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Spring is in the Air!

Two major happenings for our church this Spring...between now and June 5th!

Appointing Additional Elders

On April 24th we will begin the process of teaching, preaching, fasting and praying over the process of appointing additional elders to shepherd our flock. Throughout the month of May, the Sunday morning Bible classes will be combined in the Family Life Center for a time of intense prayer, study and discussion.

In the last four months, **Tom and Melva Toy** have moved to Florida; **Larry and Fran Point** have announced Larry's decision to retire as a shepherd due to health concerns; and **Greg and Linda Krinks** have shared that they are moving to Tennessee as Greg retires, to be closer to children and grandchildren. These three families have shepherded our members faithfully over the past two decades.

With three of our eight elders stepping down, it seems only natural to begin the process of appointing additional elders. The process of appointing new elders will begin April 24th with a series of Sunday Bible classes; we plan to complete the process before the summer is upon us. For now, please begin praying about the process.

"Close the Gap Sunday" coming on June 5!

Didn't you love the words that **Harry Ake** spoke last Sunday as he shared his comments and prayer, both before communion and before the collection? One of his comments took me aback! He said, "I've been coming to this church for almost five years and nobody ever asked me for money." I thought to myself, "Wow, I'm slipping!" Today, we are asking our whole church to set aside some extra money, a generous gift, for God's work on June 5th.

Little by little we have fallen significantly behind our budget this fiscal year. The economy in New Jersey continues to be tough. Salaries are stagnant. Property taxes are increasing. People have moved. (At least the price of gasoline has gone down!) Giving is down, and if you look at the back of this bulletin today, you will see we currently have a budget deficit of \$25,295.00

Plan ahead, pray ahead, and on Sunday June 5th, join all of your elders and ministerial staff as we "close the gap." Help us to finish the fiscal year (ending June 30) in the black. Double up, triple up, and give extra generously! Watch what God does in return! You cannot out-give Him. The point is this: "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:6-7)

Spring is in the Air. Let's bloom! Dan

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Transitions Are Not Easy... BUT Not Making Transitions is Certain Death!

In the last four months, Tom and Melva Toy have moved to Florida; Larry and Fran Point have announced Larry's decision to retire as a shepherd; and Greg and Linda Krinks have informed us they are moving to Tennessee. That means it is transition time!

Toys moved after first serving this church as a deacon and wife for a decade, then serving as a shepherd and wife for nearly 20 years. Points are not moving, but their lives are changing, due to Larry's health. At the end of 2015, due to his reduced energy level, Larry shared his decision to step away from his shepherding role. Like the Toys, Larry first served our church for over a decade as one of our deacons, then twenty years ago he and Fran were appointed by this flock to serve as a shepherd and wife. Finally, while we have all known that it would eventually come, Greg and Linda Krinks are moving to Tennessee to be closer family. Greg and Linda came to us as new Christians, and Greg was appointed to serve as a deacon not long after they arrived. Greg, too, served as a deacon for a decade, and then Greg, Tom and Larry were all three appointed to serve as elders on the same Sunday, twenty years ago. Man, I am going to miss these humble servants and partners in ministry!

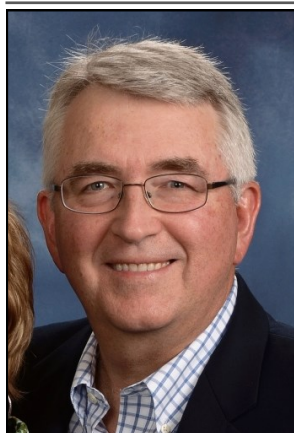
With these pivotal families for the three decades transitioning, it seems only natural to begin the process of appointing additional elders. You will be a part of that process. Please begin praying about this transition process.

My faith assures me that God will continue to provide; **Dan**



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Greg Krinks
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Shepherd's Voice

Some things I want to share with you...

That time is quickly approaching. Linda and I are preparing for our upcoming move to Tennessee awash in a mix of emotions. There is great anticipation because we are fulfilling a long time dream of living near our kids (who all grew up in this church) and our precious grandchildren. In addition, we await God's leading for new and different ways to serve and grow, confident He will do just that.

What we don't look forward to is the profound sense of sadness associated with moving away from this church family. In every way, you have been family to us for some 35 years. We have shared fun times, sad times, and times that challenged us to grow – in faith and in our relationships. Together we are still being transformed more into the likeness of Jesus and may that process never change!

There is so much I could say and so many reflections I could share, but I chose to share with you a couple of thoughts that have encouraged me in my walk. Often times I have said that one of my favorite stories from the Gospels is found in Mark 9: 14 – 29, and I would like you to consider two perspectives I have found there. Obviously, we see ourselves in this man. Sometimes we encounter situations and events in life that cause our faith to waver and we might even doubt that God has the answer or the power to deliver us. But Jesus tells us otherwise and our response can only be "I do believe, help me overcome my unbelief!"

Let me add another perspective. Sometimes the person in this story is a brother or sister who is crying out to God for hope or answers. The way we support – or judge- can have a profound impact on that person. Remembering that we struggle at times, may we be patient, forgiving, and supportive rather than impatient and judgmental. A help rather than a hindrance.

We will never have all the answers to peoples' questions about life or theology, but that doesn't mean we should stop searching! Beware of wolves in sheep's clothing, remember that even Satan quoted scripture; look for the fruit of the Spirit in people's lives; put God's truth before traditions; take care of the "least of these;" and first and foremost, win people to Jesus.

Before ending, Linda and I sincerely want to invite you to come see us on the way to Arkansas, or Texas, or wherever your travels take you. Or just come see us. (You might want reservation in case Papa and Mimi's house has visitors already- we'll make it work!)

So no matter where we live, may our God bless us as we are transformed into His likeness.

-Greg

Under Construction!



You will be seeing some activity in our foyer/lobby in the coming weeks.... there's

going to be some sprucing up going on! We are excited about getting some new décor and furniture and we hope you are too! Please be patient during the transition period; this will happen gradually over the next few weeks, so don't be concerned if you see things that look incomplete... they probably are.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments about the project, please see Carlos.

Harding Luncheon

Last Sunday **Dr. Bruce McLarty**, president of Harding University, was our guest speaker during the worship service, and also attended a luncheon with teens, parents of teens, and Harding alumni. About 100 people attended!

We thank **Dwight and Mary Lea Thompson** for being the hosts of the luncheon! A delicious meal was served and the Family Life Center was beautifully decorated! Thanks to **Tina Broyles and Adriana McDade** for help with the decorations, and **Mike Broyles** for his technical assistance.



Area high school seniors with Dr. McLarty.

Two New Births!



Last Sunday, we witnessed two new births! **Natale Verrecchio** and **Jenn Hoynak** both chose to be immersed into Christ. Natale is **Tina**

Broyles' cousin, and Jenn is Natale's nephew's fiancé. They have both been attending regularly since the end of last year. They are both active in the Embark branch of the Women's Ministry. Natale, who lost a daughter to addiction two years ago, heads up "Abby's Angels" along with Jenn, which is an outreach to heroin addicts and their families.



Natale's husband Steve and Jenn's fiancé Myke Pinto, along with other family members, were present for the baptisms. **Mike Broyles** had the honor of performing both baptisms. Get to know both of these wonderful and energetic women and their families! Their contact information is listed in our online directory.



Welcome to the family Natale and Jenn! We look forward to getting to know you, and together being transformed more and more into the image of Jesus!



Let's Move!



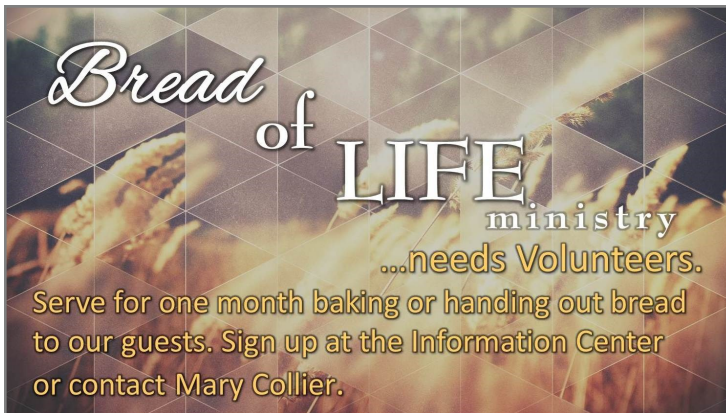
One of our newest sisters, **Natale Verrecchio**, and her husband **Steve** are moving on **Saturday, April 16th**. Complicating matters, Steve is having surgery five days before on April 11th, and

will be unable to lift anything.

One of the things we do really well (besides eat) here at Pitman Road is help people move! Let's welcome this family by giving them a hand. They will be moving boxes and furniture.

If you can help, please meet at their current address, 38 Dover Lane, Sicklerville, NJ 08081, on Saturday, April 16th, at 10 am. They are moving to Marlton.

Brenda Peoples, and Women's Engage ministry is coordinating this effort, so if you are willing to help please let Brenda know.



Missing Towels

Somehow we are missing six towels from the dressing rooms at the church building. The missing towels have our church name on them. They were taken from the men's dressing room and / or the ladies dressing room. Not accusing anyone of stealing; and in fact, probably someone took the towels home to launder them after a baptism.

Whatever the case, we are missing towels with the church name on them. If you happen to know anything about their whereabouts, please return them to the church building immediately. No questions will be asked. Thank you very much. They were discovered missing last Sunday, as we were preparing for the two baptisms.

Regarding towels and baptisms: Would you be willing to launder towels following baptisms? If so, please contact Garth, Dan, Dottie, or one of the office staff members.

-Dan



Memorial Service

A memorial service for **Joe Calabro's sister, Barbara Richards**, will be held here at our building on **Saturday, April 16th at 12:30 pm**. There will be a luncheon immediately following the service.

TORCH Missions Honduras



TORCH Missions participants, please plan to attend a meeting in the Young Adults classroom immediately following services on April 24th.

Not going on the trip but want to help?

Not everyone can go to Honduras this summer with TORCH Missions... But everyone can help the team that is going! The follow items are needed:

toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene products, gallon ziplock bags, work gloves, safety glasses, coloring books and crayons, small toys (such as tic tac toe, bouncy balls, clown noses, bubbles, bracelets, stickers, fake tattoos)

What not to donate: anything that is used or already open, candy, large toiletry items.

There is a box at the Information Center for you to deposit your items. Questions? See Tyler Steffy.

You're Invited

to a musical production of

The Tale of the Three Trees

Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 4:00 PM

presented by



PITMAN ROAD
CHURCH OF CHRIST

500 Pitman Road • Sewell, NJ 08080

Free! No collection will be taken.

The musical presentation will be followed by light refreshments!

Thank You!

To the church of Christ,

I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards even meals at our house during my surgery.

I had the pleasure of seeing Dan, Dwight, and Mike in the hospital. Even lunch with my brother and Dan. This goes back from a meeting in Holland in about 1989 while Dan was on a trip and needed a stop/housing. Sunday again a visit from brother Mike, very nice always to catch up with each other. I was blessed by all that you did for me.

We go back many years with many of you and appreciate the friendship and prayers we have received from you all.

The latest news is that I am healing well, rest is good, so I hope to return to work after Memorial Day. God is good!

Once a again many thanks.

In Christ, **Jos and Debbie Randsdorp**

Men Praying

Did you know that men meet at our church building three times each week for the specific reason praying together? I do not know of another church where that happens! All men are invited to join us at one or more of these weekly prayer meetings. Each prayer meetings typically lasts about an hour.

Where do they meet? In the Conference Room at the church building.

When do they meet? Every Tuesday morning at 10 AM; every Friday morning at 7 AM, and every Saturday morning at 8 AM. Please join us. **-Dan**



Guests from France!

We are honored to have several guests from France worshipping with us: **Max and Prisca Dauner**, missionaries in Marseille, France whom our church supports; their son **Philippe Dauner**, a minister of the church in Marseille, France, and his wife **Dolores** and their three children; their son **Justin Dauner**, also a minister of the church in Marseille, and their adopted son, **Alex Dudar**. **Graziella Roos Wright**, originally from Marseille, is also visiting. All of these folks are in town to celebrate the marriage of **Constantin Tertov**, adopted son of Max and Prisca, to **Katherine Finn**, daughter of **Mark and Becky Finn** of Collingswood. We are very grateful to have them with us, and Garth and Diana Hutchinson are especially happy to be with their French Christian family again! **And may the Lord richly bless Constantin and Katherine in their new life as one in Christ.**

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praises: **Joe, Gina, David, and Ryoko Marshall** would like to thank all who might have prayed for them, and ask everyone to offer a PRAYER OF THANKS for what appears to be the beginning of our little Kino's recovery. Joe says: "It's important for us all to remember to be thankful when we get what we ask for in prayer. For that matter, it's important to be thankful just for the privilege of prayer in general!!"

Prayers Requested:

Gwen Phillip, surgery for breast cancer on April 11th.

Ed Cerquoni, hernia surgery on April 28th. Prayer for Ed, Tammy, and Adam are appreciated.

Brian Perino, friend of Charlie Peterson, recovering from liver transplant.

Kelly Evans, Alana Peterson's cousin, mass on the base of her brain; she can't talk and has some paralysis. Initial tests were inconclusive, so testing continues.

Dottie Chew, neighbor of Cindy Holden, hospitalized with pneumonia.

Peggy Ward, Sue Ward's mom, now under hospice care.

Glynn Durham, side effects of chemo

Barbara Perry, is at Manor Care, 378 Fries Mill Rd., Sewell, NJ 08080. She says she would love visitors.

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

Barby Jo Crema, next treatments for uveal/ocular melanoma which has spread to the liver on April 21st.

Pat Schuehler, possible throat surgery.

Sue Martin's mother Dottie, cancer has spread throughout her body; it's very aggressive.

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.

John Schofield, Jayne Schofield's husband, bronchitis.

Cheattiqui Sweitzer, Jayne Schofield's cousin, battling multiple cancers.

Jayne Schofield asks for prayers for her strength.

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

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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	151
Worship	273
LIFE Groups	91
Wednesday	89
Contribution	\$11,391
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$422,400.00
Contribution YTD	\$397,105.00
Under Budget	(\$25,295.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Linda Prenger
Kids For Christ	Tina Broyles
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	Rebekah Lazar
Hall Monitor: Worship	
Greeters: Front Entrance	Steve & Jayne DePrince
Greeters: Back Entrance	Horatio & Jackie Fenton
Ushers	Jonathan Hooley & Kareem Lazurus
Information Center	Kristy Romeo
Shepherd's Call	Greg Krinks
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Brian Holden

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	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
Hammonton Group	Thompson's at 5PM	609-561-8532
Marriage Mentoring	Contact Buchanans for sched.	856-229-1558
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7PM	856-217-3956
Paracletes	Barbara Perry's at 12:15PM	484-886-5349
Silver Linings	Savastano's at Noon	609-330-8766
Solid Gold	TBA	
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 Building at Noon	850-814-6632

Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: **Cindy Holden**

Menu: **Meatloaf, Roasted Potatoes**

Elder on Call:

March/April: Horatio Fenton



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