



Looking to the Future

After considerable prayer and reflection, our elders are delighted to announce that Derrick Busch has agreed to become an interim minister here at Pitman Road. Due to Glynn's serious health concerns and the impending move of the Isaziga family, our elders have asked Derrick, and he has agreed, to fill this role on an interim basis. Derrick will fill this role on a full-time basis for the summer and then on a part-time basis once the school year begins in the fall. If you have any questions, please ask one of the elders.

I am thrilled with the announcement the elders shared this past Sunday morning! In the event that you were not present, what is shared above is the statement that Dave Perine read on behalf of the elders.

Derrick is no stranger to our church family. We have watched him grow and mature on his spiritual journey. He and his young family came to us in 2003, and from the beginning Derrick's growth has been obvious for all to see. He is one of our favorite Bible class teachers! He is one of our regulars when we are looking for someone to fill the pulpit. (And he is frequently asked to preach at other churches throughout the greater Philadelphia area.) When he preaches, he delivers the Word with passion, enthusiasm, and conviction.

During some past summers, Derrick has worked with our church on a part time basis. During that time, he carved out a special place in the hearts of many of us. He meshes well with the current ministerial and office staff. We love him, know him, trust him, and we have seen the fruit of his labors.

In addition to his undergraduate degree, a B.S. in Music Education from West Chester University, Derrick holds two master's degrees: Special Education from Cheyney University, with a Special Education Supervisory Certification from St. Joseph's University; as well as Pastoral Care and Counseling from Neumann University. In addition, Currently, Derrick is enrolled in courses to deepen his theological and textual knowledge and understanding of God's Word.

To further prepare and equip Derrick for ministry, in 2011 God provided a deeply spiritual wife for him in Brenda! As one of the Women's Equip Ministry coordinators, Brenda has been a key person in forming and facilitating our vibrant Women's Prayer Groups. Now together, they do more to serve God than either of them could do alone. That is synergy! Derrick has two young adult children, Derrick Jr. and Brianna, who we have watched grow up. Adding to all this excitement is the precious little one that will join their family this August!

God provided just what we needed, right when we needed it. To Him be the glory! -Dan



Wednesday Nights in April and May

After three quarters, the trial of the "new" Wednesday Night program will come to an end. The elders have decided to go back to a more traditional format beginning in June. The exact format for adult classes and the children's program is yet to be determined.

So, if you really like the "First" Wednesday night's schedule of congregational singing, you have two more opportunities on April 5 and May 3.

And if you really like the "Third" Wednesday nights that include an opportunity for collective prayer, you have two more of those on April 19 and May 17. **On April 19, the collective time of prayer will focus on our missionaries.** What past, current or future missionaries would you like for us to pray for? Missionaries that have served in the last five years will share some of their stores and some specific prayer requests. It is going to be a great time of sharing and praying. Please plan to join us!

This Wednesday, April 5, will feature a harbinger of Spring! Dan and his cook-out crew, featuring Joe Marshall on grill, will prepare and serve this year's first Wednesday Night Meal BBQ at 5:30! Please join us for the meal and then join us at 7:00 for the time of singing. Sign up today on the "salmon colored slips" or call the church office by Tuesday.

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

"New Jersey Has Highest Property Taxes in the Nation!"

The front page article caught my eye! It confirmed what I already knew. The article revealed...

- New Jersey homeowners pay the highest property tax rate in the nation. (Ave. of \$8,549 / year)
- New Jersey pays the highest premiums for car insurance of any state. (\$1,379 per vehicle / year)
- New Jersey is the second most urbanized of the 50 states.
- New Jersey ranks second in use of public transportation. (11 % take public transport to work)
- New Jersey has the third lowest rate of traffic fatalities in the nation.
- New Jersey ranks third in the nation for commute to work time. (30.9 minutes)
- New Jersey ranks third highest in cost to educate a public school student. (\$17,572 per student per year)
- New Jersey ranks fourth in number of homes where a foreign language is spoken. (30% other than English)
- New Jersey has the fifth lowest divorce rate in the nation. (6.9 divorces per 1,000)
- New Jersey ranks sixth highest in federal income tax paid to Washington. (\$51 billion)

From **South Jersey Times**, front page article titled "New Jersey By The Numbers" published March 27, 2017.

So, what does all of that have to do with our church? A lot! For starters...NJ is an expensive place to live! People who live in NJ have a lot of time pressures! New Jersey is a "melting pot." New Jersey values public education! Somehow, divorce is less common than you might expect! (But I would add there are many who struggle big time in marriage!)

My take away...we must know the people that we are attempting to minister to! Where are they weak? What do they struggle with? ***To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.*** (1 Cor. 9:19-24)

My vision: That our church gets more serious about helping Jersey folks to experience, know and share God's love... **Dan**



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Carlos' Corner

Just Jesus in 2017: Making A Difference in April, May, and June

So church, we spent the last three months intentionally meeting Jesus. My hope is that your time spent with God and His Word has enriched your life. I want to encourage you to keep up with your New Testament reading plan, keep spending time with God, resting, and helping people meet Jesus.

As we meet with Jesus more and more, we will grow in being like Jesus Christ. That means serving others and sharing the great story of Jesus. Because of that, our church focuses on caring for people on a congregational, local, national, and global scale. During the months of April, May, and June our goal is to unite as a church and make a difference in our world in several different ways. Join us this spring!

Making A Difference this Spring!

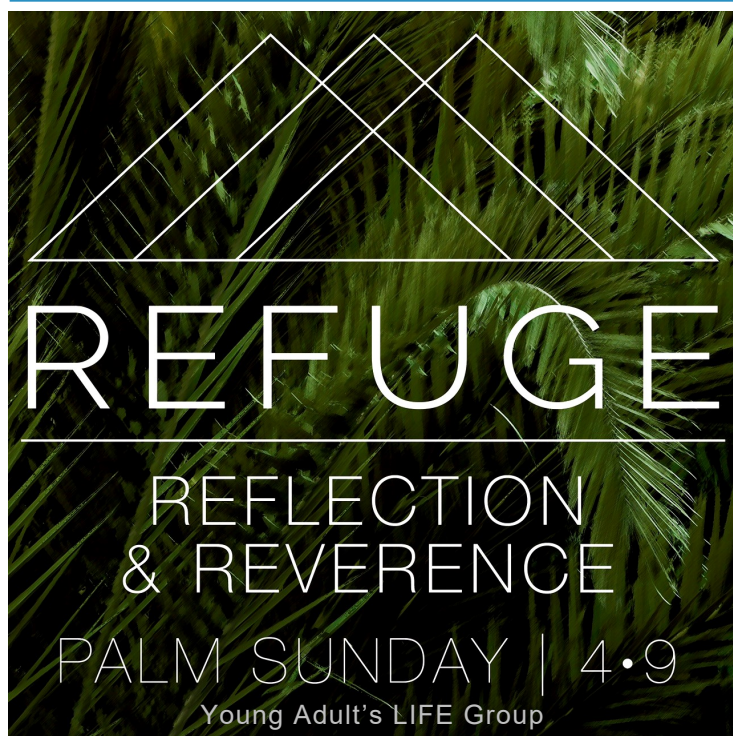
- Serve in our Welcome Ministry for this quarter.
- Share life with a non-Christian once a month this quarter.
- Serve in a local or global service effort this quarter.
- Increase giving by 17 (\$170.00, \$17.00, \$1.70, \$0.17) this quarter.

Grace & truth,
Carlos

Will you sign up to be a volunteer for our next Family Promise Host Week? We are hosting Sunday, April 16 through Sunday, April 23. John Ashton is coordinating volunteers; please see him in the lobby or call him at 609-214-8522. Volunteers are needed for evening and overnight hosts, cooks, setup, breakdown, laundry, and van transfer.



NEXT Sunday: A Special REFUGE



NEXT Sunday, April 9, at 5:30 pm, please join us for a special REFUGE! There will be a time of meditative reflection and reverence, focusing our thoughts on the week leading up to the death, burial, and resurrection our Savior, and what that means in our lives today. There will also be coffee, tea, and snacks (maybe some "seasonal" Peeps and jellybeans!) while we enjoy our coffeehouse hour.

ALL ARE WELCOME! We hope to see you there!

Newsflash! New Baby!

THIS JUST IN! **Kristy Romeo and Will Mendez** have welcomed their new baby into the world! We have very few details, and no photos yet... (check back next week!) but we know this much: **IT'S A BOY!** His name is **Matteo Mendez**, and he is healthy and weighed in at 7lbs.- 13oz. Congratulations also to proud grandparents **John and Kathy Ashton!**

Women's Friendship Friday!

NEW!! Our next **Friendship Friday** is on **April 21 at 7:00 pm.** By popular request, we will have our own version of **"Painting with a Twist"** in our own building with a special guest teacher. Everyone will leave with their own painting - YES, you really can paint!! Come at 7:00 pm for snacks and fellowship. We will start painting at 7:30 pm sharp and end with a short devotional by 9:00 pm. **Please SIGN UP if you plan to attend - we must have your name in order to purchase supplies. A donation of \$5.00 to cover expenses is requested when you sign up.** Plan to come and enjoy yourself, and bring a friend! Sign up starting this Sunday at the Welcome Center.

-Janet Betts & Donna Mychajlowycz, Women's Embrace Ministry



Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the **Walker family** on the passing of Neil's son and Phyllis and Corny's grandson **Cory Walker**. Our prayers go out to the family on this untimely death. You can send cards to the Walkers at the address in the church directory.

We also extend sympathy to **Carolyn and Ron Dargan** on the passing of Carolyn's brother, **Elijah Harris, Jr.**, after an extended illness. Cards may be sent to the address in the church directory.

TWO Exciting Events on Saturday, April 29th!

Pitman Road Church of Christ



Got stuff? Want to sell stuff?

It's time for our somewhat annual/semi annual Community Yard Sale!

Mark your calendars for April 29th. The yard sale hours will be advertised as 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. So plan to be here early to set up, and then stay as long

as you need to sell your stuff!

(And if you don't sell all your stuff, please take it home with you or drop it off at Goodwill... we have very limited space in our trash cans, and no space in the building to store "stuff.")

Cost to rent a space is \$10. All the proceeds will benefit our "Family Promise Fund" which is used for food and supplies for our host weeks.

To rent a space, contact Jenn Pearl at 609-805-2186.

And if you don't want to sell your stuff...please feel free to come and buy some of someone else's stuff!

Please join us for our 1st Annual Health Fair on April 29th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm here at Pitman Road!

Pitman Road Church of Christ

Health Fair
A Day of Wellness

After you're done selling or shopping at the yard sale, join us in our lobby and learn about:

- Risk Reduction for Heart Disease
- Cancer Prevention Tips
- Blood Pressure Screening
- Child Health and Safety
- Anxiety Coping Patterns
- ...and more!

There will be information for people of all ages.

Prizes, games, and fun for the entire family!

We hope to see you at our *Day of Wellness*!

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	99
Worship	196
LIFE Groups	89
Wednesday	NA
Contribution	\$7,834
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$406,068.00
Contribution YTD	\$366,712.00
Budget Deficit	(\$39,356.00)

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Elder on Call for April: Horatio Fenton

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Becky Vander Vennen
Kids For Christ	Kelly Spencer
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Corny & Phyllis Walker
Greeters: Back Entrance	Derrick & Brenda Busch
Information Center	Mary Lea Thompson
Ushers	Waverly Hale & Austin Hale
Shepherd's Call	Mike Broyles
Song Leader	Matt Downing
Communion	Aaron Pearl

LIFE Group

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	Egg Hunt	856-589-1500
Hammonton	Ashton's at 5pm	609-233-4330
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm	856-217-3956
Paracletes	Greenfields Ass't Lvg. at 2 pm	856-449-9656
Solid Gold	Hightower's 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	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: BBQ: Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

Cooks: Dan Cooper, Joe Marshall, and crew

This Week's Prayer Requests

The monthly prayer list of long-term, ongoing prayer requests for April 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: John Grillo is advancing well in his recovery! Some of the stitches were removed and he is beginning the preparatory stage for a prosthesis. Calls and visits are welcome, please call first before you visit, 856-582-9339.

Prayers Requested:

Doryann Seitz will be having a total hysterectomy on April 11; please pray for a successful surgery.

Horatio Fenton, recovering from radioactive iodine treatment. **Larry Kellum, Sr.**, treatment for Myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS). He is at home. Visits are welcome, please call first.

Glynn Durham, pain, weakness and fatigue.

Mandy Mansdoerfer, continues recovery at home.

Mary Collier continues her recovery from spinal fusion surgery at home. Please pray that she can continue to serve God as she recovers.

Kim Martin, Diana Ford's future daughter in law, breast cancer.

Marie Young, Craig Young's mother, recovering from complete hysterectomy. If anyone would like to send Mrs. Young a card, her address is: 749 Crestview Blvd., Collegeville, PA 19426

Barry Thompson is doing better. He will take some time to recover, he is still weak and tires quickly. He appreciates the cards, visits, calls, & treats. He is especially thankful for all the prayers.

Mildred Vlamio, 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.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Frank and Sandy Sheehan** on the marriage of Frank's son! **Frank and Melissa** were married in a beautiful beach wedding ceremony in Mexico on March 24. Blessings to the bride and groom!



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