



PITMAN ROAD

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Today is LIFE Group Sign Up Sunday!

This year there are SIXTEEN different LIFE Groups to choose from! Find a group that best meets your location, demographic, and need... ..and sign up TODAY!



...because life is better in community.

Ageless

Leaders: Dan Cooper and Andy Mychajlowycz

Time & location: Sundays at noon; homes of group leaders

All ages are welcome. Families with or without children are welcome. The lesson time will focus on an expanded discussion of the Sunday morning message.

Beginning Anew

Leaders: Lee Collier and Ray Holmes

Time & location: Sundays at noon; Pitman Road church building

Adults of all ages are welcome. The lesson time will focus on an expanded discussion of the Sunday morning message.

Brook Besor

Leaders: Glynn Durham and John Peoples

Time & location: Thursdays at 7 pm; home of the Durham's

This group is for adults only. This group generally selects 1 or 2 faith based books to study throughout the year.

Circle of Sisters

Leaders: Lynne Sbaraglia and Rachel Stetser

Time & location: Mondays at 7 pm; homes of the group leaders

Women of all ages and marital status welcome. This group generally selects 1 or 2 faith based books to study throughout the year.

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

Leader: Derrick Busch

Time & location: Sundays at noon; Pitman Road church building

This group will focus on the study of the book Emotionally Healthy Spirituality by Peter Scazzero. All are welcome. Contact Derrick if you need to make arrangements for childcare during the study time.

Family of Teens

Leader: Manny Vander Vennen

Time & location: Sundays at noon; Pitman Road church building

This group is primarily for those families who have teens attending the Teen LIFE Group. The group will study the book The Five Love Languages of Teens.

Hammonton

Leaders: Mike Broyles and Tony DeStefano

Time & location: Sundays at 5 pm; various homes.

This is a family friendly group. The lesson time will center on an expanded discussion of the Sunday morning message.

Monday Night Men's Bible Study

Leaders: Harry Ake

Time & location: Mondays at 7 pm;

Pitman Road church building

All men are welcome. This group is a textual Bible study.

Paracletes

Leader: Jay Schneider

Time & location: Sundays at noon;

home base will be at the Pitman Road church building in room B-1, but more

often it will meet at various locations.

This group is open to all ages. This group will focus on service projects and visiting nursing homes.

Solid Gold

Leaders: Mike Grove and Mike Lazar

Time & location: Sundays at 6 pm; various homes

This group is for adults only. The lesson time will focus on an expanded discussion of the Sunday morning message.

Teens

Leaders: Tim Davis and Garth Hutchinson

Time & location: Sundays at noon; Pitman Road church building

This group is for teens in grades 7 through 12. Some meetings are discussion based, some service project oriented, and some social.

Vineland

Leaders: Carl Steiner and Steve DePrince

Time & location: Sundays at 6 pm; various homes

All adults are welcome in this group. The lesson time will focus on an expanded discussion of the Sunday morning message.

Women in the Word

Leader: Katherine Cooper

Time & location: Tuesdays at 9:45 am; Pitman Road building, B-4

This group is for women of all ages. Childcare is provided. This is a weekly Bible study, covering a wide range of topics.

Young Adults: College

Leaders: Nate Haden, Toria Davis, and Rob Weltzin

Time & location for meetings are to be determined.

This group is for young adults attending college and graduate school.

Young Adults: Young Professionals

Leaders: Carlos & Gina Isaziga, Brandon Keeks & Mallory Perine

Time & location for meetings are to be determined.

This group is for young adults who are post college, in the work force; single or dating.

Young Adults: Young Married

Leaders: Anthony & Hope DeStefano and Kareem & Sara Lazarus

Time & location for meetings are to be determined.

This group is for young adults who are married, with or without children.

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

The Problem with Sunday School and LIFE Groups!

The church of the first century did not have Sunday school, as nearly as I can tell. Rather, Sunday school is a relatively modern innovation in churches. Sunday school programs were started in England in the 1780's by a man named Robert Raikes. Within a few decades Sunday school programs had become very popular in England, and the movement crossed the Atlantic and came to America. Through Sunday school programs, millions of children and adults have been taught the basics of Christianity. And, through Sunday school haven't we all been deeply blessed by the things we learn? I would not want to go to a church that did not have an active Sunday school program.

The church of the first century did not have LIFE Groups, as nearly as I can tell. Rather, church every Sunday was more like our typical LIFE Group in 21st century America. Home meetings, food, fellowship, and lots of application time for the teachings of Jesus were the norm for the church of the first century. Churches gradually drifted away from that 1st century model as church became more accepted and moved into church buildings. About 40 years ago, a "small group" movement sprung up in America. Churches began to move back into homes for small group meetings (or LIFE Group meetings) where people could share "food, fellowship and lots of application time for the teachings of Jesus."

The problem with Sunday school and LIFE Groups is that every single Christian does not take full advantage of these wonderful opportunities every week! We usually have only about 55% to 65% of our Sunday morning attendance participating in Sunday school and LIFE Groups. As September approaches, JUST DO IT! Take full advantage of our wonderful Sunday school classes and our dynamic LIFE Group ministry. GROW!

-Dan the Sunday School, LIFE Group, Preacherman



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Tim Davis
Deacon: Teens

Please be prayerful about these outreach opportunities and our ongoing teen ministry.

A Servant Speaks

Teen Ministry

In the teen ministry we are looking for ways to connect with the teens of our community and their families. We will continue to do many of the same things we have done for years and add a couple of new ministry ideas sometime this fall.

Something Old – I think I know what you are thinking when you combine teen ministry and something old together. Most if not all of you probably think of me. As true as that might be, it is not what I was thinking of. In the teen ministry there are some good "old" events that we will continue to do because of their spiritual importance in our teens' lives. Two of these events are T.I.M.E. Team mission trips and Winterfest. Service projects are also a big part of what we do. We will continue to help and serve.

Something New - We will be doing something new starting this fall called Free Tutor Tuesday. This is where you come in! We would like to offer free tutoring on Tuesday nights to elementary and junior high school students. We will be asking adults to help tutor young people from the community as we reach out to serve our neighborhood. More information on Free Tutor Tuesday coming soon.

Something Borrowed - I borrowed this idea from my brother. We are calling it Teen Night Out. We want to open up our building to junior and senior high school students on Friday or Saturday nights. We will have volleyball and other games available. We wanted to do something fun for the kids of our community. We will have more details coming soon.

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In Him, **Tim**



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StartingPoint

If you would like to make Pitman Road church your church, or simply find out more about us, please attend our next **Starting Point** informational meeting. It lasts 2 hours and provides a great opportunity to meet some of our leaders, ask questions, and discover ways in which you can move into our church in a deeper way. We also will provide lunch & childcare for these 2 hours. Please sign up to attend Starting Point in the lobby at our Welcome Center. Our Starting Point meeting occurs on the 1st Sunday of every month. **Our next meeting will be on Sunday, September 4th, at 11:45 am in room B-2. Hope to see you there!**

A "New Year" Begins!

NEW Wednesday Night Format begins on September 7th at 7:00 pm!

1st Wednesday of the month:

Everyone meets for praise singing in the auditorium.

2nd Wednesday of the month:

Children- activities coordinated by Aaron Pearl. Teens- activities coordinated by Tim Davis. Adults- ministry meeting time, Barnabas Ministry or textual Bible class.

3rd Wednesday of the month: Everyone meets for prayer time, beginning in the auditorium, also Barnabas Ministry or textual Bible class for adults as an alternate.

4th Wednesday of the month: Children- puppet ministry coordinated by Bert Kellum. Teens- activities coordinated by Tim Davis. Adults- ministry meeting time, Barnabas Ministry or textual Bible class.



The NEW Munchkin Ministry begins on Sunday, September 11th!

There will be some changes to Munchkin Ministry this year! There will be **one** Munchkin Ministry time between Bible classes and the worship service, at 9:45-9:55 am. It will take place in the lobby.



PLEASE NOTE: The "menu" will be simplified; coffee, water, Munchkins, and breakfast bars will be served. If you wish to have a full breakfast, please do so before you arrive at church. **We ask everyone's cooperation: please throw away your cups and plates and move into the worship service by 10 am.**

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 or Brian Holden.

LIFE Groups Kick Off on Sunday, September 11th!

The official start of 2016-2017 LIFE Groups is coming up soon! Although this is the date meetings officially begin, individual groups may start before or after this date, so please check with your LIFE Group leader for your group's first meeting date. **What? You don't have a LIFE Group? It's never too late to join a LIFE Group!**



LIFE Groups

Wednesday Night Meals will resume on Wednesday, September 14th!



Harriet, Judi, and JoAnn will kick off the year by cooking the meal that night. We do need volunteers to fill up the schedule. **There is a signup sheet in the Family Life Center for those who are willing to prepare a meal during September-December.** Just pick your date and write down your menu on the sheet. If you have any questions, please contact Harriet Wensel.

Back To Church Sunday & Fellowship

National Back to Church Sunday is on September 18th!

Not only is this a great opportunity for our members to get "back to church" after the busy summer months....it's an outstanding opportunity to invite someone to church who may not attend church regularly or at all. Our worship service will be "visitor-friendly!" Dan and Carlos

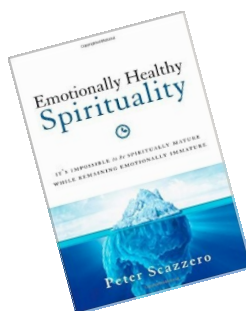
will begin a new sermon series that morning; **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality**. Convenient invitations for you to carry with you and hand out are available in the lobby. Pick some up and invite someone to church!

And while you're at it, invite your guests to stay for lunch!

We will have a fellowship meal in the Family Life Center immediately after the worship service. **We ask our members to bring cold sandwiches and salads to share (no foods that need to be heated please).** Please plan to bring enough food so that we can have plenty for our guests. **Wives of elders and deacons are asked to also bring a dessert in addition to sandwiches or salads.** If you have any questions about the meal, or would like to help, please contact Tony or Stephanie DeStefano.



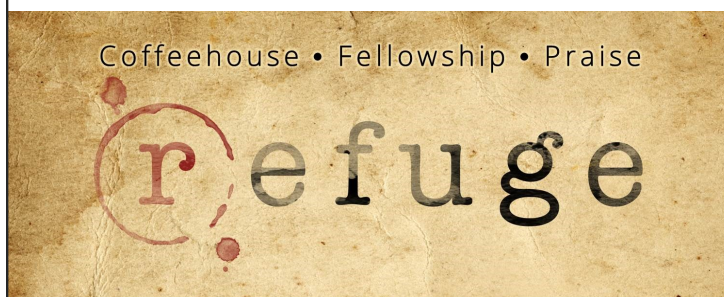
Emotionally Healthy Spirituality



As mentioned above, Dan and Carlos begin a new sermon series on September 18th! **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality** by Peter Scazzero dives into the connection between spiritual health and emotional health. The sermon series will be enriched for you if you read the accompanying book. The book is available in the church office. The cost is \$11.

Why not get a jump on the series and begin reading now!

REFUGE will be taking a break for September. Please join us again on October 9th, November 13th, and December 4th at 5:30!



There will be volunteer/refresher training for Family Promise on Wednesday September 28th. Light refreshments will be served starting at 6:30 pm. The session will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. It will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, 284 Cedar Rd. Mullica Hill NJ. If interested in attending, please contact **John Ashton** at 609-561-8371 (home), 601-214-8522 (cell) or jashton834@comcast.net

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	228
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	90
Contribution	\$9,249.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$83,296.00
Contribution YTD	\$70,076.00
Under Budget	(\$13,220.00)

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Elder on Call for July and August: Mike Lazar

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Tina Broyles
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	Steve & Jayne DePrince
Greeters: Back Entrance	Jackie & Horatio Fenton
Information Center	Doryann Seitz
Ushers	Mike Lazar & Anthony Phillip
Shepherd's Call	Dave Perine
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Trevor Hale

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: It's been great to see Bud Britton out and about again!

Response to Invitation: **Carolyn Dargan** requested prayers last Sunday morning for her two brothers. Robert Harris is incarcerated, Carolyn asks for prayers for him to seek God. Elijah Harris has serious health issues, and she asks for prayers for his health and healing.

Prayers Requested:

Jason Hall, Kristi Hall's and Tim Hall's son, and Frank and Sandy Sheehan's grandson, has been diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. Jason was hospitalized for several days to stabilize his blood sugar. Please pray for Jason and his family as they navigate this new journey.

Jamie, Ted and Pat Scheuhler's granddaughter, gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Makenzie, on Aug. 19. Jamie experienced some complications during an unscheduled C-section. Please pray for her as she recovers.

Bernice Rome, Larry Kellum's sister, organs have shut down as a result of an infection caused by a bee sting.

Nelda Porter, Debby Durham's mother, diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma contained to the nose. Chemo and radiation to begin soon. Nelda's prognosis for full recovery is excellent!

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Sue Ward** on the passing of her father, **Charles Ward**, last Monday, after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were this past Friday in PA. You may remember that Sue's mom passed away earlier this year. Please pray for Sue and her family as they cope with a great deal of loss in a short amount of time. Cards can be sent to Sue at the address in the church directory.

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the tremendous outpouring of love that you showed to our family as we said a temporary goodbye to a dear mother and grandmother. Your words of condolence, cards of sympathy and the time you spent with us before, during and after the funeral lifted us up more than words can describe. Thank you so much!

Love, **Manny, Becky, Jake, Emma and Abby Vander Vennen**

Women In The Word LIFE Group...

... AKA Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study:

Due to the Cooper's trip to Italy in mid-September, our Tuesday morning Bible study will not resume until the first Tuesday in October, October 4. We will be doing an in-depth study of the book of Genesis. Childcare is provided; class members are given an opportunity to contribute towards that expense.

This class is designed for serious students of the Word. If you are available on Tuesday mornings, we encourage you to join us!

Some of us continue our fellowship over lunch in Glassboro. All are invited.

TOPIC: **Genesis**

START DATE: **Tuesday, October 4th**

TIME: **9:34 - 11:30 am**

LOCATION: **Room B-4 (?)**

CHILD CARE: **Cathy Ervin**

TEACHER: **Katherine Cooper**

TO BRING: **A three-ring binder & a Bible you can write notes in.**

OPTIONAL: **Lunch following at Nick's in Glassboro**



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