



Tributes for Glynn

Last week we received these tributes for Glynn. We want to share them with the entire congregation, as they are intended to bless us all.

This week Glynn Durham died, making just one last Easter Sunday on the calendar that was his life. He was a minister who served selflessly for over 40 years, mostly in South Jersey; a humble, prayerful, faithful servant of the Lord. He survived many trials in this life, including a life threatening brain tumor and the loss of his first wife to cancer. After the last year and a half fighting cancer, his body gave out, but never his servant heart—he was faithful to the end.

Like most Christians, I have a tacit agreement with the Lord that if I serve him nothing bad will happen to my loved ones or to me. I know there are no such agreements and the testimony of scripture seems to say the opposite, as in Hebrews 11:13-16. Because this challenges my assumptions, it's upsetting to me. But it didn't matter if Glynn's health was good or bad, he served his Lord. And that's where he is now. Down here, our work goes on. Someday our place too will be taken. We think we are indispensable. We are not. This has been the way of the world since the fall: Satan dealing out sin and death, God giving grace and new life. Still on this side of the curtain of eternity, we only feel the loss. Glynn on the other side of that curtain feels the glory.

The stars of night are outshone by the brilliant arrival of the sun. An apple seed is dwarfed by an apple tree. Don't we understand that we have an eternal, imperishable essence that goes beyond our limited physical bodies? God tells us so. His word affirms it. The resurrected Jesus showed it. His creation points to it. The dead seed sprouts green. The dead winter bursts into spring. People die, yet even more babies are born continually increasing our world population. Death hasn't yet outpaced life and never will. The adversary can only destroy, but our God endlessly creates.

We don't throw out treasure; we keep what we love. Same with God. God loves people. God loves Glynn. He's with him. Our brother is okay. So are we. Just as Glynn kept serving in place of others who faithfully served before him, so we. Christian, don't fear your passage into eternal life. Let your only concern be to serve our good Father till the end. That was the example of Glynn.

-Mark Finn



For Carol, myself, and the entire North Penn congregation, please accept our love and sympathy on Glynn's passing. We will be traveling to the OVU Lectureship on Sunday and unable to be with you in person. Please allow me to share a personal reflection of Glynn. I am privileged to attend the monthly area-wide preacher's meeting at Pitman. During the past year, Glynn would attend as his health and treatment schedule would allow.

On more than one occasion, Glynn would excuse himself from the meeting to make a visit or have a Bible study with someone. Even though he was not feeling well; his voice was strong, he had a spring in his step and a sparkle in his eye at the opportunity to meet a need or share the gospel. Glynn's concern was always for his family, for those who were seeking Jesus, and for the Pitman Road congregation.

His life of faithful service is an inspiration to all who knew him. May we follow Glynn's example and be Godly servants until we are called home. On behalf of the leadership and all at North Penn, we extend our love and prayers to you. May God bless and comfort you in the days ahead.

For the cause of Christ, **Jim Bailey**

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

On the Way to Cape May...

A van load of us...plus a couple of passenger cars are headed to the Cape May Court House Church of Christ this morning. While our church has financially supported the little mission church in Cape May County for years, and while their preacher, **Charles Belva**, usually meets with our Friday morning men's prayer guys once a month, we typically have very little connectedness with the church there. They desperately need encouragement! So, our **AGELESS LIFE Group**, plus a few more individuals, made the one-hour trek early this morning.

As we go, we are giving the full-time preacher the day off. He deserves it! **Andy Mychajlowycz** is preaching, **Larry Kellum, Jr.** is directing the singing, and **Max Lancaster** is heading the communion table and making appropriate comments there. I will be teaching the adult Bible class. After the morning classes and worship, we will be joining the church family there for a covered dish dinner. Following that, some of us will head back toward our respective homes, and others will take in the Cape May County Zoo (which is absolutely amazing...and it's free), while others are talking of a trip on the Cape May Lewes Ferry, enjoying a scenic boat ride from the southern tip of New Jersey to the coast of Delaware.

All in all, we expect it to be a beautiful day of worship, wonderful fellowship, and great food. Maybe your LIFE Group will chose a similar "time of refreshing" sometime between now and the rush of the summer shore traffic jams. This trip really can be a win-win! If you are missing 15 members of the Ageless LIFE Group today, now you know where we are!

You personally and/or your LIFE Group collectively can make a huge difference in the life of this discouraged little church family. Their church meets for Bible class at 9:30 and for their morning worship at 10:30. Just do it!
-Dan the Encouraging Preacherman



Dan Cooper
 aka
**"Dan, Dan,
 the Preacherman"**

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Carlos' Corner

It's Not Too Early to Think About Summer

I know summer isn't here yet. But can we talk about summer just a bit? I hope you're excited about a great summer, and that you have a weekend getaway or family vacation planned.

I love summer vacations – but you don't have to take an elaborate trip to enjoy some time with your family and friends. I was searching for things to do with my family this summer and came across a ton of great articles and ideas.

Here are three of my favorite ideas.

- 1. Family Game Night.** Each person picks a classic board game, and play as a family. You can print up funny certificates for the winners.
- 2. Around the World Theme Weeks.** Each week, pick a country and learn a little about it. Put the flag on your fridge. Cook a meal that comes from that part of the world. Pray for a missionary there.
- 3. Disposable Camera Project.** In a world of iPhones and Instagram, you might be surprised they still sell disposable film cameras. But they do. Give one to each family member and give them an assignment. Develop at a "one hour" place, and let everyone share during dinner on Sunday night.

Our Children's Ministry also has a big activity planned for you and your family this summer. Check out the details below.

Vacation Bible School is July 9-12, and this year's theme is *Maker Fun Factory*. Last year we had an amazing VBS. Many children came out and had a blast learning about Jesus. We have the same goal this year: for kids to meet Jesus and have fun while they do it. Once again, it will take a team effort to make sure we accomplish that goal. We would love for you to register your child and/or sign up to be on the VBS Team this year. You can do all that at the Welcome Center or online at www.pitmanroadcoc.com.

Grace & peace,
 Carlos

Glynn Durham's Memorial Service On Our Website

If you missed, or would like to see again, the **Celebration of Life for Glynn Durham**, it is available for viewing on our website. Visit www.pitmanroadcoc.com, on the menu bar, go to Media and on that dropdown menu, click on Video Messages. It is currently the first video on the list.

A special thank you to our information technology team, especially **Steve Pierre-Jacques** and **Anthony DeStefano**, for streaming the service live for Glynn's family and friends who were not able to travel to NJ, and for making it available on our website for further viewing.

What's Happening At Pitman Road!



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, 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!*



Women's Friendship Friday May 12, 2017

7:00 pm in the Family Life Center

"Painting with a Twist" in our own building!

You must sign up ahead of time at the Welcome Center so that materials can be purchased for you!

\$5.00 donation requested to cover material costs.

Hope to see you there!

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

Sign-up at the Welcome Center!

Only \$75.00 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.

Mission Support Needed

Hi, I'm Andreana!

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 workers. 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**

Proverbs 16: 9 - *In his heart man plans his house, but the Lord determine his steps.*



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SUNDAY 5•7•2017 | 5:30 - 7:30

YOUNG ADULTS LIFE GROUP

Bring Your Own Craft Day

Saturday, May 27, 2017

Noon to 5:00 PM

in the Family Life Center

Snacks are provided!

Hope to see you there!

Thank You from Harriet

I want to give a special thank you to all those who provided food for a wonderful meal as we celebrated the life of Glynn Durham. I have a thankful and grateful heart for those who served food, set up, and cleaned up, who went that extra mile to show their love and respect for the Durham family. Debby told me that everything was perfect, and that you all honored Glynn. Thank you, Debby, for your response to all who helped. We love you and are praying for you. In Christian Love, **Harriet Wensel**



SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School

July 9-12, 2017

Maker Fun Factory

for kids 0 to 6th grade

Patrick Mead

for teens and adults

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	106
Worship	207
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	62
Contribution	\$10,074
Weekly Goal	\$10,412

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Elder on Call for April: Horatio Fenton

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Brittany Spaeth
Kids For Christ	Robin Steward
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	George & Cookie Rowe
Greeters: Back Entrance	Glynn & Debby Durham
Information Center	Mary Collier
Ushers	Justin Guy & Lee Collier
Shepherd's Call	Garth Hutchinson
Song Leader	Matt Downing
Communion	Mike Grove

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Cape May Courthouse Trip	
Beginning Anew	Church Bldg. at noon	856-589-1500
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	A. DeStefano's at 5pm	606-567-9607
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm	856-217-3956
Paracletes	TBA: Call for info.	856-449-9656
Solid Gold	Hightower's at 6pm	856-769-2789
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: Lasagna

Cooks: Harriet, JoAnn, Judi

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. If you do not see your recent, ongoing, prayer request here, it was moved to the ongoing list.

Praise: Additional testing has shown that the baby that Ashely Corey is carrying is healthy and strong! The family says: "Thanks to a loving church that always prays, helps us renew our faith, and loves like family. Love, **Chris, Ashley, Cade, and baby Chase Corey**"

John Grillo will be receiving his initial prosthesis Wednesday!

Prayers Requested:

Harry Steward was admitted on Wednesday to Inspira Hospital, room 616-2 in Woodbury for breathing problems.

Barbara Robinson, recovering from procedure on back & neck. All seems to have gone well; she will know more in a few days. Please pray for pain relief and complete healing.

Dorothy Sussman, Teresa Point Sussman's mother-in-law, was admitted to the hospital with cardiac concerns.

Natasha Gboleweefaa, Carolyn Dargan's niece, lost her unborn child well into the pregnancy. This is especially hard for the family as Natasha's father/Carolyn's brother passed away earlier in the month.

Isaziga Family, prayers for the sudden passing of Gina's cousin.

Judith Knox, Cathy McClelland's mother-in-law, in hospice.

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.

We Extend Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Donna and Rick Conner** on the passing of Donna's father, **John Riday**. Funeral services were this past Friday. If you would like to send a card of care and condolence, you may send it to:

Donna and Rick Conner, 212 Ashton Drive, Gibbstown, NJ 08027

Thank You!

Dear Pitman Road Church Family,

My husband Scott and I would like to thank everyone who came to help us move into our first home. We feel very blessed to have a wonderful church family who are always there for fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

It is very important to us to find a church family who only shows love, support, understanding, and always putting our God first. When I moved back to New Jersey, it was hard to make new friends. After finding Pitman Road, we have so many friends that we can always count on.

Thanks again church family and may God bless every one of you for your kindness and help.

Sincerely, **Katherine & Scott Macpherson**



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