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PITMAN ROAD

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Dan's 2015 Year in Review

Baptisms: 9

Charles Busch, Rochelle Busch, Harry Steward, Sarah Stratton, Franklin Rhodes, Sarah Pearl, Steve Musso, Dreama Musso, Devon Westcott

Placing Membership: 8

William and Tracy Barclay, Mary Green, Tyler and Kathryn Steffy, Tom and Anne Marie Cristino, Nancy Lutz

Requesting Congregational Prayers and Public Sharing: 14

Desmond Morris, Sue Ward, Stephanie DeStefano, Chris Bobe, Leza Davis, Derek Davis, Andreana Barefield, Justin Guy, Angel Bobe, David Darrah, Harriet Wensel, Barbara Robinson, Carolyn Dargan, Gwen Phillip, Erica White

Month by Month Overview of Events and Activities



Mason Steward serves Becky Vander Vennen at the Children's Education Dinner.

January

Sermon Series: **Rebuilt / The Nehemiah Story**. We host Family Promise for one week. **Annual Children's Education Dinner**. **I Still Do** simulcast rebroadcast at our building. **Monthly bulletin articles** by an elder and a deacon continue.

February

Souper Super Bowl Sunday Pre-Game Party/ Corporate Meeting / 5 Super Bowl parties in homes. 30 attend **Andrew Holden's West Point Concert** at Christ's Church in Philadelphia. Van load attends IMAX theater presentation **Jerusalem** at Franklin Institute. Teen's **Winterfest** trip to Gatlinburg, TN. **Secret Sister Revealing Party**.

March

Winterfest report by Tim and the teens. **Unwrap the Bible**



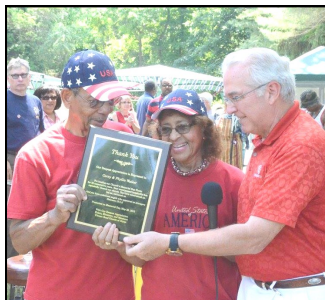
Franklin Rhodes is baptized on Easter Sunday.

simulcast broadcast attended by over 100 at our building. **Senior Saints Dinner** prepared by our teens with over 80 attending. **Egg Hunt** hosted by our church with 48 in attendance/ Jacob Broyles is the bunny. **New ice maker** Installed in FLC.

April

We host **Family Promise** for one week. **Timothy and Paige Holmes** wedding. **Teens** deliver powerful AM worship service.

May



Dan presents Phyllis and Corny Walker with a commemorative plaque on Memorial Day.



Colton and Ethan Cerquoni have their photo taken with the Bunny, a.k.a. Jacob Broyles.

We pay for and serve "**Feeding the Hungry**" meal for 200+. **Walker's** host 25th **Annual Memorial Day Picnic**, the church family honors them with a plaque commemorating their many years of hospitality. **Parking lot lines** repainted by Bob Manfre. **Real lambs** visit our church to be living illustrations as part of Dan's Sunday morning sermon. Special collection to support victims of the earthquake in Nepal.

June

Graduating Seniors Luncheon at building. **France Mission Trip** (29 participate/5th trip). Successful **American Red Cross Blood Drive**. Kick off of **Ten Special Wednesday Nights** series.

July

Sermon Series: **Catching a Glimpse of God's Purpose for the Church**. **July 4th Parade** at Coopers/fireworks viewing for the community, serving hot dogs, water and free photo booth. We pay for and serve "**Feeding the Hungry**" meal for 200+. **Reports on Wednesday nights** for France/Peru/

Our Mission

To meet others where they are and together be transformed into the image of Christ.

From Daniel's Den

"It is a sin to bore a child with the Word of God."

And, I'll go one step further... **"It is a sin to bore a child, a young adult, or any person with the Word of God."** And yet, in churches across America and around the world this Sunday and every Sunday, God's word is presented in a boring, blasé manner. Howard Hendricks is credited with that first quote. What a powerful reminder for every preacher and Sunday school teacher! That statement challenges me to be in God's word, and to be creative with the ways that I present it!

In Andy Stanley's book, ***Deep and Wide***, he suggests that when we present scripture in an unengaging manner we teach the opposite of what is true (p 174). When God's word is not presented well we communicate:

The Bible is Boring

The Bible is Irrelevant

The Church is Irrelevant

So, let me ask you a question. Who is your favorite Bible class teacher? Who are some of your favorite preachers? Why are they your favorites? I'll bet it's because week after week, when they stand before you to teach or preach, you know that you are in for an exciting episode. You know that you will not be bored! You know that this teacher is going to help connect your life with God's calling for your life. You know that they are going to challenge you to be transformed into something or someone better. Someone more Christ-like.

Please pray for Carlos, pray for Glynn and pray for me. Pray for our Bible class teachers. Please be patient with us as we strive to do a better job helping you to transform your life. Pray that we will be simultaneously faithful to God's word, while at the same time we present it in a manner that is the opposite of boring!

God's word is active and powerful...when it is presented well! (Heb. 4:12)

- ***Dan the Preacherman***



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

"...when we present scripture in an unengaging manner we teach the opposite of what is true."



***Merle (Glynn) Durham
Visitation Minister***

A Few Moments with Merle

Thank You!

It is traditional, I know. You do it every year about this time. I have been a recipient twice, as I have been a part of this ministerial staff for a little over two years.

And yet, it blows me away when my wife and I are called to the front to be recognized, appreciated, and honored in such a way by this congregation. I knew it was going to happen, but I was not expecting it.

Thank you for your monetary gift. You were most generous again this year. We will use the money for a good purpose. Thank you!!

Thank you for your love. The love in this church is amazing. Thankfully, we are a church known for our love. It was this way when I first came here over 40 years ago. It is still true today. The leaders and members have worked hard to make this a continuing reality.

Thank you for being you. This is a special place. You are a special people. As I face major surgery in about 9 days there is no place I had rather be than here with you. You have consistently told Debby and me of your love and concern, as well as given us your support. Thank you!!

Merle (Glynn)

The love of this church is amazing.

Year End Report (cont. from page 1)

Honduras, and Australia mission trips. We host **Family Promise** for one week. **Anthony and Hope DeStefano** wedding. **TIME Team** to Rochester, MN. Approximately 60 members serve as staff or camp at **Camp Manatawny** for **Jr. High 1 Week**, directed by Aaron Pearl.



August

Approximately 30 members serve as staff or camp at **Camp Manatawny** for **Elementary 1 Week**, directed by Manny Vander Venen. **God's Plan for Marriage**: celebrating couples with 50 years or more of marriage. Dan's seven week **sabbatical begins**. **Craig and Katie**



Honoring 50 yr. plus couples: the Cre-mas, the Schuehlers, the Thomsons, the Ruhlands, the Brittons, and the Toys.

Young's visit, mission report, and picnic at the Toys.

September

Sermon Series: **Rags to Riches. Back to Church Sunday** with **Church Picnic** at Atkinson Park. **Autumn Sing Along. Secret Sisters Fall Get Together.**

October

HIStory musical production coordinated by Diana Hutchinson.

"Extravagant Giving" to the pizza delivery man. **Fun Fall Festival** hosted by teens. **Trunk or Treat**, inside the building due to bad weather.



The cast of HIStory.

November

Sermon Series: **The Problem with Prayer. Hope for the Holidays** presented by Glynn & Debby Durham / 15 attend. **War Room** movie at local theater, 92 attend. Van Brill Pools adds **heater and filtering system** to the baptistery. Elders and Ministers Shore Meeting. **Pack the Pulpit Sunday** with 52 families provide with Thanksgiving dinner baskets. **Thanksgiving cards** go out to former members and friends of the church. **Special collection** for to Orphan's Life Line International and RUN (Reaching Unreached Nations). Luncheon honoring **Tom and Melva Toy**.

December

Sermon Series: **Grace is Born**. We surpass our goal for **American Red Cross Blood Drive**. We pay for and serve **"Feeding the Hungry"** meal in Trenton for 200+. Encore performance of **HIStory** to a full house on Christmas Sunday. **Christmas Eve** service with 106 present. **Dinner at Joe's Place** / Serving the needy in Camden, coordinated by Adam and Helena Cerquoni.

TODAY, 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.



Questions? Contact Tyler Steffy

Mission Trip to Haiti

Carl Steiner is returning to Haiti for his fourth trip, February 15-23! Carl has both the skill set and the heart to make him extremely valuable in such a work. In addition to his support, there is a need for teaching materials in Creole. Total cost for the trip will exceed \$1,000 and Carl will humbly and happily accept all the help you might be able to offer. What you may not realize is that Carl is 100% self employed, so he has no paid vacation time. When he is in Haiti, no one is giving him vacation pay.

I hope and pray that your heart is touched by Carl's servant heart and by the on-going needs in Haiti. Be generous, do what you can, and God will bless you, plus you will be a blessing to Carl.

Remember our mission statement: "To meet others where they are and together be transformed into the image of Christ." **-Dan**



A New LIFE Group!

Mike and Casey Buchanan are hosting the **Marriage Enrichment LIFE Group** on Sundays! This couple has a heart for strengthening marriages. Everyone is welcome to this group, including children. Currently, there are several couples from Mike and Casey's surrounding community attending; they would love to have more of our members involved. Today they will meet at their home at 4:00 PM. Call Mike if you have any questions: 856-229-1558.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 7TH! Join Us!

YOU'RE INVITED!

Souper Super Sunday Pre-Game Party!

**Sunday, February 7th in the Family Life Center
immediately following the worship service.**

**All of our members and guests are invited to attend
our annual "Souper" Sunday Pre-Game Party!**

It doesn't matter whether your team made it to the big
game or not...

there will be food, fun, & fellowship for all!

Members are asked to bring, soup, chili,
or sandwiches, enough for your family and to share.

Please bring all hot food pre-heated!

Beverages will be provided.

Desserts will be provided by
ministers', elders', and deacons' wives.

Questions? Please see Tony or Stephanie DeStefano

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING. As a non profit organization, recognized by the state of New Jersey as a tax exempt corporation, the state of NJ mandates that we meet annually. That being the case, our elders have selected the first Sunday of each February as the date for our annual meeting. Please consider this your written notification of our church's annual meeting, traditionally held on Super Bowl Sunday each year. If you are an active member of the Pitman Road Church of Christ, and in good standing, please consider yourself informed and invited of the **Pitman Church of Christ's annual corporate meeting, this year on Feb. 7, immediately after morning worship service.**

Super Sunday Night Parties!

SUPER BOWL PARTIES!

Enjoy Super Bowl 50...and all the
commercials too... at parties hosted
by these members:

Dan and Katherine Cooper

Mike and Tina Broyles

Phyllis and Corny Walker

Tim and Melody Davis: TEENS

Carlos and Gina Isaziga: YOUNG ADULTS

Details including starting time and what to bring
will be announced next week.



BE SUPER GENEROUS!!! As you enjoy Super Bowl Sunday, please be mindful of the less fortunate and help us be **SUPER** supportive of Family Promise in 2016 by giving now. You can make a contribution to our Family Promise Fund at Pre-Game Party and each of the Super Bowl parties.

All donations will be designated for the support of the Family Promise program here at PRCOC, which offers assistance to homeless children and their families. Write checks to Pitman Road Church of Christ and note "Family Promise" on the memo line.

Secret Sister Revealing Party

Saturday, February 13th at 1:00 PM

At the home of Sandy Sheehan,

4 Parker Lane, Williamstown, NJ 08094

*Bring your favorite finger food and
your "revealing" gift for your Secret Sister.*



Please note: If you have not contacted Dottie yet, please do so ASAP. If you are not able to attend the party please be sure to give your gift for your Secret Sister to Sandy or Dottie.

Ticket Money Due

The money for the Sight and Sound bus trip to see **SAMSON** at the Sight and Sound Theater on Saturday, May 7th is **due by Sunday, February 7th**. The cost is \$98 for adults, \$79 for teens (ages 13-17), and \$56 for children ages (3-12). Please contact me as soon as possible if you signed up but have decided not to go because I have a long standby list. Please pay by the due date. The cost includes bus, show and dinner at Shady Maple restaurant. Please contact me if you need additional information.

-Brian Holden

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Children's Education Dinner

Thank you to **Jenn and Aaron Pearl and all of our young people** who hosted and served at the **Children's Education Dinner** last weekend. Bible class teachers and those who support children's education were served a wonderful dinner by attentive servers! Thank you Bible class teachers, your efforts do not go unnoticed!

Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Christopher Jones, Jr.** for earning 1st place in the VFW Post 7679 Voices of Democracy Oration Competition! Chris advanced to the District level with more than 200 entrants who finished in 3rd place.

Thank You!

To Our Church Family,

Thank you for all the love you gave to us on the passing of our mother on Christmas Eve. All your prayers, calls, cards, beautiful flowers, and hugs were so helpful and comforting. We were so amazed and honored when so many of you attended Mother's "going home" celebration and burial. We are truly blessed and treasure the love our church family continually gives to us.

We also want to thank the Solid Gold LIFE Group for the lovely plant garden. Every time I pass the plant, I think of Mother, as well as the love from our Solid Gold family. (If you do not attend LIFE Groups, come and try out Solid Gold, you will be blessed for coming.)

May God's blessings be with all.

Our Love, **JoAnn and Rich Ruhland**

Checking In

Hi Dan,

Well it's been sometime now since I have written. I hope you are well. I am doing good, still recovering from my accident. You probably know that I fell, hitting my head which caused bleeding in the brain. I had the front right side of my skull removed to alleviate the bleeding, (later placed back in) but during this procedure suffered 5 mini strokes. This affected my right side, arm and leg. I was going to therapy, but since my medicaid has expired I am now going to the gym as therapy. I am coming along slowly. I wanted to thank you and those in the church who are praying for me, that is a comfort. I do read the bulletin and am glad to see the many activities you have there. Keep up the good work! With love, **JoAnn Darrah**

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praises: Giving thanks for a successful week serving as hosts for Family Promise!

Prayers Requested:

Rachel Stetser, mastectomy surgery this Friday, January 29th.

Glynn Durham, surgery for stomach cancer on Feb. 2.

David and Joshua Davis, Harriet Wensel's grandson, both have pneumonia, David being in the most serious condition right now.

Matt Downing had emergency surgery last Wednesday for a detached retina.

Alana Peterson, radiation treatments started last Monday.

Charles Busch, hospitalized again, many complications.

Jack Martin, recovering from open heart surgery.

Dakota Warburton, Jenai Cerquoni's cousin, 17 yrs. old, lymphoma in lungs and throat. Her prognosis is very good!

Bunny Smith, friend of the Broyles family, passed away. Funeral services were last Wednesday.

Edward Gandolfi, Annette Perine's dad, biopsy on Feb. 10, complicated by having to go off blood thinners.

Harry Ake, recovering from carpal tunnel surgery.

Rose Baptiste, Mike Lazar's aunt, age 99, fell and is now bed ridden, sleeping a lot and in hospice care.

Barbara Perry, simultaneous chemotherapy and radiation treatment.

Dorice E. Mitchell, Katherine Cooper's dad, congestive heart failure and progressively weakening heart.

Gwen Phillip, chemotherapy for breast cancer.

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

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

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

Gladys Isaziga, Carlos' mom, chemotherapy

Nancy Calabro, numerous health concerns.

Military:

Andrew Holden at West Point.

Doug Peterson III, deployed with Air Force

Expecting:

Tyler and Katherine Steffy, a boy on February 2

Alexa (Rinner) & Marshal Price, a girl on February 14

Engaged:

Sean Fenton & Rebekah Lucien, April 16, 2016

Mallory Perine & Brandon Keeks, September 17, 2016

Jonathan Hooley & Mary Bernadette McElroy

Traveling:

Paul Stanford

JUST A REMINDER!

All items for the bulletin must be submitted to Annette by **5:00 PM on WEDNESDAY** for consideration for inclusion in the current week's edition.

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Bud Britton..... Grounds Maintenance

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Tim DavisTeens

Tony DeStefanoBody Life & Fellowship

Matt Downing Worship

Glynn Durham LIFE Groups

Darren FieldsGreeters 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 PeoplesNew 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	120
Worship	224
LIFE Groups	126
Wednesday	79
Contribution	\$8,811
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$306,240.00
Contribution YTD	\$292,852.00
Under Budget	(\$13,388.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Cindy Holden
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	Robin Steward
Hall Monitor: Worship	Jessica Forman
Greeters: Front Entrance	Leonard and Mary Collier
Greeters: Back Entrance	Linda Kuznetzoff &
Ushers	Corny Walker & Tyler Steffy
Information Center	Kathryn Steffy
Shepherd's Call	Dwight Thompson
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	Joe Marshall

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	Women's Ministry Meeting	
Hammonton Group	Women's Ministry Meeting	
Marriage Enrichment	Buchanan's at 4PM	856-229-1558
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7PM	856-217-3956
Paracletes	Women's Ministry Meeting	
Silver Linings	Women's Ministry Meeting	
Solid Gold	Women's Ministry Meeting	
Teens	Women's Ministry Meeting	
Vineland	Women's Ministry Meeting	
Women in the Word	Church Bldg., Tues.at 9:45AM	856-589-1500
Young Adults	Women's Ministry Meeting	

Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: Lucy Fair

Menu: Spaghetti

Elder on Call:

January/February: Mike Broyles



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