dec. 1st and ends on the 25th. Below are some daily readings to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Don't worry about being behind. Just start reading. Be blessed. Wait, hope, and expect Jesus.

Abundant grace & truth.
Carlos

Dec 1st Luke 1:16-17
Dec 2nd Luke 1:46-55
Dec 3rd Luke 1:68-71
Dec 4th Luke 2:1-5
Dec 5th Luke 2:6-7
Dec 6th Luke 2:12-14
Dec 7th Matthew 2:1-2

Dec 8th Matthew 2:2
Dec 9th Matthew 2:3
Dec 10th Matthew 2:10-11
Dec 11th Hebrews 2:14-15
Dec 12th Hebrews 8:1-2
Dec 13th Hebrews 8:1-2
Dec 14th Hebrews 8:6

Dec 15th John 10:10
Dec 16th Philippians 2:9-11
Dec 17th Jeremiah 31:31
Dec 18th John 17:18
Dec 19th Hebrews 2:14-15
Dec 20th 1 John 3:8
Dec 21st John 18:37

Dec 22nd John 20:30-31
Dec 23rd Romans 5:10-11
Dec 24th 1 John 3:7-8
Dec 25th 1 John 3:7-8

Carlos' Corner

Wednesday Night Thank You!

We have had a positive turnout for our Wednesday Night Meals! I want to thank everyone who has volunteered to make this a success and all of those who have attended and enjoyed the meals. We look forward to a great 2016 for Wednesday Night Meals.

-Harriet Wensel

The Wednesday Night Meals sign up sheet for January, February, and March is now available in the Family Life Center. Please consider signing up to prepare a meal. Need assistance? See Harriet, she will be more than willing to help you.

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 at 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM for set up, serving, and clean up. Help is needed to prepare the meal today, December 6th, and next Sunday, December 13th. Meet with the Paracletes LIFE Group today or next week to assist. Volunteers are needed to provide green salad, green beans and desserts on the 26th. Donations towards the cost of feeding 75 of our needy Camden brothers and sisters are also needed. Please contact Adam or Helena at helenasophia53@gmail.com/856-275-1581/609-254-7212 if you can help.

HAMMONTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
75 N. LIBERTY STREET
HAMMONTON, NJ 08037

Michael A. Nolan
Principal

November 9, 2015


Mr. and Mrs. Troy Spencer
597 11th Street
Hammononton, NJ 08037

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Spencer:

You and your child are invited to Hammononton Board of Education Meeting on November 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Hammononton High School Media Center.

At this meeting Donovan will be recognized as one of Hammononton Middle School's **Top of the Middle** for the fall of 2015. This is a recognition program and the award is given to students that best exemplify the HMS spirit in extracurricular activities. In addition, we will have a **Top of the Middle** breakfast, for the students only, November 20th during 1st period to celebrate your child's achievement.

I look forward to seeing you all on the evening of November 19th we will present right at 7:00 PM so please do not be late.



Congratulations to **Donovan Spencer** for being named "Top of the Middle" at Hammononton Middle School for fall of 2015. Your church family is proud of you!

2016 Calendar Dates are Due

If you are a deacon, ministry leader, or are considering a church event for 2016, the deadline for submitting those dates to be included on the calendar is **TODAY!**



After today, the requests will be reviewed and scheduled. If there are conflicts, you will be contacted. 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 last minute scheduling and over-scheduling.

Attention Secret Sisters



Mark your calendar!

The **Secret Sister Revealing Party** will be held on Saturday, February 13th, 1:00 PM at the home of Sandy Sheehan. More details will be available as the date approaches.

Next Sunday

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH • 5:30-7:30 PM

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Men's Prayer Time

The Problem with Prayer...our Sunday morning series throughout November...closed out with the teen led worship this past Sunday.

One of the greatest problems with prayer is that we do not set aside time to pray.

With that in mind, all men are invited to consider this standing invitation to join us in a time of prayer... weekly at the following times:

Tuesday Mornings: 10:00 to 11:00

Friday Mornings: 6:45 to 7:45

Saturday Mornings: 8:00 to 9:00

Activities and Events for December

Today:

MED Meeting at Noon for ministers, elders, and deacons.

Annual Cookie Exchange at Donna Lazar's house, at 2:00 PM.



Friday, December 11th

**Pitman Road Church of Christ
American Red Cross Blood Drive
2:30 - 7:30 PM**

Appointments are preferred but not required.

Sign up sheet at the
Information Center
soon!

Questions: contact
Hope Hooley.



Saturday, December 12th



**Feed the Hungry in Trenton
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.

We are still in need of \$370 to cover the cost of the meal. If you are willing to contribute, please write "Trenton Meal" on the memo line of your check and drop it in the collection plate.

Sunday, December 13th

Children's Christmas Party
for ages 2-12
in the Family Life Center
following the worship service.
Lunch will be served.

Please **sign up** at the bulletin board in the Children's Wing.

Questions? Contact Aaron or Jenn Pearl at 609-805-0408 or 609-805-2186.



Sunday, December 20th



Special Christmas Sunday!

9:00 AM: Bible Classes do not meet.



9:30 AM: Coffee, Tea, and Munchkins in the Family Life Center

10:00 AM: Worship Service-
"Grace Was Born in a Manger"



11:00 AM: Encore performance of **HISStory**- a musical production

11:45 AM: Refreshments in the Family Life Center



Invite someone!

Invitations will be available next week.

Wednesday, December 23rd:

No Wednesday Night Meal.
No regular Wednesday meeting or classes.

Thursday, December 24th:

Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 PM

Invite someone!

Invitations will be available next week.



Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th:

The church office will be closed for Christmas holiday.

Wednesday, December 30th:

No Wednesday Night Meal.
No regular Wednesday meeting or classes.

Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st:

The church office will be closed for New Year holiday.



2016
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our Prayers Are Requested

Former member, and still a close friend to many of us, **Jack Martin**, has significant health issues he is facing at this time and he would appreciate our prayers.

About a year ago Jack was riding his bike, and during a break, he fainted. Testing revealed that he has an aortic valve that is not opening properly. The decision at that time was to "watch it." The doctor feels it's prudent at this time to take a closer look. Jack will be having a heart catheterization within the next week or two. Depending on the extent that the valve is compromised, the likely treatment will involve valve replacement with either a mechanical or porcine heart valve.

A Note from Liz Browning

Dear Pitman Church of Christ,
Thank you for the lovely Thanksgiving card. It certainly lifted my spirits to be remembered by some dear friends during a very sad and difficult time of year. This coming weekend would have been our wedding anniversary, so that makes my days even more sad, yet reason more to take a moment to reflect and be thankful for what I have and had in the past. My intelligence knows Garry is feeling no pain since he is home with God, but my human heart still aches with loneliness. Your card kind words written by a church body that I remember well and prayed for us while Garry was sick, and again now for my strength to heal from his loss is very appreciated. This act of thoughtfulness says so much about your leadership and the body of Christ residing in your church. I pray blessings on the church family and hope someday our paths will cross again. If you ever come through Chattanooga please look me up With God's blessing, **Liz**

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praises: **Alana Peterson** is very happy to be home, recovering after surgery. So far, it's going well. Keep praying!

Prayers Requested:

Carmen Ostroff, sister of Gloria Meyerson, suffered a heart attack and required bypass surgery last Wednesday.

Joanne Darah requests our continued prayers for her recovery. She is improving slowly.

Marty Harrison, Linda Prenger's sister, just diagnosed with cancer.

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, 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, September 17, 2016

Traveling:

Paul Stanford

Pitman Road Church of Christ
Monday Night Men's Bible Study

7:00 -8:00 PM in the Family Life Center

Tomorrow night, our final meeting of 2015 we will conclude our study of 2nd Corinthians.

We will resume on January 4th with the study of Galatians.

**Bible
Study**

Come and Experience the Living Word



SIGN UP NOW AT THE INFORMATION CENTER

Singles Over 40 Event!

December 12th

Potluck Lunch Party at Jay Schneider's house

Mullica Hill, Noon to 3:30

Then travel less than 2 miles to Mullica Gardens Assisted Living to sing Christmas songs for the residents and see Glinnie Elmore perform as *The Inn keeper at Bethlehem.*



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Our Deacons

Bud Britton..... Grounds Maintenance

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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	109
Worship	256
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	94
Contribution	\$7,553.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$232,320.00
Contribution YTD	\$218,757.00
Under Budget	(\$13,563.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Tina Broyles
Kids For Christ	Jenn Pearl
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	Volunteer Needed
Hall Monitor: Worship	Volunteer Needed
Greeters: Front Entrance	Waverly & Dawnna Hale
Greeters: Back Entrance	Corny & Phyllis Walker
Ushers	Garth Hutchinson & Keon Kleineweber
Information Center	Rebecca Rodriguez
Shepherd's Call	Dwight Thompson
Song Leader	Matt Downing
Communion	Mike Grove

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	Broyles' at 6PM	609-561-8532
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7PM	856-217-3956
Paracletes	Food prep at Cerquoni's at Noon	856-886-5349
Silver Linings	Meet with another group.	856-881-2039
Solid Gold	Walker's at 6PM	609-682-4502
Teens	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6PM	856-839-0015
Women in the Word	Church Bldg., Tues. at 9:45AM	856-589-1500
Young Adults	Church Bldg. at Noon	850-814-6632

Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: **Hooleys**

Menu: **Lasagna, regular and veggie**

Elder on Call:

November/December: Larry Point



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