



# PITMAN ROAD

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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NEXT Saturday!

***You're Invited!***  
Pitman Road Church of Christ  
**Autumn Sing A-Long**  
Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00 PM  
*Finger foods, desserts, coffee, and beverages served in the Family Life Center 6:00 - 6:30 PM. • Sing begins at 6:30.*  
*Childcare will be provided.*  
*Members: please sign up at the Welcome Center to bring finger food or desserts.*

**Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
Spaces are \$10, proceeds benefit Family Promise.  
Pitman Road Church of Christ  
**YARD SALE**  
For more information,  
contact Jenn Pearl at 609-805-2186.

Coming Up This Month! Invite Someone!

Invitation flyers are available at the Welcome Center.  
What a great opportunity to invite someone to visit our church!  
Please invite your neighbors, friends, family, and coworkers!

**Please Join Us For**  
**The Fun Fall Festival!**  
Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>  
3:00—5:00 PM  
Rain or Shine!  
Games and activities for  
children ages 2—12!  
Cost: Free!  
This is a family event, so please plan to  
accompany your children through the  
activities and enjoy the afternoon together!



**Please Join Us For**  
**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
6:15—7:00 PM  
Rain or Shine!  
A safe, traffic free environment for your  
children to Trick or Treat!  
Please accompany your children through  
the parking lot while they Trick or Treat.  
Refreshments for all will be  
provided inside our building.  
Following Trunk or Treat:  
Fun activities in our Family Life Center!

### Our Mission

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



**Carlos Isaziga**  
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There's a reason you're told to put the oxygen mask over your own face first.

# Carlos' Corner

## What do you do when you feel overwhelmed?

This is an awesome time of year. But it also drives people crazy. On one hand you have cooler weather, football season (Go Canes!), and colorful leaves. And on the other hand, you've got busy school schedules, extra activities, and holiday planning. Halloween to Christmas is one of the busiest times of the year. The holiday that reminds us to be thankful turns into family drama. Celebrating the birth of Jesus is the time we shop for people we don't really like. Houseguests, credit card bills, school plays, and needing to be in two places at one time! (As I'm writing this I'm imaging that piano music from Charlie Brown and people running around in double time.)

So what do you do when you feel overwhelmed? What happens when you've got too much going on and you're not sure how much more you can take? I confess I don't have it all figured out. But I do want to offer a few suggestions. Here it goes...

### #1 – You don't have to do it all.

Your children are not going to be scarred for life if they don't get what the neighbors' kids get. You're not going to get fired if you don't attend the office party. And it's okay to miss out on a church activity or two. When the new year rolls around, it's more important to have your sanity than to have attended every single thing.

### #2 – Take some time for yourself.

It's not selfish to take care of yourself. After all, there's a reason you're told to put the oxygen mask over your own face first. If you're out of control, you won't be in any position to help anyone. So don't be afraid to take an afternoon, a night, or a weekend for yourself. Go ahead and put it on the calendar and don't apologize for it.

### #3 - Remember the point.

Let Halloween be fun for your kids. Let Thanksgiving be a time for giving thanks, not for getting the recipe just right. And take time to read the Christmas story and reflect on God's grace at Christmas. When you find yourself stressed because of the schedule, hit the pause button and think about why you're doing it all in the first place.

Please read the Christmas Story from the book of Luke. If you begin to feel overwhelmed, maybe this will give you a spiritual perspective. I hope this email encourages you during this upcoming busy season.

**Grace & truth, Carlos**



## Matching Gifts for Debt Reduction

**We have been given the unique opportunity to reduce the debt on our church building by \$40,000.**

Former members of our congregation have offered to match every dollar that we give, up to \$20,000. Due to their generosity, whatever we give to the Expansion/Capital Fund between now and December 31 will be doubled.

It is a significant compliment that members who have moved away, who are no longer worshipping with us, still care enough about us to contribute to the Lord's work here at Pitman Road!

Here is how it will work. When you make a donation to the Pitman Road Church of Christ, write "Debt Reduction" in the memo section. If you would like to make a donation in honor of a loved one, use the special forms at the Information Center or Dottie's office.

Your elders are working diligently to reduce the debt on our wonderful building, and this opportunity is really a God thing! It really is a win/win idea. Of course our hope is that these special contributions will be above and beyond your regular contributions to church.

Let me say it again: Every dollar you give will be matched, up to \$20,000, if you contribute by Dec. 31.

To God be the glory! **Dan**





## StartingPoint

If you would like to make Pitman Road church your church or simply find out more about our Vision, Mission, Beliefs and Values, then we would love for you to join us at our next Starting Point meeting.

Our next Starting Point meeting will be held TODAY, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:45 am.

### Women in the Word LIFE Group A.K.A. Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study begins on Tuesday, October 4th, 9:35-11:30 am

The book of Genesis will be the first topic of study this year. Please meet in room B4. Bring a three-ring binder and a Bible you can write notes in. Childcare is provided. All are welcome to meet for lunch at Nick's in Glassboro after class.

*Time for Tea*  
WITH THE  
*Bride-to-Be*

Please join us for a bridal tea & coffee luncheon honoring

*Rebecca Cruz*

Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016  
@ noon  
476 Salter Court  
Glassboro, NJ

*Fancy hats are required!*

Please RSVP by October 9<sup>th</sup>  
ginaisaziga@icloud.com

In lieu of a gift registry our church family shower will provide monetary gifts. Our goal is to help the newly weds enjoy a wonderful honeymoon destination.

Join us for  
**MIDWEEK**

**Join us this Wednesday night for praise singing!** Everyone meets in the auditorium at 7:00 pm. We'll sing some new songs, we'll sing some old songs, and we may even sing some camp songs!

**Before singing, at 5:30, join us for the Wednesday Night Meal!** Dan and his crew are cooking out on the grills! Sign up using a "salmon colored slip" and drop it in the collection plate so we are prepared for you!

## Please Read

It looks like everyone is enjoying our new Munchkin Ministry location in our lobby! After a few weeks of our new format, there are a few things we would like you to take note of for the comfort and welfare of all:

- Once you get your coffee and Munchkins, please move away from the tables to make room for others.
- Please be mindful of those who are trying to make their way through the lobby, especially our senior saints and those with handicaps.
- Please do not allow your children to run through the lobby. We don't want to see any little one have hot coffee spilled on them, nor do we want our senior saints to be knocked over.

Thank you for your mindfulness and cooperation!

## Annual Grief Seminar

Saturday, November 5, 2016 • 10:00 am – Noon  
Coffee and Donuts served at 9:30 am

*Hope for the Holidays*

A grief seminar hosted by Pitman Road Church of Christ  
Presented by Glynn and Debby Durham

### About the seminar

The first Christmas following the death of a parent, child, sibling, or spouse can be very difficult. How does one plan for the holidays? How much should remain the same? Should one begin new traditions? "Hope for the Holidays" is a seminar designed to help those who are dealing with grief and loss to prepare for the approaching holidays.

The seminar speakers will be **Glynn Durham**, the visitation minister at the Pitman Road Church of Christ, (and also a former hospice chaplain,) and his wife, **Debby Durham**. As part of the seminar Glynn will share a message, "How to Keep Your Loved One Close During the Holidays." Debby, who had two children in college and a third in high school when her husband died, will share her story of making new holiday traditions with her children.

### About the Durhams

**Glynn and Debby Durham** have a unique story. Glynn married his college sweetheart, Susan, and became a minister. Early in his ministry, he performed the wedding ceremony for a young couple, Gary and Debby Thies. The two couples had remained friends through the years. Glynn lost his wife, Susan, to cancer in February, 2006. Debby lost her husband, Gary, suddenly, two months prior, in December, 2005. Glynn and Debby began corresponding to support each other in their grief, and love followed. They were married in August of 2008.

**This seminar is free of charge and open to the community and area churches. We ask that you register in advance by calling our church office at 856-589-1500. Flyers are available at the Welcome Center.**

## Our Schedule

### Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes  
10:00 am Worship

### Wednesday

5:30 pm Meal  
7:00 pm Bible Classes

### Office Hours

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

## Last Week

Bible Class	NC
Worship	216
LIFE Groups	124
Wednesday	71
Contribution	\$8,968.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$135,356.00
Contribution YTD	\$116,112.00
<b>Budget Deficit</b>	<b>(\$19,244.00)</b>

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**Elder on Call for October: Dave Perine**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Cindy Holden
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Linda Prenger & Joe Marshall
Greeters: Back Entrance	Anthony & Gwen Phillip, Ron Dargan
Information Center	Doryann Seitz
Ushers	John Steiner & Devon Wescott
Shepherd's Call	Horatio Fenton
Song Leader	Matt Downing
Communion	Ron Dargan

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Cooper's at noon	856-589-4197
Beginning Anew	Church Bldg. at noon	856-589-1500
Brook Besor	Durham's, Thursday at 7pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Monday at 7pm	856-419-0544
E.H.S.	Church Bldg. rm B4 at noon	856-589-1500
Family of Teens	Church Bldg. FLC at noon	856-589-1500
Hammonton	Broyles' at 5 pm	609-561-8532
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm	856-217-3956
Paracletes	Greenfields Assi't Lvg. at 2 pm	856-449-9656
Solid Gold	Walker's at 6pm	856-478-6972
Teens	Church Bldg. FLC at noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Ch. Bldg. rm B4 Tues. at 9:45 am	856-589-1500
College	Church Bldg. rm B2 at noon	856-589-1500
Young Professionals	TBD	
Young Married	Adams' at 1 pm	609-922-4510

Wednesday Night Meal: BBQ Cookout

Cooks: Dan Cooper and Team

## This Week's Prayer Requests

*The monthly prayer list of long-term, ongoing prayer requests for October is now available as an insert in this week's bulletin, also next to the bulletin in the lobby, and will be sent out via email. New, urgent, and immediate prayer requests will appear in the bulletin.*

**Praise:** Safe return of those who traveled to Italy.

### Prayers Requested:

**Anne Peoples** is currently in Millcroft Senior Living (rehabilitation unit) 255 Possum Park Rd., Newark, DE 19711, regaining her strength after a bout with c-diff contracted during her last hospital stay. As of Thursday, she did not know how much longer she'll be there. She does not have her cell phone, but you can contact her at 302-366-1032, and the nurses will bring her the phone.

**Glynn Durham** had the second infusion of chemo in the first round of his new treatment.

**Ed Gandolfi**, Annette Perine's dad, did very well in surgery. Thank you for your prayers.

**Aldemar Isaziga**, diagnosed with prostate cancer. Treatment to be determined.

**Dorothy Cuninghame** Brenda Peoples' mom, Wegener's Granulomatosis; she will be on permanent kidney dialysis.

**John Lindsey**, David Lindsey's brother, serious medical problems resulting from diabetes, especially ulcerated feet, possible amputation. Please pray for God's healing and the doctor's decision making.

**Felisha Topsale's Aunt Wanda**, has been battling breast cancer for several years. Her Uncle Buddy just passed away from prostate cancer.

**Jim Edwards**, friend of the Points, back in the hospital, having seizures, and unconscious. Please pray for him, his family, and the doctors treating him.

**Jayne Schofield** continues to be in excruciating hip pain. Please pray for the insurance company to authorize the necessary MRI so that she can be treated, and for her to have pain relief.

**Dan Beale**, son of Ray Holmes' co-worker Estelle Beale, surgery for abdominal cancer.

**Sandy Long**, neighbor of Monica's was hit by a car and has spinal cord injuries. Prayers that she will be able to walk again.

## Thanks!

Thank you to **Janet Betts, Harriet Wensel, and Brittany Spaeth** for making the Thanksgiving cards we send to our former members, missionaries, and friends of Pitman Road. Their beautiful work adds a special and personal touch to the greetings we send each year!

Thank you to **Tim and Melody Davis** for putting together a wonderful prayer service in observance of *See You At The Pole* last Wednesday night. It was a blessing to both those who were prayed for, and those who attended.



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