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## Walking the Spiritual Wire

In 1974, New Yorkers stared skyward from the sidewalks below the World Trade Center towers. They watched a lone figure walking in the air between the top of the skyscrapers.

In reality, Phillipe Petit, an accomplished wire walker, had strung a wire across the chasm of the twin towers and was walking the wire. His story became the basis for the 2015 movie *The Walk* (which should not be viewed by those afraid of heights).

Petit learned the art of wire walking as part of a circus family. As he grew, he gained confidence, perhaps too much confidence. During a practice session, the patriarch, Papa Ruby, watched the young Phillipe as he approached his last step. Then it happened. The wire started to shake, and Phillipe slipped. He grabbed the wire with both hands, swinging precariously. One errant move would drop him to his death. He edged himself to the platform, onto which he collapsed.

The stress of the near fall weakened Phillipe's knees and jangled his nerves as he descended the ladder and faced the old man, expecting criticism. But Papa Ruby did not scold. He instructed Phillipe, "Most wire walkers, they die when they arrive. They think they have arrived, but they're still on the wire. If you have three steps to do, and you take those steps arrogantly, if you think you are invincible, you're going to die!"

King Solomon could not agree more. His words are more familiar yet just a potent: "Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall." (Proverbs 16:18)

The most dangerous thought to have about the Christian life is, "I am above all of this." Temptation is real, and some version of the siren's song entices all. Those, like Peter, who are sure of their strength confront their weakness in tears. All walk the spiritual wire daily. We must do it cautiously with faith only in Christ, and not ourselves.

Remember the lesson of the wire walker. If you think you are invincible, you are dead.

-Robert G. Taylor (adapted)

**Editor's Note: Katherine and I watched this movie earlier this year. I'd highly recommend it! Powerful spiritual lesson here! - Dan**



## BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We are not rushing "Back to School," so continue to enjoy your summer! However, we are collecting school supplies to help children in need this fall. Since the retail stores are already running sales on these items, we wanted to make sure to get the word out early. Deadline for collection is August 21st. Drop off your donation in the marked bin at the Information Center. We are collecting the following items:

- backpacks/book bags
- pencils and pens/erasers/pencil cases
- crayons and colored pencils
- pencil sharpeners (that hold the shavings)
- highlighters and markers
- folders
- composition books/notebooks
- binders and loose leaf paper
- graph paper
- index cards/flash cards
- scissors/rulers/calculators
- "Book Soxs"



## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## What's New?

Do you subscribe to ***The Christian Chronicle***? If you do not, would you like to receive it? It is a newspaper, published monthly, designed to report good news about the churches of Christ. Their mission is "to inform, inspire and unite!"

If you receive "the Chronicle" and do not read it, let me urge you to spend some extra time going through this award winning piece of journalism.

If you do not receive this excellent publication, our church would like to make a free copy available to you. Simply let Dottie or me know that you'd like to receive it, give us your exact mailing address, and we will have your name added to the mailing list immediately.

If you'd like to know more news about what is happening in churches of Christ around the country and around the world, you need to faithfully read this paper. The feature story in the July issue is entitled "Church Members Show Love After Orlando Massacre." The front page article is on Hispanic youth growing up as members of the churches of Christ, in the USA. There is also a story featuring Christian education and outreach efforts in Africa.

Also of note is an article written by a former Iraqi soldiers and engineer, who grew up as a Muslim, but became a Christian, entitled, "When I Almost Died, Unbaptized, in Falluja." A thought-provoking article on the "restroom debate" provided interesting discussion, as well as an article written by a Lipscomb administrator called, "A Christian Response to Sexual Assaults."

Take advantage of this well written, thought-provoking, and newsy periodical that is certain to stimulate your thinking.

-Dan



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

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**Dwight Thompson**  
Elder

...is our heart overwhelmed with the love given us by God?

## Shepherd's Voice

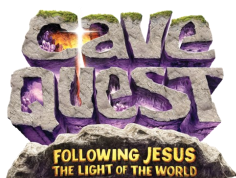
### "My, My. Look At What We Started!!!"

This past week we were embedded in the mountain above Gatlinburg, TN, enjoying family time. I was reminded several times of the dear words my mother would say when my two sisters and I would be together along with all 38 members of our combined families, "My, my. Look at what we started!" My mother loved to make that statement. I know if she was still with us today, she would have said it over and over again in Gatlinburg. She loved to just look at all of us, with the blessings God had given each, and marvel that so much has come from the beginnings of Daddy and her.

As we look at our lives and reflect on what "we have started," do we have regrets, or is our heart overwhelmed with the love given us by God? Realizing He has given to "each of us" talents, time, and treasure, can we say we are pleased, or do we have regrets?

It has been said you can never go back and start a new beginning, but you can start today and create a new ending. May God grace us with many days to look at the story of our lives and say, "My, my. Look at what we started." Romans 12:9 reminds us to "hate what is evil and hold tight to what is good." With that effort, make your life count for good!

-Dwight



**MORE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!** The Collingswood Church of Christ is hosting their CAVE QUEST Vacation Bible School beginning today through Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 pm. There will be classes for children and adults! Contact the Collingswood church for more information at 856-854-0197.

## Upcoming Events!

### Bring Your Own Craft Day

Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Noon to 5:00 PM  
in the Family Life Center  
Snacks are provided!

Hope to see you there!



**NEW AND SPECIAL CRAFT DAY ACTIVITY!** Join us between 2:00-3:00 pm for "Christmas in July!" Come and make a few Christmas cards and get in the Christmas spirit...all while beating the heat of July. The cards will be provided - just bring yourself and some early Christmas spirit. This is a great activity for moms and children (8 and up, please!) or ladies that just want to chat and enjoy a few hours.

Ladies  
*Movie*  
Night

Friday, August 5th  
in our auditorium  
Doors open at 7:00 pm  
Movie begins at 7:30 pm

Ladies Movie Night  
Returns!

Our featured movie is  
**MIRACLES**  
*from* **HEAVEN**

Sign up at the  
Information Center!

**Popcorn and Snacks • Fun for all! • Bring a friend!  
Pajamas welcome!**

#### ADMISSION TO MOVIE:

Bring one or more of the following Food Pantry items:  
peanut butter • jelly • canned tuna • saltines  
mac & cheese • canned pasta • 1lb box of sugar  
\*donations of money also accepted\*  
**Sign up at the Information Center!**



**"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31**

**"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35**

A couple of weeks ago, Dan and Derrick reminded us that love starts here with us. The world is watching. What a timely message!

Keeping that in mind, our children and teens showed some appreciation to our local police officers this week! **#shareGodslove #itstartshere**

## This Week's Prayer Requests

**Praise:** PRAISE!! Glory be to God!!! The doctor's have told **Glynn Durham** that he is in a partial remission! He had his 7th chemo treatment this past Thursday and his 8th will be on Monday, August 15th. After that he will have another series of scans, and decisions will be made about what will happen next. What wonderful news!!

#### Prayers Requested:

**Dorothy Cunningham**, Brenda Peoples' mother, hospitalized due to various complications of auto-immune disease, most serious: kidney failure, fluid in lungs and around heart, difficulty breathing.

**Caleb Hall**, severely broken arm, recovering from surgery to insert two screws.

**Harold Pearl** had a hearth catherization on Thursday. Two stents were inserted, and he will have another catherization and stent in two weeks.

**Gwen Phillip**, dealing with severe burns from radiation treatment; one more week of treatments left.

**Joe Schneider**, Jay's dad, prayers for healing of broken upper arm.

**Vince Holland**, 26 years old, suffered a stroke and cannot walk or speak.

**Charles Ward**, Sue Ward's father, is hospitalized with pneumonia and fluid around the lungs. He is not eating or drinking much.

**Jim Edwards**, friend of the Points, has taken a turn for the worse. Please continue to pray for him.

#### Missions:

**Diana, Lucas, and Claire Hutchinson** serving at Camp Harmonie Bible Camp in France (July 13-27), returning to the US on August 2.

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!** One of the acts of service that the Parachletes LIFE group had been performing is visiting Greenfields Assisted Living community (near Glassboro) one Sunday per month. If you would consider taking part in this ministry on Sunday July 31st and/or September 4th at 2:00 PM, please leave me a message. JAY SCHNEIDER 610-591-7152.



## Our Schedule

### Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes  
10:00 am Worship

### Wednesday

7:00 pm Bible Classes  
7:45 pm Fellowship

### Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

## Last Week

Bible Class	124
Worship	207
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	78
Contribution	\$9,195.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	NA
Contribution YTD	NA
Under Budget	NA

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**Elder on Call for July and August: Mike Lazar**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Mandy Mansdoerfer & Suzanne Kleineweber
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	Justin Guy & Rebecca Cruz
Greeters: Back Entrance	Derrick & Brenda Busch
Ushers	Brenda Peoples
Information Center	Larry Kellum Jr. & John Peoples
Shepherd's Call	John Peoples
Song Leader	Matt Downing
Communion	Harry Ake

## TONIGHT!



**It's summer!**

**No LIFE Group today! No school tomorrow! So...**

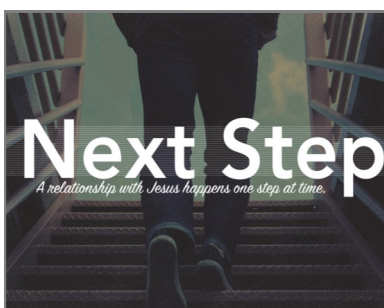
**Tonight is a great time to join us for REFUGE!**

Alana Peterson will share the powerful story of her journey with God over this past year as she battled cancer. There will be fellowship, there will be food, there will be praise and devotion!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU HERE AT 5:30!**

## Next Step: Move Into Community

Once you have "met Jesus," where do you go next? After you've met Jesus, the next logical step is to "move into community" with other believers. How does that community grow? Where do you start? What do you have to do to fit in?



That is what Dan is going to be talking about in a luncheon following Sunday morning worship assembly on **July 24th**. This luncheon is designed specifically for our newest members. We will meet off site in a private room at Tim-

berline Shopping Center (only 3 miles from our building) as we address what it means to be a part of this community of believers. We want you with us! You belong here! There is a place for you. We want you to be more than an attendee. We want you to be more than a baptized believer. We want you to find your niche. We want your spiritual and emotional needs addressed through this community of believers. There is no charge for this luncheon. Child care will be provided. Please sign up on the designated clipboard at the Information Center so that we know how many to plan on. Call Dan if you have any questions.



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