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THIS SATURDAY, April 29!



8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Got stuff? Want to sell your stuff? Want to buy someone else's stuff? Either way...

... This Yard Sale is for you!

Cost to rent a space is \$10. All proceeds will benefit our *Family Promise Fund*, which is used to cover the cost of food and supplies during our Family Promise Host Weeks.

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

Join us for the 1st Annual

Pitman Road Church of Christ

Health Fair A Ray of Wellness

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Learn more about:

- ◆Risk Reduction
- ◆Blood Pressure Screening
- ◆Child Health and Safety
- Anxiety Coping Patterns

...and more

Prizes, games, and fun for the entire family!

From Daniel's Den

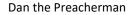
Glynn Durham

I loved, trusted, and deeply respected this man of God. Countless connections to this fine brother, friend, and co-worker...beginning with our days at Harding University in 1970. In college days, we were in "Timothy Club" together. We served together in "Campaigns Northeast." We moved to New Jersey, after graduation from Harding University, he a couple of years before me. We were both newlyweds in New Jersey. We were both Bible majors and God chose both of us to do our first full time preaching work in Vineland, NJ. We both lived, at different times, in the parsonage at 981 Becker Drive in Vineland. If you had asked either of us "What is the least likely state that you will move to when you graduate from college?" we both would have likely said, "NEW JERSEY." But this is the state where both of us spent most of our ministry years. We both finished our Master's Degrees at Harding School of Theology, and we both did that while we were ministering as full time ministers in local churches.

I loved playing dominoes with Glynn, even though he always beat me. I loved listening to his stories about growing up days. Did you know his granddad and grandmom were 21 and 15 when they married? And his parents were both 18 when they married, fresh out of high school? And both marriages lasted a lifetime.

Glynn loved his wife, Susan, and his wife, Debby. He loved both of them, and I heard him thank God for both of them, frequently. He loved his kids, and grandkids, and prayed for them consistently. He loved his family of origin, deeply, and was loyal to them. He loved the old home place. He loved his work with hospice. He loved his work as a hospital chaplain. He deeply loved his work with the Pitman Road Church of Christ, having worked with / for this church three different times. He believed that God brought him back to this church to finish his career, and I think he was right. He loved sharing the gospel with lost people, and bringing them to a clearer understanding of what God had for them, and what God wanted from them. Glynn was one of the most humble men I have ever known.

I am a better man because of Glynn Durham. I will miss him here and now, but eagerly anticipate more time with him there and then. Heaven will be sweeter, Glynn, because we knew each other here.





Dan Cooper aka "Dan, Dan, the Preacherman"

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A Servant Speaks

Steve Pierre-Jacques
Deacon:
Audio Visual and
Information Technology

...when we serve, we are more like Christ.

Blessed to Serve, Serve to Bless

Recently, our projector died and it needed to be replaced. This required going up the lift 20 feet up in the air to replace it. Although I don't mind using the lift, I felt moved to ask Noah Lewis to help. He got on the lift without hesitation and went to work. We worked together replacing the projector, I was glad for the help and the company.

Once the work was completed, I was thrilled and ready to express my gratitude to Noah but he beat me to it. He said: "Steve, thank you for letting me help. I was so bummed out but this has really helped me." Wow! Here I am thinking that Noah was helping me, serving the church but here he is, thanking me for asking him to serve. I was humbled and touched. Acts 20:35: "...remembering the words the Lord"

Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"
Serving gives us the opportunity to be blessed, to be fulfilled.
That experience with Noah reminded me that when we serve we are more like Christ.

Bearing One Another's Burdens

We are all so very saddened by the loss of our brother in Christ, Glynn Durham. Glynn went on to his reward this past Wednesday morning. Often we entitle these announcements "We Extend Our Sympathy," and we do; to Debby, Glynn's children, grandchildren, Debby's children, and Glynn's entire family. However, we must also extend sympathy to one another. We too, are grieving as a church family because Glynn was so dear to each of us. Glynn's life is woven throughout much of the tapestry of the Pitman Road



church's history, as he served in the area on more than one occasion. Through his times here planting congregations, and finally, as Debby's husband and one of our ministers, he cultivated special relationships with so many of us, at various times for various reasons; some many, many years long; and some only for a few short years.

So this is a time for us to bear one another's burdens. Not only will we support and lavish love on Debby, but we will also need to be loving and supportive to each other. Glynn, whose special gift was ministering to the hurting, would want it this way.

This afternoon, we will celebrate Glynn's life here at our building. Visitation with the family is at 2:00 pm. The memorial service will begin promptly at 3:00 pm. You are invited to share a meal after the service, here also, at 4:00 pm.

Join the Welcome Ministry!

There will be a meeting of the Welcome Ministry
THIS Wednesday, April 26, at 7:00 pm, in room B-2.
Both existing and new volunteers are invited to attend!

These are the main roles for which we need volunteers:



- Greeter Welcome visitors (and mem
 - bers) at the front / rear building entrances before class and before worship. Be assigned to do this a few times each year.
- Usher Guide visitors to seats and point them to Welcome Packets. Assist those with special needs. Be assigned to do this a few times each year.
- Meeter Sit in class and in the auditorium during worship (as you usually do), but wear a badge. Be on the lookout for visitors and answer their questions.
- Welcome Center Attendant Be at "Welcome Center" after worship and assist visitors with information, Connection Cards. Do this a few times each year.
- Follow-up Person Send an email or card to a visitor. Call visitors that ask to be contacted. Pray for visitors, including for any special requests they indicated.
- Bread Baker Commit to baking a few (6 or 7) small loaves of bread each week for one particular month during the year.

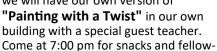
We also need members who are willing to take a leadership / guiding role in the above areas. During our meeting, we will go over each of these roles in more detail and explain the overall vision for the Welcome Ministry going forward.

We Need You! -Andy Mychajlowycz

Women's Friendship Friday DATE CHANGE!

Friendship Friday HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO FRIDAY, MAY 12. AT 7:00 PM. By popular request

12, AT 7:00 PM. By popular request, we will have our own version of





ship. 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.

PITMAN ROAD Starting Point 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, May 7, at 11:45 am in room B2. 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!*

Mission Support Needed

Hi, I'm Andreana!

workers.

You may have seen me around church or singing in Refuge. I am in school for a Masters of Social Work, and have an awesome opportunity to travel to Kolkata, India to work with a social agency called Durbar. Dubar means "unstoppable/unbeatable" in Bengali. They provide services for over 65,000 sex



Durbar has a number of initiatives (advocacy against domestic violence, sex education, children's programs), but I hope to be placed with the anti-human trafficking initiative. After hearing Kelly Master speak about For Dignity and human trafficking last week, I feel that God has placed this program on my path. I am even more compelled to take what I learn in India, and bring it back to help victims here at home.

I would be so grateful for any donations to help me on my journey for travel, board, and other expenses, as well as prayers for myself and the team in India. I also have an itemized list of all the things I'll need while I'm away if you'd prefer to donate an item.

I am thankful for such a supportive church family! If you would like to keep up with me while I'm away, you can follow my blog at andreanabarefield.wixsite.com/withbarelove. If you are interested in donating you can contact me by phone (609-598-4001), email (andreana.barefield@gmail.com), or mail a check to (11 Thornhill Ct. Sicklerville, NJ 08081) in my name (Andreana Barefield).

And a BIG THANK YOU to those who have, and continue to, show their love and support.

With Love, Andreana

A Mission In Our Own Backyard

How would you like to physically support a mission church? Our Ageless LIFE Group is joining the Cape May Court House Church of Christ NEXT Sunday, April 30. Dan will be teaching the Bible class at the Court House church at 9:30 am, and then Andy Mychajlowycz will be preaching at 10:30 am. Larry Kellum, Jr. will be the song leader. Following worship we will be joining the congregation for a covered dish meal and some fellowship.

If you would like to ride in the church van, or follow us, we will be departing from our building at 8:15 am. If you have questions, please contact me or Andy. -Dan, the Mission-Minded Man

Feeding the Hungry in Trenton Saturday, May 13 • 10 am -2 pm

Sign-up at the Welcome Center!

Only \$85.00 is still needed to cover the cost of this meal. If you are willing to contribute, please note "Trenton Meal" on your check; drop it in the collection plate, or give it to Dottie.

Our Schedule Sunday 9:00 am Bible Classes 10:00 am Worship Wednesday 5:30 pm Meal 7:00 pm Bible Classes

Last Week Bible Class 98 Worship 303 LIFE Groups NA Wednesday 64 Contribution \$10,907 Fiscal YTD Goal \$447,716.00 Contribution YTD \$407,169.00 **Budaet Deficit** (\$40,547,00)

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Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Elder on Call for April: Horatio Fenton

Serving Us Today

Nursery TBA

Kids For Christ Carla Clements

Jr. Worship Brian Mansdoerfer

Greeters: Front Entrance Frank & Sandy Sheehan

Greeters: Back Entrance Larry Peterson & Mike Lazar

Information Center Jackie Fenton

Ushers Horatio Fenton & Dave Perine

Shepherd's Call Mike Lazar
Song Leader Dwight Thompson
Communion Noah Lewis

LIFE Group Location Contact

Ageless Attend Celebration of Glynn's Life

Beginning Anew Church Bldg. at noon

Circle of Sisters Sbaraglia's Monday at 7pm 856-419-0544
E.H.S. Church Blda. rm B4 at noon 856-589-1500

Family of Teens Attend Celebration of Glynn's Life
Hammonton Attend Celebration of Glynn's Life

Men's Bible Study Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm 856-217-3956

Paracletes Attend Celebration of Glynn's Life Solid Gold Attend Celebration of Glynn's Life Teens Attend Celebration of Glynn's Life

VinelandH. Pearl's at 6pm856-839-0051Women in the WordChurch Bldg. Tuesday at 9:45 am856-589-1500Young AdultsChurch Bldg. rm B2 at noon609-226-4031Young MarriedCall or text for time & location856-899-9466

Wednesday Night Meal: Lasagna

Cooks: Harriet, Judi, JoAnn

This Week's Prayer Requests

<u>Praise:</u> John Grillo is being fitted for a prosthesis! He is recovering well and getting around more and more.

Prayers Requested:

Evelyn Kates, Tammy Cerquoni's sister-in-law, is having many health issues and is being tested for MS. Prayers are requested for the doctors to be able to get an accurate diagnosis and the correct treatment.

Doryann Seitz continues her recovery.

Barbara Robinson, the date or her next procedure has been moved to April 27; hopefully it will relieve nerve pain in her back/neck.

Kim Martin, Diana Ford's future daughter in law, chemo and radiation.

Diana Ford, possible heart issues.

Larry Kellum, Sr., treatment for Myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS). He is at home. Visits are welcome, please call first. **Mary Collier** continues her recovery from spinal fusion surgery at home. Please pray that she can serve God as she recovers.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:
THIS COMING WEDNESDAY IS NOT A "FIFTH WEDNESDAY." WE WILL BE MEETING AS USUAL.

Easter Breakfast



Our Family Life Center was packed to near capacity, as 200 gathered to hear a presentation about the curse of human trafficking. Kelly master spoke on the topic "From Shattered to Wholeness — Hope That Heals." This program was a cooperative effort of the Pitman Council of churches, and we both served breakfast, and offered this challenging program. \$900 was raised to support this cause.

Easter Sunday

We were thrilled to see our largest crowd so far this year, 303! Anticipating that, we set up extra seats to accommodate our hoped for additional Sunday morning attendance. While a handful of our "regulars" were away, we had a large number of visitors, both from our community and from various states. It was a great Sunday for worship and celebration of the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord. Nine connection cards were completed, and all that filled in cards have already been contacted with a follow up "thank you" letter. Thanks to all who worked behind the scenes to make Easter Sunday especially accommodating to our guests!

