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THIS Wednesday Night!



Join us as we celebrate the greatest gift God has given to us...
our salvation through His son Jesus Christ!

Invite someone!

6:00 - Refreshments in the Family Life Center

7:00 - Devotional and Song Service

Even if you don't normally attend our Midweek meeting, this would be a great time to share in fellowship and celebration with the church family!

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Forty Four Years Ago Today, I Said, "I do!"

And, though I really thought I knew what I was committing to, I had absolutely no idea what I was saying! We had one pre-marriage counseling session, and it proved what I already knew...we were perfect for each other. We were both from Christian homes, and we were both "PK's" (Preacher's Kids). We were both committed Christians. We were both about to be Christian college graduates. She wanted to marry a preacher and I wanted to be a preacher. We were both the firstborn child, both from families with four children, and both of us had two brothers and one sister. We were both virgins. Both of us had first generation Christian parents, so we had been raised from day one to go to church and to believe in God. What could possibly go wrong? We were perfect for each other! That was Dec. 18, 1972. Our first fight was at breakfast on Dec. 19, 1972. We hadn't even made it for 24 hours! And God laughed. And you are probably laughing to yourself right now.

When I said, "for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish until death do us part," I had no idea what I was saying. And in the last 44 years, we have experienced each of these extremes...to one degree or another. If you have been married more than a few months, you've experienced some extremes, too. Am I right? Marriage is both wonderful and hard! Church is both wonderful and hard!

Paul said marriage is a "profound mystery." Kind of like the relationship between Jesus Christ and the church. Jesus loves the church, His bride; and the church respects her husband, Jesus Christ. Still, tough times do come. When we begin the Christian walk, we don't fully grasp what we are committing to. But, reciprocal love and respect makes marriage work, just as reciprocal love and respect make the church work (Eph. 5:32-33).

Still Growing in Love and Respect, *Dan the Preacherman*



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Wednesday, December 21st:
Special Wednesday night program. (See front page.)
No Wednesday Night Meal.

Sunday, December 25th:
No Bible classes.
Worship Service at 10 am.
Casual attire. Children ages 0-12 years are invited to come to church in their pajamas!

Wednesday, December 28th:
No Midweek meeting.
Spend time with family and friends!

Sunday, January 1st:
No Bible classes.
Worship at 10 am.

Coming Up to Start the New Year!

Sunday, January 8:
Starting Point at 11:45 am
Refuge at 5:30 pm

Monday, January 16:
Martin Luther King Day

Saturday, January 21:
Young Adults: Dinner and a Movie

Sunday- Sunday, January 22 - 29:
Family Promise Host Week

Saturday, January 28:
Bring Your Own Craft Day, noon-5 pm in the FLC

Sunday, February 5:
Annual Corporate Meeting
Super Souper Bowl Sunday and Super Bowl Parties
Move Into Community at 12:30 pm

Saturday, February 11:
Secret Sister Revealing Party

Sunday, February 12:
Starting Point at 11:45 am
Refuge at 5:30 pm

Friday - Sunday, February 17-19
Winterfest



Our next Family Promise Host Week is January 22nd-29th.
Volunteers are needed! • Sign up now in the lobby!

Matching Gift Goal Success!

We have met our goal of \$20,000 donated towards the \$20,000 matching gift challenge! That means \$40,000 of our mortgage debt will be paid down! Part of the total went out last month, and the balance will go out with this month's mortgage payment! **Thank you! Thank you to all who contributed! Praising God!**

Wednesday Night Meals

We thank all who have volunteered to prepare meals on Wednesday nights this fall. **A great big THANK YOU to Harriet Wensel, JoAnn Ruhland, and Judi Campbell** for stepping up week after week to fill in the empty slots on our Wednesday Night Meal schedule! These ladies have gone above and beyond to make sure there is a meal prepared for those who come to have dinner here on Wednesdays. Although they have been more than willing to serve many weeks this past fall, we want to help them! Please consider preparing a meal on a Wednesday night! You would not have to do this alone. Harriet coordinates the ministry, and she will assist you with set up and beverages, she is also willing help you prepare if needed!

You can sign up to prepare the meal on the schedule posted near the kitchen in the FLC. Questions? Contact Harriet.

The France Mission Trip is Coming Up!



We are planning for our next mission trip to France! Our trip will be from Friday, June 23rd to Sunday, July 2nd. God willing, we will fly from Newark International Airport to Paris, then take the TGV (high speed train) from Paris to Marseille.

We especially need people with construction skills. If you have any interest, or need more information, please contact Dan Cooper or Garth Hutchinson. We have 13 signed up right now, and we really could use a few more. Cost for the entire trip is about \$2,200. We can provide help with finances, but all workers will also need to provide or help raise some of their own support.

Women's Bible Study Seminar

Attention All Women!

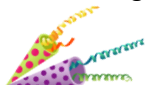
Please join us for **OUR FIRST** three-night Bible study seminar led by our very own Brenda Busch!

Date	Time	Location	Theme
Wednesday January 11	7-8 pm	Church Building	Prayer
Thursday January 12	7-8:30 pm	Hutchinson's 9 Adams Ave. Pitman	Prayer
Friday January 13	7-8:30 pm	Hutchinson's 9 Adams Ave. Pitman	The Church as God's Dwelling Place

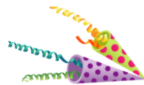
Let's start right in 2017!

...Celebrating together what God has done through our prayers!

...Examining His Word together!



**COME START THE NEW YEAR
WITH YOUR SISTERS!**



Birthday Card Shower for Anne!

Anne People's 90th birthday is coming up December 20. Let's shower her with birthday wishes... Mail your card anytime between now and December 17 so that Anne will receive our cards by her actual birthday. Let's all bless this sweet sister with dozens birthday wishes. Her address is:

**Room # IL 206
255 Possum Park Rd.
Newark, DE 19711**

Happy Birthday!

New Birth!



Natasha Cruz was baptized into Christ this past Tuesday morning! Her new birth was witnessed by some of our office staff and about a dozen women from the Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study.

Natasha, along with her fiancé, **Derick Robinson**, and their son **Carter**, have been attending Pitman Road for most of the past year. After visiting many churches, Derick, already a baptized believer, and Natasha decided that

they want to make this their church home. Together, they have been studying the Bible with Dan during this time as well.

Along with Natasha's new birth, there are other exciting events happening in their lives as this year concludes. They have recently purchased a new home, made major renovations, and will be moving in this week! But even before that, this afternoon as a matter of fact, Natasha and Derick will be married! It will be a private service; their formal wedding ceremony and celebration will take place in June.

If you haven't met this family yet, please take the time to do so, and be sure to give Natasha a big hug and welcome her into the family of God!



You will soon be seeing our new Guest Folders placed under some of the seats in the auditorium for the easy access of our guests. We ask that you and your children refrain from using the folders and inserts as scratch paper. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



Our Teens and Family of Teens LIFE Groups were busy raking leaves for **Roseann Savastano** the past couple of Sundays. Somebody has too many leaves!

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	121
Worship	225
LIFE Groups	139
Wednesday	59
Contribution	\$9,607.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$249,888.00
Contribution YTD	\$222,032.00
Budget Deficit	(\$27,856.00)

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Elder on Call for December: Dwight Thompson

Serving Us Today

Nursery	TBA
Kids For Christ	Carla Clements
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Frank & Sandy Sheehan
Greeters: Back Entrance	Hope & Jonathan Hooley
Information Center	Rebecca Guy
Ushers	John Steiner & Larry Kellum, Jr.
Shepherd's Call	Brian Holden
Song Leader	Matt Downing
Communion	John Peoples

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Cooper's at noon	856-589-4197
Beginning Anew	Church Bldg. at noon	856-589-1500
Brook Besor	Holiday Break	
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	Olley's at 5 pm	609-457-6464
Men's Bible Study	Holiday Break	
Paracletes	TBA: Call for info.	856-449-9656
Solid Gold	Highttowers at 6pm	856-769-2789
Teens	Church Bldg. FLC at noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Holiday Break	
College	Church Bldg. rm B2 at noon	609-226-4031
Young Professionals	Call or text for time & location	347-922-2248
Young Married	Call or text for time & location	856-899-9466

Wednesday Night Meal: 6PM: Light Refreshments

Cooks:

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: We met our matching gift goal! Praise God!

Prayers Requested:

Glynn Durham, recovering from chemo treatment and dealing with pain, fatigue, and neuropathy.

John Grillo being evaluated for possible surgery to repair the bone in his leg. He had an MRI this past Friday, and sees the surgeon on Wednesday.

Dottie Grillo was diagnosed with a bad hip, and will see a specialist on Wednesday to determine whether or not she can be treated with injections. Please pray that as much as Dottie dislikes the idea, she can be treated this way so that she doesn't have to have surgery, which she dislikes even more!

Beverly Steiner recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Paul Kauffmann, medullary sponge kidney disease. Will be having surgery on one kidney, and then the other. Date TBD.

Dawn Alter, JoAnn Ruhland's niece, also has medullary sponge kidney disease. Will be have surgery for the second time.

Barry, friend of Jerri Manfre, being treated for leukemia. He will be in Cooper Hospital undergoing treatment for at least a month.

Jayne Schofield scheduled for an epidural on December 30th to relieve lumbar pain.

Paul Stanford has begun his wintertime travels.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Larry and Bert Kellum** on the passing of Larry's sister, **Doris Fields**, after a lengthy illness. This is the second of Larry's sisters to pass this year.

Funeral services were held yesterday in Wilmington, DE. You may send cards to Larry and Bert at their home address, listed in the church directory.

We also extend our sympathy to **Andy and Donna Mychajlowycz** on the passing of Andy's mother early Thursday morning. No other information was available at the completion of the bulletin. Details will be emailed when they become available.

Thank You!

A **BIG THANK YOU** for three great service efforts!

Thank you to **Hope Hooley** and all who literally gave of themselves at our Red Cross Blood Drive on December 10th! **TWENTY FIVE** pints of blood were collected.

Thank you to Larry and **Lea Ann Kellum** and the van of volunteers who served the meal to feed those in need in Trenton on December 11th! Thanks also go to all who donated funds to cover \$500 the cost of the meal.

We also want to thank **Barbara Robinson** for coordinating the collection of blankets for homeless and needy people. Our members donated 35 blankets, and Barbara collected many more on her own. She led the distribution in Trenton, and having more than needed, the rest will be distributed in the Bridgeton/Vineland area.



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