



PITMAN ROAD

CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 27, 2015

Volume 31, Issue 52

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

www.pitmanroadcoc.com



**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

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

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).

God, be merciful to me, a sinner; **Dan**



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

"This world
thirsts for
grace. When
grace
descends,
the world falls
silent before
it."

-Phillip Yancy



Brian Holden
Deacon over
Special Activities/Body
Life & Fellowship

It is a blessing
to be in a
congregation
that has so
many
servant-hearted
members.

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
Adults only please.
RSVP December 28th

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.

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 lupus.
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 cancer.
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 cancer.
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.
Military:
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

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.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD • 5:30-7:30 PM

refuge

COFFEEHOUSE • FELLOWSHIP • PRAISE
YOUNG ADULT LIFE GROUP • ALL ARE WELCOME
PITMAN ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST • 500 PITMAN ROAD • SEWELL, NJ 08080 • PITMANROADCOC.COM

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

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

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	NA
Worship	263
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:

Elder on Call

January/February: Mike Broyles



@pitmanroadcoc



www.facebook.com/
pitmanroadchurchofchrist



@pitmanroadchurch