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Whose Battle Is This?

Marching around walls and shouting is not a strategy, but that was the Lord's plan to take Jericho. God gave the Promised Land, but Israel had to fight for it. He was changing 40-year fugitives into fighters. Yet these battles were won in the most ridiculous ways. How can a group of tent-dwellers defeat the combined forces of kings with standing armies in cities protected by fortified walls? They can't... unless the LORD was fighting for them. That's the point. Joshua affirmed in his farewell speech, ***"You yourselves have seen everything the Lord your God has done to all these nations for your sake; it was the Lord your God who fought for you."*** (Joshua 23:3)

We are in a spiritual battle, every week, every season. You felt outnumbered and outmatched. The world has the advantage. Even if you are devoted to what is right, you may be working with someone who is not. It's still right to do what is right. What you must not forget is that the LORD is in the battle with you. God's words to Joshua call to us today...

"No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:5-9

The Lord will fight for His people, but you still have to show up for the battle. You must live as the Lord has told you and leave the consequences to Him. Your actions will be met with God's blessing. You must overcome your fear through deciding to trust Him. You are no longer a fugitive; He has made you a fighter. The battle is big... **but God is bigger!** -Mark Finn

I am delighted to share this article by Mark Finn. Mark has been ministering to the Collingswood Church of Christ for over 30 years. He writes to remind us that while we are in a battle, and the odds often seem overwhelming, **God fights for us**. When we do what He calls us to do, we should not be afraid or discouraged, because God will go into the battle with us! (Joshua 23:3)

The battle here within our congregation has been especially fierce lately. Many of our members and their families have been hit by significant illness, trauma, and other forms of crisis. We are being hit hard, and I see discouragement. Two weeks ago, I shared that I am tired, I am discouraged. So if you are too, I understand! This discouragement may or may not be affecting our members' involvement. If it is affecting yours, I want to encourage you to stay with it! God will battle it out with you!

There are a number of events and activities coming up; some to bless you, some for you to bless others. I want to encourage you to stay involved! Stay with the troops! It's better to show up for the battle with a whole company of soldiers than to show up alone.

-Dan the Involved Preacherman

April 2nd	Annual Egg Hunt - Invite Someone!
April 9th	REFUGE - Special program! Details coming next week. Stay tuned!
April 15th	Pitman Council of Churches Easter Breakfast, <u>hosted here</u> , guest speaker: Dining for Dignity's Kelly Master
April 16th	Easter Sunday: "Bring a Friend" Day
April 15th-23rd	Family Promise Host Week - Sign up now in the lobby to serve as a volunteer!
April 29th	Pitman Road Community Yard Sale and (for the first time!) Health Fair- <i>A Day of Wellness</i> , details soon!
May 13th	Feeding the Hungry in Trenton
June 9th	American Red Cross Blood Drive in the Family Life Center
July 9th-12th	Vacation Bible School! For children: <i>Maker Fun Factory-Created by God</i> . For adults: Patrick Mead

Our Mission

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



From Daniel's Den

"THEY STARTED SENDING ME THIS A.A.R.P. MAGAZINE..."

Just a short time back I began to receive a new magazine. It's called the **AARP Bulletin**. No subscription cost, as nearly as I can tell...they just send it to me. Don't know how I got so lucky! It's even in full color. It usually has several interesting articles, too!

The front page article for March was called: "LIVE LONGER! Fifty Proven Ways to Add Years to Your Life!" I read the article and found some really fascinating ideas. I already do a lot of the things they suggested, so I may even live to be 100! Here are some of their suggestions that I've got covered:

3: Please go to bed! "Consistently sleeping less than six hours a night doubles your risk of a heart attack." Well, I got that one covered.

5: Get (or stay) hitched! "Marriage truly is good for your health—and your longevity!" Covered there, too! This is year number 45.

7: Say yes to that extra cup! "Coffee does more than help you wake up; it also reduces your risk of stroke, diabetes and some cancers." Covered! Two or three cups daily, with cream and no sweetener.

25: Go nuts! "In a European study, those who eat lots of nuts reduced their risk of death from health-related cause by 23%." I love nuts, too!

27: Embrace your faith! "Attending religious services once a week has been shown to add between four and 14 years to life expectancy!" Wow! That should make you never miss a Sunday. What if you go twice a week? I should be all set to live for an eternity!

My biggest takeaway from the whole article? Go to church regularly. It's good for your health and your forever. Hey, if you want to read the other 45 suggestions, let me know and I'll share my AARP magazine!

-Dan the Long-living Preacherman



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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How we view
work and how
we do our
work matters
more than you
might imagine.

Carlos' Corner

Making the Most of Work

I want to share some thoughts with you about work. After all, we spend way more time at work than we do at church. But so many of us are miserable in our jobs. We view them as a means to an end. It's something we get through so we can get what we want (the weekend or retirement).

The Bible begins talking about work as soon as it begins talking about anything - that is how important and basic it is. Work was not an evil that came into the picture. God's plan for humans always involved them working, living in the constant cycle of work and rest. God made the world to need work.

In 1 Corinthians 7, Paul counsels readers that when they become Christians it is unnecessary to change what they are currently doing in life in order to live lives that please God. In other words, you don't have to quit your job and become a missionary to make a difference. You can be a missionary at your job.

So how should we connect work to worship?

How we view work and how we do our work matters more than you might imagine. Jesus spent the majority of his life as a carpenter, not a rabbi. He spent more time making tables than walking on water. Jesus knew what it was like to get up and go to work everyday. Working with his hands was not beneath him.

The Apostle Paul said it this way: "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." - (Colossians 3:23-24) Work is not about economic exchange, making money or getting the dream, it's about God-honoring human creativity and contribution.

Everyday, go to work with God in mind. Go with a divine perspective. Understand that God has you there for a reason and that wherever you are, you are a minister of the Gospel.

Grace & truth, **Carlos**

OUR NEXT TWO WEDNESDAY NIGHTS...one will be slightly different, and the next will be completely different!

THIS Wednesday, March 22nd: Winterfest Report: Tim Davis, the chaperones and the teens give a full report on the Winterfest Trip in the auditorium. It's always inspiring to hear the teens share what they've learned and how they've been motivated.

Adult Bible Class: The Gospel of John in the Chapel
Barnabas Ministry in room B-1

NEXT Wednesday, March 29th: FIFTH WEDNESDAY: There is no meeting and no meal. Instead, members are encouraged to spend time doing something they wouldn't normally have the opportunity to do on a Wednesday night, such as: use the time to visit with some of our church family who don't get out often, or who are going through a difficult time; get together with church family in your/their home, or go out to dinner; find an opportunity to serve in your community.

Moving Day Help Needed

The Hammonton Life Group has been blessed to get to know **Scott and Katherine Macpherson**, a young newly married couple. They are moving into their first home on **Sat., March 25th**. If you are available to help them move please meet at 346 Heather Croft, Egg Harbor Township 08234 at 9:00 a.m. Their new home is about 10 minutes away from their apartment. **If you can help, call Mike or Tina Broyles, or Scott at 609-992-8219.**

40 Days = 40 Items to Bless Someone!



Once again, the Women's Embark Ministry is participating in the Lenten Share Challenge for Angels of God in Pitman. We all have items in our house we never touch. You probably pass by things every day and think "I really don't need that". We all have clothing in our closets collecting dust.

Each day during the Lenten season, choose one item, and place it in the purple bag. This could be an

article of clothing, a pair of shoes, a book, toiletries, non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, etc. Not only will this help you declutter your home, you will bless someone else in need. (Used toys are not accepted.)

Bags will be distributed today after the worship service. Please bring them to back to the church building on Easter Sunday, April 16. If you need to bring your bag before that date, place it in the Family Promise room, C-1.

- **Leza Davis & Carla Clements**, Embark Ministry Coordinators

Bring Your Own Craft Day

Saturday, March 25th

Noon to 5:00 PM

in the Family Life Center

Snacks are provided!

Hope to see you there!



Bridal Shower for Mary Bernadette McElroy

(fiancee of Jonathan Hooley)

NEXT Sunday, March 26th

after the worship service

Please contact Hope Hooley at 856-383-5407 if you would like to bring food for the luncheon.

Mary Bernadette and Jonathan are registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond.



Sunday, April 2nd

For children ages 2 to 12 yrs. old

Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM

Egg Hunt begins at 12:30 PM

Photos with the Easter Bunny at 1:00 PM

We need YOU to make our Egg Hunt a success!

Sign up at the bulletin board in the Children's Wing.

Please bring in donations of candy, plastic eggs, plastic eggs stuffed with candy or money to purchase supplies by Sunday, March 26th.

Invite a friend!

Invitation cards are available at the Welcome Center

Rain or Shine

Bring a basket to collect your eggs.

(Bags will be provided if you don't have one.)

Adults are asked to accompany their children throughout the festivities.



Family Promise®

It's time to sign up to volunteer for our next Family Promise Host Week, April 16th-23rd.

Many volunteers are needed!

Sign up now in the lobby!

Someone is Moving!

In case you hadn't heard - Linda Prenger has sold her home and will be moving to West Virginia to enjoy her retirement years with family!

She will be leaving NJ sometime around April 15th.

To honor Linda for her many years of friendship and service here at Pitman Road, we invited you to a

Cake and Punch Reception

on Sunday, April 9th,

immediately after the worship service in the FLC.

Please feel free to bring a card to bless her, but no gifts are expected.

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	233
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	39
Contribution	\$8,989
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$385,244.00
Contribution YTD	\$348,610.00
Budget Deficit	(\$36,634.00)

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Elder on Call for March and April: Horatio Fenton

Serving Us Today

Nursery	TBA
Kids For Christ	Carla Clements
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Brian & Cindy Holden
Greeters: Back Entrance	Garthn & Diana Hutchinson
Information Center	Mary Collier & Linda Preger
Ushers	Adam Cerquoni & Lee Collier
Shepherd's Call	John Peoples
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Andy Mychajlowycz

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	Church Bldg. FLC at noon	856-589-1500
Hammonton	Broyles' at 5pm	609-561-8532
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm	856-217-3956
Paracletes	TBA: Call for info.	856-449-9656
Solid Gold	Ruhland's at 6pm	856-905-4002
Teens	Church Bldg. FLC at noon	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 Patty Sandwiches

Cooks: Harriet, JoAnn, and Judi

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: **John Grillo** has been discharged from the hospital/rehab and is now continuing his recovery at home! Both Dottie and John are grateful for your prayers, please keep praying! You can now reach John at the Grillo's home phone number, 856-582-9339. Visits are welcome! (Please call before visiting.)

Prayers Requested:

Larry Kellum, Sr. was diagnosed Myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS), a precursor to leukemia. The most radical treatment for MDS is a bone marrow transplant, but the doctors will begin with a trial chemo regime first. For the next four months he will have chemo 7 days each month as an out patient. Larry, Bert, and the family thanks you for your prayers, and asks for your continued prayers.

Glynn Durham, dealing with pain, weakness and fatigue.

Mandy Mansdoerfer, continues recovery at home.

Mary Collier is home!

Mildred Vlamo, friend of Barbara Robinson, stroke which affected her right side. She is experiencing complications. Also please pray for Mildred's daughter **Tanya Hoxter**, who is caring for her.

Jaqueline White, friend of Barbara Robinson, surgery.

Wilma Gillespie, Elinda Hunter's mother, recovering from gall bladder surgery.

Thanking You for Your Prayers

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers for my mother, **Wilma Gillespie**. She has been moved to Port St. Lucie Nursing and Restorative Center for after surgery care. She is making slow but steady progress and sends me a text daily. Please continue to remember her in prayer. Thank you!

Also please continue to pray for my friend, **Donna**, who lives in Illinois. She is scheduled for more chemo this week. She is in good spirits and so far is tolerating the treatments well.

With faith In Him,
Elinda Hunter



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