

# PITMAN ROAD

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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# NEXT Sunday: A Special Guest Speaker!



Dr. Bruce McLarty,
the president of
Harding University,
will be visiting our church
NEXT Sunday, April 3rd.
During our worship service
at 10:00 AM, Dr. McLarty will
deliver the sermon, "Seeing
the World Through the Eyes
of God."

After worship, a catered meal will be provided in our Family Life Center for teens and their parents who are interested in a Christian college education. All Harding

University alumni are invited as well. Dr. McLarty will talk to parents and teens about the opportunities at Harding University for students who want to pursue an academically challenging Christian university experience.



If you would like to attend the luncheon, please sign up now at the Information Center or call our church office at 856-589-1500.



# From Daniel's Den

#### What is the primary symbol for Christianity?

Really, think about it for just a moment! What is the primary symbol for Christianity? The Cross! Right? Many ask, "Why did Jesus have to die?" The death of Jesus, for our sins, is at the heart of the gospel. Death is at the heart of the good news! Wow. What a paradox! Christians around the world celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas, and His resurrection at Easter. Birth and re-birth!

**DEATH ON A CROSS,** is it fair? Let me begin with a purely economic example. Imagine someone borrows your car, and as he backs down your driveway, he backs over your gate and a three foot section of your fence, knocking it over, and messing up your car. Your homeowners insurance will not pay for the gate and fence repairs. There are two options for payment of damages done:

- 1. The two of you will split the cost.
- 2. One of you will absorb the entire cost for the damage done.

The cost does not somehow vanish into thin air! Somebody is going to pay!

Remember Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, praying that some other way be found to pay for the mess we'd made? We have all backed over the fence and messed up someone else's car. We can't pay for it, because we keep doing it. Jesus says, "I'll pay for it." The problem is our sins are bigger than a gate and fence. We can't pay because, Jesus says, "You've done it too many times. I'll pay for it. I'll take your penalty." Our sins are ugly, hurtful, despicable, and they separate us from Christ. (Isa. 59:1-2) Justice says, "Sin must be paid for." Jesus says, "If it is possible, let this cup pass from me!" Jesus died on the cross because there was no other way. We celebrate that someone else died for our mistakes.



Dan Cooper aka "Dan, Dan, the Preacherman"

The death of Jesus, for our sins, is at the heart of the gospel.

On the cross, neither love nor mercy loses out, *Dan the Humbled Preacherman* 



Aaron Pearl Deacon over Children's Ministry

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# A Servant Speaks

#### A Mission in Our Own Backyard

When I think of the word "mission," there is one word that comes to mind: "CAMP." We often think of a mission as a far away destination with plane tickets, passports, and travel plans. But we have an opportunity in our own backyard to be a light to our community: Camp Manatawny. While worldwide efforts to spread God's word are important, we must not forget about our own community. Camp Manatawny is getting ready to start its 49th year, and I can't think of any mission in our area that has united more Christians and has helped bring new souls to Christ.

#### So how do YOU get involved?

- 1. <u>Have your children attend camp.</u> If they are in 1st 12th grade, camp has 7 different weeks, each for designated grade levels. Each week is designed specifically for it's particular age group. Building each camper's personal relationship with God is each week's priority. As a former camper I can personally say that some of my fondest memories as a child have been at Manatawny. Lifelong friendships are built there, faith is strengthened there, and memories are made there.
- 2. <u>Volunteer to work at camp.</u> From the kitchen to the baseball field, each week is staffed by volunteers. You will be blessed as you serve. It's hard to put into words how wonderful it is to serve as a staff member at Camp Manatawny... If I had to describe it in one word I would say "recharged." Volunteering at camp brings a renewed sense of purpose as well as time to bond with fellow Christians.

Are you looking to get involved in something? Would you like your children to be blessed? Would you like to bless others? Would you like to be blessed? If you said YES then Camp Manatawny should be a part of your summer plans. If you want to know more, please feel free to talk to me, or visit the camp's website at <a href="https://www.manatawny.org">www.manatawny.org</a>.

-Aaron Pearl

# For Our Children During the Worship Service

If you are here with young children, we want you to know we have some options for them during the worship service!

**Nursey:** We have a staffed nursery available for infants and toddlers under the age of 3. Childcare in the nursery is available from the beginning to the end of the worship service. Nursery is located in room D-8.

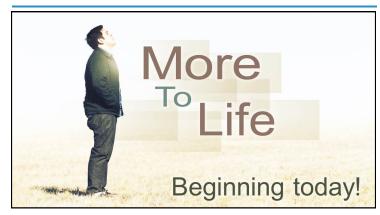
**Kids for Christ:** Children ages 3 through kindergarten are invited to Kids for Christ at the end of the communion observance during the worship service. Age appropriate Bible lessons, videos, and activities keep preschoolers active and happy while you worship. The Kids for Christ room is located in room D-1.

**Junior Worship:** For 1st - 4th graders, an age appropriate lesson is provided for grade-schoolers at the end of the communion observance during the worship service. Junior Worship is located in room C-6.

Your children are welcome to attend these programs, or they may sit in the auditorium with you. All we ask is that you follow the age guidelines. Please share any special needs your child may have with the volunteers and teachers who staff these programs.Thank you!



# New Sermon Series Today!



Today we begin a new sermon series: More To Life.

- Your life is more than you think it is. It's more than your business, marriage, degree, bank account, religion, cancer, loss, etc...
- There's more to life than your highest high and your lowest low.
- Have you ever thought, "There's got to be more to life than this!"

Join us as Dan and Carlos share the following messages over the upcoming weeks:

Today: There's More to Life than Pleasures

April 10th: There's More to Life than Marriage and Dating

April 17th: There's More to Life than Financial Security

April 24th: There's More to Life than Religious Ritual

May 1st: There's More to Life than Being Good

"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."

-John 10:10



Contact John Ashton by phone at 609-561-8371, or by email at jashton8342comcast.net

# Upcoming Events at Pitman Road

# You're Invited

to a musical production of

The Tale of the Three Trees

Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 4:00 PM

presented by



500 Pitman Road • Sewell, NJ 08080

Free! No collection will be taken.

The musical presentation will be followed by light refreshments!

For more information, please call 856-589-1500 or visit www.pitmanroad.com







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### Everyone is welcome!

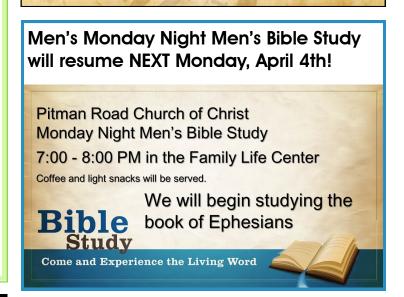
Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Our
Spring & Summer
Schedule!

Mark Your
Calendars!

Sunday • April 3
Sunday • May 1
Sunday • June 5
Sunday • July 17
Sunday • Aug 7
At 5:30 - 7:30 pm





# **April Teen Events**

Saturday, April 2 -

Volleyball here at the building, 4-8:00 PM

Sunday, April 3 -

All interested teens are invited to have lunch with Dr. Bruce McLarty, president of Harding University at Noon.

Saturday, April 23 -

Service project. Details TBA

Contact Tim and Melody Davis for more information at tmdaviszoo@comcast.net



# More Wedding Bells!



The "engaged" list on our prayer list continues to grow! In case you hadn't yet heard... Rebecca Cruz and Justin Guy are engaged! Justin proposed to Rebecca last Saturday night in an elaborately staged flashmob dance routine while they were on a date salsa dancing at a studio with friends. (You

can check that out on their Facebook pages.)

Justin and Rebecca met in May of 2012, and after a year of friendship, they became a couple in May of 2013. Rebecca began to join Justin at our worship services and then placed membership here as well. Since then, they've heard the question, "When are you getting engaged?" more times than they probably care to remember. Now we can all stop asking! Rebecca says, "God's timing is PERFECT," and they know their engagement is part of God's plan and timing for their lives.

Justin and Rebecca both have a great sense of humor. Family and friends are very important to them! Rebecca has three children in their teens and twenties, Nathan, Hannah, and Amanda...and of course her dog Max is part of the family as well. A November 6, 2016 wedding is planned. Keep the family in your prayers as they prepare for the "Big Day" and their life together! Congratulations from your church family!

# Responses to the Invitation

Two of our members came forward to request prayers last Sunday, both concerning employment situations.

**Kelly Spencer** will begin working outside the home for the first time in twelve years. She asks that we pray for her peace during the period of adjustment her family will have, that she has courage to face the changes, and that she "shine like a star" as a Christian as she goes back out into the workforce.

**Connie Dinshah** continues to struggle after the loss of the job she held for eighteen years. The change impacts her family, making things difficult in many ways. Please pray for Connie as she tries to reconcile with the loss of the job, and for her and her family as they cope with the loss of income.

# This Week's Prayer Requests

<u>Praises:</u> It was great to see Rachel Stetser here last Sunday! She says she is recovering well. Glynn Durham's long bout with hiccups due to chemo treatment seem to be under control, praise God! David and Ryoko Marshall are expecting their second child, another girl, on July 29! Joe says, "God is Good!"

#### **Prayers Requested:**

**Barbara Perry**, recovering from cancer surgery.

**Alana Peterson,** harsh side effects from drugs involved with breast cancer treatment.

**Barby Jo Crema,** treatments for uveal/ocular melanoma which has spread to the liver.

Pat Schuehler, possible throat surgery.

**Sue Martin's mother Dottie,** diagnosed with a rare bladder cancer.

**Max Lancaster,** briefly hospitalized after returning from Europe. He's now home.

**Richard Sussman,** Teresa Point Sussman's father-in-law, biopsy, please pray for good results.

**Ruth Bergman,** Manny Vander Vennen's mom, hospitalized due to severe weakness related to chemotherapy treatments for Multiple Myeloma.

Glynn Durham, chemotherapy.

Ken Albone, serious anemia.

**Jayne Schofield** is experiencing severe pain and many health concerns.

John Schofield, Jayne's husband, many health concerns.

**La'Verne Daniels** has requested prayers for her brother, **Michael**, cousin **Kittie** and her co-worker, **Donna O'Brien**.

**Kathy Ashton** continues to heal after serious fractures in her leg.

Gwen Phillip, breast cancer, awaiting surgery date.

**Rachel Stetser,** recovering from mastectomy surgery.

Nancy Calabro, numerous health concerns.

#### Military:

Andrew Holden at West Point.

Doug Peterson III, deployed with Air Force

#### **Engaged:**

Sean Fenton & Rebekah Lucien, April 16, 2016

Kristy Romeo and Will Mendez, May 15, 2016

Mallory Perine & Brandon Keeks, September 17, 2016

Rebecca Cruz & Justin Guy, November 6, 2016

Jonathan Hooley & Mary Bernadette McElroy, May 2017

#### **Expecting:**

David and Ryoko Marshall, a girl, July 29th.

**Traveling: Paul Stanford** 

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH: MEET, MOVE, MAKE** continues on Sunday mornings through April at 9:00 AM in the Family Life Center. *Please join us! Come early at 8:30 am for coffee, bagels, and munchkins.* 

April 3...... At This Church We "MOVE into Community" - Dan Cooper

April 10 & 17..... At This Church We "MAKE a Difference" - John Peoples

April 24....." "Where do we go from here?" - by our Elders

## **Our Ministers**

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## Our Deacons

Bud Britton	Grounds Maintenance	
Derrick Busch	Young Adults	
Tim Davis	Teens	
Tony DeStefano	Body Life & Fellowship	
Glynn Durham	LIFE Groups	
	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	5	
Audio Visual; Information Technology; Website		
Jay Schneider	Serving Our Seniors	
Carl Steiner	World Evangelism	
Manny Vander Vennen		
Church Directory, Kids for Christ		

## Elder on Call:

March/April: Horatio Fenton

### 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 140 216 Worship LIFE Groups 74 Wednesday 112 Contribution \$9,055 Fiscal YTD Goal \$401,280.00 Contribution YTD \$376,717.00 **Under Budget** (\$24,563.00)

## Serving Us Today

Nursery Brenda Peoples
Kids For Christ Carla Clements
Jr. Worship Brian Mansdoerfer

Hall Monitor: Bible Class Hall Monitor: Worship

Greeters: Front Entrance George & Cookie Rowe Greeters: Back Entrance Glynn & Debby Durham

Ushers Justin Guy, John Steiner, & Dave Perine

Information Center Rebecca Cruz
Shepherd's Call Mike Lazar
Song Leader Garth Hutchinson
Communion Carl Steiner

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

Group	Location	Contact
Brook Besor	TBA	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Prenger's, Tuesday at 7PM	856-689-7932
Convenience Group	Happy Easter	
Hammonton Group	Happy Easter	
Marriage Mentoring	Contact Buchanans for sched.	856-229-1558
Men's Bible Study	Resumes April 4 at 7 PM	
Paracletes	Happy Easter	
Silver Linings	Happy Easter	
Solid Gold	Happy Easter	
Teens	Happy Easter	
Vineland	Happy Easter	
Women in the Word	Church Bldg., Tues.at 9:45AM	856-589-1500
Young Adults	Happy Easter	

## Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: TORCH MISSIONS BENEFIT MEAL

Menu: Spaghetti







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