

# PITMAN ROAD

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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# Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





Our next Family Promise Host Week is **January 17th-24th.** 

WE NEED OUR MEMBERS TO HELP
MAKE THIS
A SUCCESSFUL WEEK FOR OUR GUESTS!

Many volunteer positions are still open!

Please see the clipboards in the foyer to sign up for open slots.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Collier at 215-888-0646.

Schedule Changes for the New Year 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.

In 2016, as a church, we will be focusing on being transformed into Christ's image.

Please be sure to join us for worship on Sunday, January 10th

We will be introducing our theme for 2016!

Just a sneak peak:
Here's a scripture you're going to be seeing a
lot of in 2016...

## 2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

#### Our Vision

## From Daniel's Den

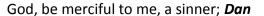
#### **Grace is amazing!**

I just cannot get enough grace.

Because it goes against human nature, forgiveness and grace must be taught and practiced, just as one would practice any difficult craft. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Forgiveness is not just an occasional act: it is a permanent attitude." "What greater gift could Christians give to the world than the forming of a culture that upholds grace and forgiveness?" (What's So Amazing About Grace, p. 137)

I am told that the Benedictine monks have a moving service of forgiveness, grace and reconciliation. "After giving instruction from the Bible, the leader asks each person attending to identify issues that require forgiveness. Worshipers then submerge their hands into a large crystal bowl of water, 'holding' the grievance in their cupped hands. As they pray for the grace to forgive, they gradually open their hands to symbolically 'release' the grievance. 'Enacting a ceremony like this with one's body possesses more transforming power than merely uttering the words, 'I forgive,' says a participant, Bruce. What impact might it have if blacks and whites in South Africa—or for that matter in the USA—plunged their hands repeated into a common bowl of forgiveness!" You talk about taking baptism to a whole new level...may God give us the grace to forgive others as He has forgiven us! "This world thirsts for grace. When grace descends, the world falls silent before it." (p. 283).

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see! In him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace (Eph. 1:7).





Dan Cooper aka "Dan, Dan, the Preacherman"

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Brian Holden
Deacon over
Special Activities/Body
Life & Fellowship

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# A Servant Speaks

#### Of Munchkins and Bus Trips

It is a blessing to be in a congregation that has so many servant-hearted members. As a deacon in the church I am involved with Munchkin Ministry as well as coordinating congregational bus trips. Both of these areas promote fellowship time and gives us an opportunity to provide an outreach for visitors. I do the shopping and setup for Munchkin Ministry with the help of my wife, but there are many people involved in making Munchkin Ministry happen. There are volunteers who get to church early on Sunday to set out the food and beverages as well as a crew that cleans up and puts everything away when Bible class begins. The attendance at Munchkin Ministry has been smaller lately; I would encourage everyone to take advantage of this time for fellowship and food before church service and to support the work of the Munchkin Ministry team.

I am thankful for the congregation's support of the bus trips to various events that I have put together. I've gotten a lot of positive feedback from the visitors who go on the trips with us, they say they enjoy the interaction and fellowship that they have with you. Our list of visitors continues to grow proving these trips have become an excellent outreach for our community. Our next bus trip is to see "Samson" at Sight and Sound Theater on Saturday, May 7, 2016.

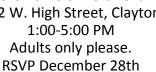
Thank you for your dedication and hard work. Thank you for being a blessing to my family.

-Brian Holden



### **Holiday Miniature House Tour**

Sunday, January 3rd, 2016 at the home of Bert Kellum 252 W. High Street, Clayton 1:00-5:00 PM





Come visit our old Victorian home for light refreshments, followed by a tour which includes over 17 doll houses. Leisurely move from room to room, losing yourself in a world of make believe to fully appreciate the creative detail in each doll house display.

On January 10th, TORCH Missions will be available before and after services to answer any questions about the Honduras trip in July of **2016**. A brief video presentation will be shown in the auditorium prior to the worship service.

On January 24th, all TORCH Missions participants and anyone else who is interested in participating in the Honduras trip in July 2016 are asked to attend a meeting in the Young Adult classroom at 9:45am. Please contact Tyler Steffy with any questions.



PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE Katheryn Steffy's

Baby Shower

AS WE WELCOME Truett Kent Steffy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016, NOON AT THE HOME OF GINA ISAZIGA 476 SALTER COURT, GLASSBORO, NJ 08028

PLEASE BRING FINGER FOODS

RSVP 850-814-5373 BY JANUARY 7TH

REGISTERED AT: TARGET AND BABY'S-R-US

### This Week's Prayer Requests

#### **Prayers Requested:**

Rachel Stetser, mastectomy surgery on January 29th.

**Glynn Durham**, surgery for stomach cancer, date TBD.

Barbara Perry, medical testing continues.

Alana Peterson, recovering well from surgery.

**Gwen Phillip,** chemotherapy for breast cancer.

Larry Point, Parkinson's Disease.

Monet Darisow, Lucy Fair's granddaughter, severe case of

Edith Ott, JoAnn Ruhland's mother, 93 years old, in hospice care, and not doing well.

Emily Penn, 28 year old coworker of Tina Broyles, has been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

JoAnne Darrah requests our continued prayers for her recovery. She is improving slowly.

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

Constantine Bailey, Jackie Fenton's dad, was released from the hospital to go home. He has prostate cancer and kidney failure.

Gladys Isaziga, Carlos' mom, chemotherapy for breast can-

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.

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

Nancy Calabro, numerous health concerns.

Andrew Holden at West Point.

Doug Peterson III, deployed with Air Force

#### **Expecting:**

Tim and Paige Holmes, January

Tyler and Katherine Steffy, February 2, 2016

#### **Engaged:**

Sean Fenton & Rebekah Lucien, April 16, 2016

Mallory Perine & Brandon Keeks, September 17, 2016

#### **Traveling:**

**Paul Stanford** 

Please see the bulletin board in the foyer for all of the Christmas cards that have been sent to us.



#### Church Members,

I wanted to extend my sincere thanks to you and your community for the entertainment that was provided to the residents at Mullica Gardens. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! - Shelly

### **Our Ministers**

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### 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; Informa	ation Technology; Website	
Jay Schneider	Serving Our Seniors	
Carl Steiner	World Evangelism	
Manny Vander Vennen		
Churc	ch Directory, Kids for Christ	

### Elder on Call

January/February: Mike Broyles

#### 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 NA 263 Worship LIFE Groups NA Wednesday NA Contribution \$11,053.00 Fiscal YTD Goal \$264,000.00 Contribution YTD \$252,478.00 **Under Budget** (\$11,522.00)

### Serving Us Today

Nursery Judi Campbell Kids For Christ Manny Vander Vennen Jr. Worship Brian Mansdoerfer Hall Monitor: Bible Class Volunteer Needed Hall Monitor: Worship Volunteer Needed Greeters: Front Entrance Linda Prenger & Joe Marshall Greeters: Back Entrance Charles and Doryanne Seitz Ushers Jonathan Hooley & Kareem Lazarus Information Center Jerri Manfre Shepherd's Call Horatio Fenton Song Leader Mike Broyles Communion Noah Lewis

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

Group	Location	Contact
Brook Besor	Not Meeting	
Circle of Sisters	Prenger's, Tuesday at 7PM	856-689-7932
Convenience Group	Not Meeting	
Hammonton Group	Not Meeting	
Men's Bible Study	Not meeting.	
Paracletes	Not meeting.	
Silver Linings	Coopers at Noon	856-589-4197
Solid Gold	Not meeting.	
Teens	Not Meeting	
Vineland	Not Meeting	
Women in the Word	Not Meeting	
Young Adults	Not Meeting	

### Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: No Meal

Menu:







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