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Two Pertinent Questions... From Dan the Preacher

If you are missing our 9:00 AM Sunday Bible classes, you're missing a fantastic opportunity to go deeper into God's word. Not only that, when you miss Sunday Bible classes your kids miss their classes too, and that's not good! New Christians and long time Christians struggle in different ways to keep Jesus front and center in their lives. Why not get out of bed earlier and make it to class next Sunday? Last Sunday we had 114 for Bible classes and 224 for morning worship. Come on folks, we are better than that!

We started my class in B-4 with two scriptures, Ephesians 5:15-16 and Colossians 3:17, and two pertinent questions last Sunday:

1. How can I make Jesus real if I am a new Christian?

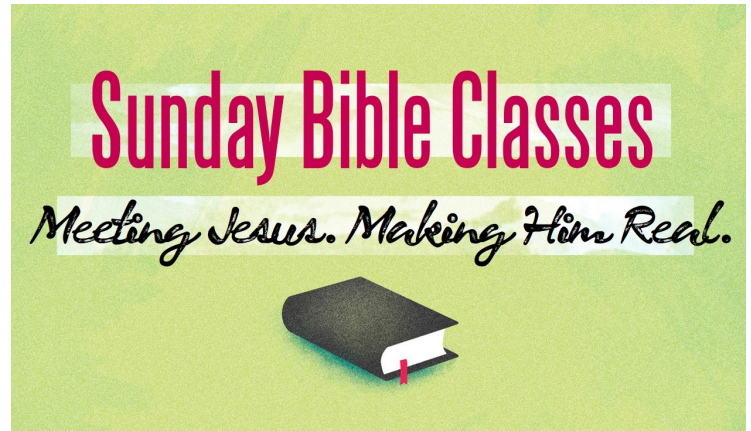
- By sharing my story of conversion with others.
- By letting Him make me do something I would not have done BC. (Before I was a Christian.)
- By allowing Him to prevent me from doing something I would have done BC.
- By consistently applying the Golden Rule (Mt. 7:12).
- By attending all church services.
- By teaching the Bible to an outsider.
- By remembering what my life was like BC. Recounting the changes I have made since my conversion.
- By dreaming who I want to be as a Christian in 20 years.
- By reading from the gospels.
- By daily study time and prayer time.

2. How can I make Jesus real if I've been a Christian for decades?

- Remembering where you were then, and where you are now!
- Remembering you still need the help of your brothers and sisters!
- Be seeing God in the rear view mirror!
- By witnessing the joy of a new conversion, and remembering my own.
- By praying (alone and with others) consistently.
- By reading through the Bible.
- By praying for someone and watching the changes in them.
- By imagining what my life would have been without J.C.
- By sharing with another brother/sister, being accountable.
- By remembering I cannot do it alone! (Gal. 6:10)
- By reflecting on where non-Christians are that I know 20, 30, 40 years ago.
- By consciously doing my everyday job for Jesus!
- By singing songs of faith ("God is so good...")
- By experiencing the family feeling with strangers...one in Christ.
- By learning to be content.
- By becoming more Christ-like in my marriage.

Why not join one of these four classes next Sunday?

The New You	Taught by Mike Broyles	Meeting in FLC
The Christian Atheist	Taught by Carlos Isaziga	Meeting in B-2
How Do I Make Jesus Real	Taught by Dan Cooper	Meeting in B-4
Senior Worship Time	Facilitated by Jay Schneider	Meeting at Parke Place



Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand...

Changes: Carlos, Gina and their family are moving to California to plant a new church in a few months. Glynn continues his uphill battle with cancer!

What is an appropriate response to these changes? Time is filled with swift transition. Over some changes, I have some control over. Over other changes, I have no control. So what is a Christian response to all these changes? In all things, God is ultimately in control!

I'm gonna Hold to God's Unchanging Hand!

1. Time is filled with swift transition—Naught of earth unmoved can stand—
So build your life on things eternal...Hold to God's unchanging hand.
2. Trust in Him who will not leave you. What-so-ever years may bring.
If by earthly friends forsaken...Still more closely to him cling.
3. When your journey is completed, if to God you have been true...
Fair and bright the home in glory, your enraptured soul will view.

Until Christ returns, some things will always stay the same. God will always love us. The sun will come up every morning. And, I will need sleep, water, and food daily! Other things change. Floods come. Blizzards come. Depressions come. Persecution comes. Droughts come. Global warming and global cooling comes. Still, I'm gonna hold to God's unchanging hand.

God does some of His best work in times of change. God births a new nation out of Egyptian bondage. Change! The Messiah is born in the midst of a Roman occupation in Palestine. Change! The church is born immediately following the dogmatic and dramatic betrayals of the supposed pillars of the church! Change! My call...and your call...in the midst of change?

- Be Faithful, Trust in Him Who Will Not Leave You. - **Dan the Preacherman**



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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transition.

An Announcement from Your Shepherds

The "next steps" for the Pitman Road church family began last Sunday with the announcement that the shepherds and Carlos have mutually agreed that the Isaziga family's ministry at this church will be completed this coming June. We strongly believe that God has orchestrated these plans as only He can. As shepherds, we were in the process of evaluating our ministerial staff, and what our future might be. Providentially, Carlos began to consider a calling that he had felt twice before in his career. This past fall, he shared with the elders his exploration of a calling to plant a church in an urban environment. In January, we met with Carlos and encouraged him to fully pursue what God had put on his heart. We told him we believed God has gifted and prepared him for just such a work.

We are grateful that God sent Carlos and his family to New Jersey. Our partnership has set our congregation on a more focused and intentional path. We have identified a vision, mission, and spiritual growth process that will help this church serve our community and each other for years to come. Our church has an improved visual appeal for our online presence, print materials, and logo. At the same time, God used our church family to give Carlos valuable experience beyond his prior position as a youth minister; developing his preaching, relational, and ministerial skills for his next step. We believe that God had a plan for the Isaziga family to impact us, and that He used us to impact them.

Carlos, Gina, Isabella, Isaac, and Emma are set to begin their next service to God this coming July, in San Diego California. Carlos will continue with most of his current duties as we enter this transition period. Over the next few weeks we will determine exactly what his responsibilities will be for the duration of his ministry here. We want to fully support him as he prepares for his new role, while still fulfilling the Lord's work here. The shepherds continue to pray for the future direction that God will lead our church family, and we encourage each of you to do the same. We invite you to speak with one of us regarding any questions you might have.

Love in Christ,

Your shepherds-

***Mike Broyles, Horatio Fenton, Brian Holden, Garth Hutchinson,
Mike Lazar, John Peoples, Dave Perine, Dwight Thompson***

Events and Activities



Be a part of a movement
of prayer among
the women of our church!

Prayer Groups and Prayer Partners are
forming NOW for a 3-month journey:
March, April, May 2017

Please join us for an informational meeting (no obligation)
on Sunday, March 5th at 11:30am in the Chapel.

We want to pray with and for YOU, dear sister!!!

"I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness
of God's power for us who believe him."

-Ephesians 1: 19

Questions? Please contact:

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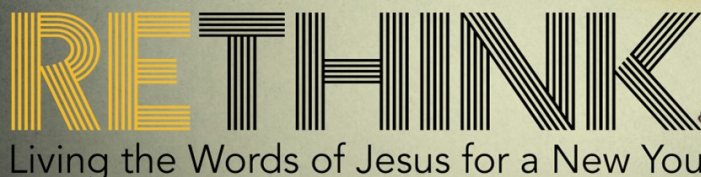
This year, we want to help
more kids **meet Jesus!**

You are needed to make that
happen!

If you want to be a part of our VBS team, please at-
tend the upcoming VBS planning meeting

THIS Wednesday, February 22nd,
at 7pm in room B2.

If you need more information, contact Carlos.



"RETHINK" Our series of sermons focusing on the Sermon on the Mount continues next Sunday with the topic: **God Made Sex Really Good.** "From the story of creation all the way to the hot, erotic poetry of Song of Solomon, sexuality is created by God who looks at it and declares it to be good." – Randy Harris

You won't want to miss this! Read Matt. 5:27-32. **-Dan**

Opportunities for Outreach and Assistance

As you may know, one of our members, **Natale Verrecchio**, lost a daughter to heroin addiction. Since that time, she has formed an organization, **Abbie and Krystal's Angels**, to assist addicts and their families. Natale writes, *"Did you know that every 8 minutes someone in the United States dies from a heroin overdose? Did you also know that only 5% of heroin addicts can get clean and off the drug? At one time this was only an inner city problem, but now it has worked its way into our suburbs and is knocking on everyone's back door. Sadly addiction to heroin addiction is not just the addict's problem; it affects the whole family."*

Natale is committed to achieving full nonprofit status for **Abbie and Krystal's Angels**. There is a cost to do this. If you are interested in finding out more about this organization, or if you are willing to contribute financially to this effort, please contact Natale directly at nataleverrecchio@yahoo.com or 856-574-4617.

Last week Stephanie DeStefano requested the church's assistance in filling the needs of a family of two students in her school district who lost their home and it's entire contents in a fire. They are in need of everything from toiletries and furniture, but especially clothing. Here is a list of the specific sizes that are needed.

Donations will be accepted in our lobby until NEXT Sunday, February 26th. (Gift cards are also appropriate.)

Female: top: 3X, pants: 24 (In need of work clothes)

Female: top: XL, pants: 16-18

Female: top: 2XL, pants: 22

Male: top: 2X, pants: 42

Male: top: 3X, pants: 38

Male: top: 3X, pants: 56

Female: (grade 7) top: XL, pants: 18

Male: (grade 12) top: L, pants: 30

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie:

cell phone--609-560-5690

home phone--609-567-9607

Secret Sisters Revealing Party
Saturday, March 4th, 1:00 pm
at the home of Melody Davis
415 Grape St., Hammonton, NJ 08037

Bring your favorite finger food
and your revealing gift for your Secret Sister.

If you are not able to attend the party, please be sure to give
your gift for your Secret Sister to Melody or Dottie.

Brittany Spaeth is driving the church van. If you would like to
ride in the van, please contact Dottie.

LAST CHANCE: If you would like to join Secret Sisters, please
contact Dottie by **THIS** Wednesday, February 22nd.



Baby Shower for
Kristy Romeo and Will Mendez

Sunday, March 12th, after the worship service

Please call Kathy Ashton at 609-561-8371 if you would
like to bring food for the luncheon.

Kristy is registered at Babies R Us and Target

#arrivingapril20ish #nowedontknowthegender #noitsnottwins

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 Classes	114
Worship	224
LIFE Groups	136
Wednesday	61
Contribution	\$6,778
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$343,596.00
Contribution YTD	\$306,000.00
Budget Deficit	(\$37,596.00)

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Elder on Call for February: Mike Broyles

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Robin Steward
Kids For Christ	TBA
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Larry Peterson & Mike Lazar
Greeters: Back Entrance	Frank & Sandy Sheehan
Information Center	Mary Collier & Jackie Fenton
Ushers	Horatio Fenton & Harold Pearl
Shepherd's Call	Dave Perine
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Horatio Fenton

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Mychajlowycz's at noon	908-294-4056
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	Not meeting today.	856-589-1500
Hammonton	TBA	
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm	856-217-3956
Paracletes	TBA: Call for info.	856-449-9656
Solid Gold	Kellum's at 6pm	856-881-1219
Teens	Not meeting today.	856-589-1500
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. Tuesday at 9:45 am	856-589-1500
Young Adults	Church Bldg. rm B2 at noon	609-226-4031
Young Married	Call or text for time & location	856-899-9466

Wednesday Night Meal: Chicken Pot Pie

Cooks: Harriet, Judi, JoAnn

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: **NEW LIFE! Amanda (Prenger) and Michael Stout** are expecting their second child on July 22! **Becky and Matt Fortunato** are expecting their fourth child, and first boy, in August! **Ashley (Monica) and Chris Corey** are expecting their second child on Sept. 20!

Prayers Requested:

For our teens and chaperones traveling back from Winterfest today.

Sandy Sheehan, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Mandy Mansdoerfer, diagnosed with breast cancer; her prognosis is excellent! She is scheduled to have a bilateral mastectomy on Feb. 24.

Mary Collier is recovering from back surgery and pneumonia at PowerBack Rehabilitation, 113 South Route 73, Voorhees. She would love calls and visits. 856-809-3626. She has her cell phone with her, so please call her on that number first.

215-888-0646

Glynn Durham, side effect from chemo. Please pray for pain relief.

John Grillo is recovering at home. He has a long road ahead of him which includes physical therapy and radiation for the cancer that was found during surgery. Visits and phone calls are appreciated. (856-582-9339).

Barry Thompson, friend of Jerri Manfre, began aggressive chemo for leukemia.

Jonah Tickets Available



There are 9 tickets available for the bus trip to see **Jonah** at the Sight and Sound Theatre on Saturday, May 20th. The cost of the tickets are \$98 for adults, \$84 for teens (13-17), and \$59 for children (4-12). The cost includes bus, show, and dinner at Shady Maple restaurant.

Please contact **Brian Holden** if you are interested.

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StartingPoint

If you would like to make Pitman Road church your church or find out more about our Vision, Mission, Beliefs, and Values, then we would love you to join us at our next Starting Point meeting, on Sunday, March 12th at 11:45 am in room B1. Lunch and childcare is provided. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call 856-589-1500 and let us know you will be attending *Thank you!*



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