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Invite A Friend to Church...They May Meet Jesus!



Last Sunday night at Refuge, **Andreana Barefield** was baptized! Andreana has been attending our church regularly since last fall. She began visiting at the invitation of Derek and Leza Davis. The Davises have known Andreana for a long time; she is a student at Derek's dojo, having recently earned her black belt! Andreana also had relationships with some of our other members. She was well acquainted with the Holmes family through the dojo. Andreana and Mallory Perine attended school together, participating in the theater arts program together throughout middle and high school.

It wasn't long before Andreana began to seriously study the Bible with Carlos, along with additional discussion and guidance from Derek and Leza. Andreana began serving in the Refuge ministry at the beginning of this year, sharing her beautiful voice in praise of God. Once again we see the way God works through relationships to bring His children to Jesus.

Andreana is a busy young woman. In addition to the hard work put in to earn her black belt, she was admitted to the University of Pennsylvania and will begin graduate studies there in a few weeks. She will be working towards a masters in Social Work. As she begins this exciting chapter in her life, please keep her in your prayers.

Congratulations Andreana, we welcome you to our Pitman Road family! The angels are rejoicing in heaven!



Before Bible classes last Wednesday night, we joined together to witness the rebirth of Debbie Schreiner in baptism! Debbie is another soul added because a friend invited her to meet Jesus! Debbie and Yvonne Pearl have been friends and coworkers for many years. Debbie has visited with us and even attended some of our ladies retreats and events as well as the Vineland LIFE Group. Recently she began to attend regularly, seriously studying what God's Word says about salvation.

Through the Women's Ministry, Dawonna Hale became acquainted with Debbie. She shares this about Debbie's baptism: "Her dear friend, Yvonne, loved her so much and just never stopped 'planting the seed.' The two women were of different faiths. There were times when they studied together. Debbie shared her thoughts and insecurities...yet Yvonne never gave up on her. Wednesday night as Debbie was baptized, I was standing behind Yvonne, who cried and said, '12 years... it took 12 years!' Yvonne said, 'You know, it's not just about sharing scripture, it's about being there and caring.' "

What was probably most memorable about Debbie's baptism was the smile on her face as she came up out of the water. Making it more special for her was having her son and grandchildren here to share this most special moment in her life. Congratulations Debbie! We are so glad to welcome you to the family of God!

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Anniversaries are a Big Deal! Celebrating Some Super Significant Anniversaries this Year!

Jim and Clare Hightower celebrated their 50th Anniversary on June 18th!
David and Kat Lindsey celebrated their 50th Anniversary on June 25th!
Corny and Phyllis Walker celebrated their 50th Anniversary on July 23rd!
Also this year: Tom and Melva Toy celebrated their 51st. **Bud and Barbara Britton** celebrated their 53rd. **Rich and JoAnn Ruhland** celebrated their 53rd. **Dwight and Mary Lea** celebrated their 54th. **Ted and Pat Schuehler** celebrated their 55th. And **Rit and Barbie Jo Crema** celebrated their 60th Anniversary!

And...Dorice E and Valeria Mitchell, Katherine's parents, just celebrated their 66th Anniversary!

The Springfield Church of Christ in Springfield, VT celebrates their 70th on August 28th! I'm taking my dad to help the Springfield church celebrate! Anniversaries are a big deal! They are worth celebrating!

The divinely inspired one who penned the words of Ecclesiastes wisely instructed... ***For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance (Ecc. 3:1-ff).*** If you've been married more than a few months (**Will & Kristy and Anthony & Hope**), you have already discovered that there is a time to weep and mourn; but I remind you to also look for times to laugh and dance! Celebrate your own anniversary! It's a BIG DEAL! You deserve credit for making marriage matter! Celebrate the anniversaries of other faith heroes. Treat them to dinner out! Seek their wisdom. Ask them hard questions. These are worthy examples to all of our newlyweds. They have kept their wedding vows: ***"For better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part."***

-Dan the Happily Married Preacherman (44 years this December, for better or for worse!
 All of this as a back drop for our study from Ephesians 5 this Sunday morning!)



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

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Mike Broyles
 Elder

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Shepherd's Voice

Filling the Lineup

We are in the "dog days" of summer. There is a celestial origin for this phrase; the rising of Sirius, the Dog Star, with the sun, during July and early August. The phrase is commonly used to describe the hot and steamy part of summer. Growing up a baseball fan, I often heard the term used to describe the playing of baseball games in the summer heat as the long season slowly moved along toward the cooler days of fall and the excitement of the playoffs. Still, "dog days" or not, teams all across the country write out lineup cards, players take to the field, and the games go on. As difficult as it is, the work done during these long, hot, and tiring days sets the stage for a team's success come September and October. And so it is with our church family.

Our last month of summer will surely be filled with hot steamy days, work, and even vacations. It is also moving us closer to something exciting: our new Wednesday night format. Our bulletin two weeks ago provided a detailed description of what we will be doing this fall. It's different. It's purposeful. Without repeating the details, our new format has the potential to be a valuable tool to help our church family be all that it can be for one another, and for others. And just as baseball managers write out their lineup cards each hot August night, so we have positions to be filled. Even though your presence alone is an encouragement to others, we would love for you to take an active part in Wednesday nights! Here is a list of just some of the ministry areas that you can serve in, and the individuals coordinating those areas: Singing (Garth Hutchinson), Children's Ministry activities (Aaron Pearl), Puppet Ministry (Bert Kellum), Teen Activities (Tim Davis); Prayer Sessions (Derrick Bush), Nursery (Robin Steward), Young Adults (Toria Davis and Nate Haden), Wednesday Night Meals (Harriet Wensel).

Where can we place you on the "lineup card?"

Blessings,
Mike

**M.E.D.
MEETING
SUNDAY,
AUGUST 21ST
NOON - 2:00 PM**

All Ministers, Elders, and Deacons are asked to plan to attend the next M.E.D. Meeting. Important agenda items to be discussed:

- The new Wednesday night format.
- More about the 2016-2017 budget.

Harriet and Judi are planning lunch, so please RSVP to Dan or Dottie by **THIS Wednesday, August 17th**. Please mark your calendar and plan to be there!



LIFE Group Vision and Planning Meeting

Who: All who are interested in hosting or leading a LIFE Group this fall.

What: A brunch meeting is planned. Discussions will center around our vision for LIFE Groups, planning, and training for leaders.

When: **THIS Saturday, August 20th, 9:00-11:00 am**

Where: Family Life Center

RSVP to Glynn Durham or the church office .

Serve at Joes' Place!

Adam and Helena Cerquoni are looking for some help **this Saturday, August 20**. They will be providing a BBQ meal for the homeless at Joe's Place, Broadway and Ferry Ave. in Camden. They need help with set up, serving, and clean up. Serving of the food begins at 3 pm. Donations are needed of rolls for the burger and hot dogs, cookies, chips, lemonade mix, etc. Contact Helena 856-275-1581 (text is ok) or helenasophia53@gmail.com. It is a wonderful, happy experience and an honor, to serve at Joe's Place!



We've got some new things for you! Stop by the Welcome Center to pick up some of our round cards to hand out! We also have new pens, notepads, and vehicle window decals with our new logo for you to use for yourself or share!

NATIONAL
BACK TO CHURCH
SUNDAY

**8 OUT OF 10 PEOPLE SAY
THEY WOULD CONSIDER COMING
TO CHURCH IF INVITED**

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Coming Up in September!

Munchkin Ministry begins on Sunday, September 11th!

The "format" has been tweaked. Our one Munchkin Ministry time will be between Bible classes and the worship service, 9:45-9:55 am, in the Family Life Center. The "menu" will be simplified; coffee, juice, Munchkins, and breakfast bars will be served.

Are you looking for a ministry to serve in? Munchkin Ministry can always use a few more servant hearted people! If you're interested, please contact John Ashton.

Wednesday Night Meals will resume on Wednesday, September 14th! There is a signup sheet in the Family Life Center for those who would like to prepare a meal. Just pick your date write down your menu on the sheet. If you have any questions, please contact **Harriet Wensel**.

Sunday, September 4th

Starting Point meeting, 11:45 am in room B-2

For those wanting to know more about the Pitman Road Church of Christ. Sign up at the Welcome Center

Saturday, September 10th

Children's Back to School Breakfast, 9:00-11:00 am, FLC

Sunday, September 11th

Munchkin Ministry resumes, 9:45-9:55 am, FLC
LIFE Group "Kickoff"

Wednesday, September 14th

Wednesday Night Meals resume, 5:30-6:30 pm, FLC

Sunday, September 18th

Back to Church Sunday special worship service, 10:00 am and Picnic at noon in the FLC

Saturday, September 24th

Bring Your Own Craft Day, Noon-5:00 pm, FLC

Wednesday, September 28th

See You At The Pole prayer service, 7:00 pm, auditorium

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	135
Worship	187
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	67
Contribution	\$7,070.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$62,472.00
Contribution YTD	\$53,840.00
Under Budget	(\$8,632.00)

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Elder on Call for July and August: Mike Lazar

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Brenda Busch
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	George & Cookie Rowe
Greeters: Back Entrance	Glynn & Debby Durham
Ushers	Debby Durham
Information Center	Larry Peterson & Tyler Steffy
Shepherd's Call	Mike Broyles
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Larry Kellum, Jr.

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: Praise for three baptisms in one week!

Prayers Requested:

Jonathan Hooley is awaiting results from a liver biopsy.

Nelda Porter, Debby Durham's mother, undergoing medical testing.

Rob Weltzin's grandmother, declining health due to dementia.

Heidi Schaub, friend of Hope Hooley, tumor in stomach.

Bud Britton is awaiting test results to try to diagnose the reason for his poor health.

Charles Ward, Sue Ward's father, hospice.

A Praise and A Prayer Request

I am very grateful for the prayers for my dad, **Ed Gandolfi**, during his treatment for prostate cancer. The great news is that his PSA number went from 11 down to 1, and is expected to drop further to zero! The not great news is that it seems that he has another blockage in his heart. (He had by-pass surgery 11 years ago.) He is scheduled for a catheterization next Tuesday. Please pray that the blockage can be cleared during the procedure or a stent can open the artery so that he doesn't have to have open heart surgery again. Thank you! **-Annette Perine**

We Extend Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to **Manny and Becky Vander Venn** and their family on the passing of Manny's mother **Ruth Bergman**. Manny says, "Peacefully in her sleep, early this morning (Thursday) at around 3:10 am, my mom passed on to be with her Lord and Savior. She touched a great many lives with her loving and tender spirit during her 78 years on this earth and she will be dearly missed by her many family and friends. Although she ultimately lost her courageous battle with multiple myeloma, she ended her life victorious in Christ. Sweet victory for a very sweet woman."

We do not have funeral arrangements as of this writing; the information will be sent out via email when we receive it.

Cards can be sent to the Vander Venns at the address in the church directory.

Thank You!

To Pitman Road Church of Christ,

Thank you for your vast, generous expressions of love.

Sincerely, **Vernell Fuller**

Thank you so very much for the beautiful service for Julian and our family and our Lord. It was absolutely amazing and so deeply appreciated.

Love, **the Hegemans**

My Christian Brothers and Sisters,

You are a fine example of the Christian way of life. I have received great blessings and love from you all. Thank you! My heart is now full of platinum. (Do not get any crazy ideas!) - **Harold Pearl**



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