



***We wish all of our moms a Blessed and Happy Mother's Day!
We hope you enjoy these inspirational, touching, and funny
tributes to mothers and their children everywhere!***

"A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials heavy and sudden fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends desert us; when trouble thickens around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts."
— Washington Irving

"I don't know what it is about food your mother makes for you, especially when it's something that anyone can make - pancakes, meat loaf, tuna salad - but it carries a certain taste of memory."
— Mitch Albom

"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."
— Abraham Lincoln

"Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness. If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love."
— Stevie Wonder

"I told my mom she was invading my personal space, and she said I came out of her personal space."
—Unknown

"When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child."
— Sophia Loren

"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother."
— Theodore Hesburgh

"When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it's a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway."
— Erma Bombeck

"Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs... since the payment is pure love."
— Mildred Vermont

"All mothers are working mothers."
— Unknown

"The phrase 'working mother' is redundant."
— Jane Sellman

"For some of us, Mother's Day is not a happy day, because we lost our mom, or we lost a child, or those relationships are not good ones. It's okay to be sad."
—Anonymous

"If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?"
— Milton Berle

"To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power. Or the climbing, falling colors of a rainbow."
—Maya Angelou

"Youth fades; love droops; the leaves of friendship fall; A mother's secret hope outlives them all."
—Oliver Wendell Holmes

"There is no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one."
—Jill Churchill

"Successful mothers are not the ones that have never struggled. They are the ones that never give up, despite their struggles."
—Sharon Jaynes

My kids wanted to know what it's like to be a mom so I woke them up at 2 am to let them know my sock came off."
—@sacrastricmommy4

"Your children are the greatest gift God will give to you, and their souls the heaviest responsibility He will place in your hands. Take time with them, Teach them to have faith in God. Be a person in whom they can have faith. When you are old, nothing else you've done will have mattered as much."
— Lisa Wingate



Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

I Never Met a Man Who Said He Prayed Too Much!

Have you?

The disciples said to Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray." (Lk. 11:1)

Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you!" (Luke 11:9)

When **my mother** was still living she frequently reminded me, "Danny, I pray for you every single day." **On this Mother's Day, one of the very best things every mother can do for her kids is to pray for them!**

Charles Hodge, in his book *Prayer, The Voice of Faith*, offers this timely advice, "Pray first!"

Dan Cooper says, "We need fewer business meetings and more prayer meetings. My favorite elders meeting every month is the night that our elders and ministers pray over the flock, one family at a time."

William Cowper said, "Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees."

Glynn Durham loved praying with other men! He was a regular at our men's prayer meetings three times every week. Do you want to honor the faithful life of Glynn Durham? One of the best ways that you can both honor God and Glynn Durham is to join other guys once a week in a season of prayer. These prayer focus times meet at our building and typically last for one hour. I never met a man who said he prayed too much!

Join us Tuesday at 10:00 AM, Friday at 6:45 AM or Saturday at 8:00!

Pray First, Dan the Preacherman



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Brian Holden
Elder

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As I reflect over the last few weeks at church, I am happy to see all of the activities that are going on. We recently held the Community Yard Sale, the first annual Health Fair, Refuge, and hosted Family Promise to name a few. As I write this, another Feeding the Hungry meal in Trenton was to have taken place yesterday, and we will have a bus trip with 108 people going to see "Jonah" at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster this month. Cindy and I enjoyed hosting "Dinners for Eight" last week, which is an excellent activity that promotes fellowship. And also coming up is the Memorial Day Picnic! (See below.) The church calendar is full of planned activities.

Often we focus on the negative things in life and don't see the positives or the "big picture." Cindy and I have spent a lot of time working in our yard. When I come home from work, I drive into the yard and right away see a few dandelions and other weeds. Although Cindy and the neighbors say that the yard looks great, I wasn't enjoying the beauty of it because my eyes were focused on those weeds that I needed to get rid of. Last week I looked at my yard from the road, and that was when I could fully appreciate it. I was looking at the big picture without a narrow focus. In life we need to spend more time focusing on how much God has truly blessed us. We need to see the big picture because Jesus has already won the battle for us. Remember, the healthier the lawn, the harder it will be for the weeds to take over. The healthier the church, while keeping our eyes on Jesus, the harder it will be for the "weeds" that we face in life to take over.

I am reminded by Paul who showed great joy even while he was in prison. "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again. Rejoice!" - Philippians 4:4.

-Brian

Shepherd's Voice

Changing Our Focus



Join us for a cook-out here at our church building! Invite your friends!

- Each member/family attending is asked to bring hamburgers or hot dogs, enough for you and your family plus a little extra for guests.
- Each member/family is also asked to bring a traditional "picnic" side dish.
- Beverages and buns will be provided by the church.
- Desserts will be provided by elders' and deacons' wives.
- Any hot dishes should be preheated.
- **You are also asked to bring games! We are primarily looking for outdoor games like horseshoes, ladder ball, etc., but you may bring board games for indoors in you like.**
- Questions? See Tony or Stephanie DeStefano.

Bus Trip to Sight and Sound



If you are going on the bus trip to see **Jonah** at Sight and Sound Theater on Saturday, May 20th, please be at the church building no later than 7:45 am. I will start handing out tickets at 7:30 am and the bus will leave at 8:00 am. We will go directly to

Sight and Sound for the show, and afterward we will go to the Shady Maple restaurant. There will be time for shopping at the Shady Maple gift shop, Good's Store and the Amish market. Please contact me for additional information. e-mail: bcholden94@hotmail.com, phone: (H) 856-881-6792 (C) 856-759-2542

-**Brian Holden**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The coat room in our lobby will be cleaned out soon. PLEASE check to see if you have coats, jackets, or any other belongings in there, including in the Lost and Found box.

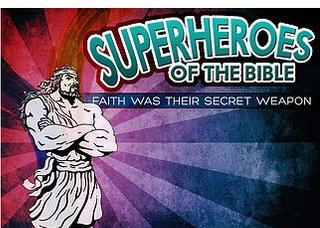
Also please remove any ministry items you may have stored in there. **You have until May 21 to do this.** After that date, the coat room/lost and found will be cleaned out, and items will be donated or discarded, as appropriate. If you have items stored in there, and need a place to store them, see the office staff, and we will assist you.

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Family Camp at Manatawny

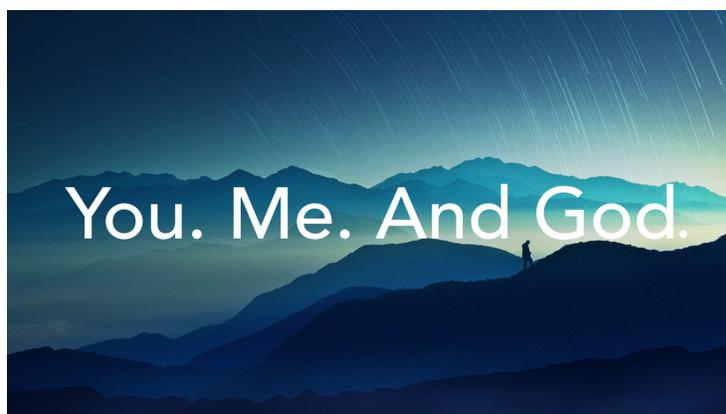
Registration is open for Family Camp on May 26-28, 2017. This year's theme is **Superheroes of the Bible.**



Family Camp is a great way to introduce young children to the camp experience, as well as a way for families to relax and enjoy camp together. The Pearls and Vander Vennen's attend every year! If you have questions about it, feel free to contact **Aaron Pearl.**

Cost: \$100 Includes summer cabin lodging, all meals and activities for up to 4 family members. (Upgraded lodging is available for an additional cost during registration.) \$20 for each additional family member ages 5 and older. Children 4 & younger: Free A deposit of \$50 (non-refundable) is required with your registration. The remaining balance must be paid in full by May 19, 2017 Go to www.manatawny.org to register!

New Sermon Series Next Week!

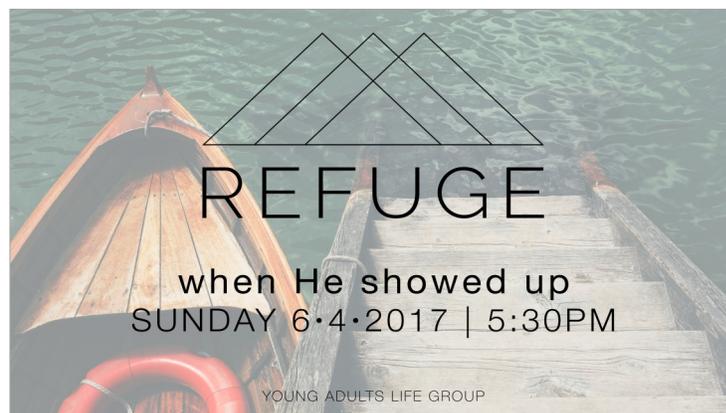


God cares about how we treat each other! He cares about how you treat your mother in law, your neighbor, your enemy, your co-worker and your spouse. He cares about your most intimate relationships. We go deeper into relationships in this four part sermon series starting next Sunday... **You. Me. And God.**



The Family Promise Day Center is in need of 2 or 3 computers. The adults and children enrolled in the program use them for job searches, homework, etc. If you have an old computer that you would like to get rid of, even if it is in need of some

work, please contact John Ashton at 609-214-8522. **(Please call John before you bring the computer to the church building.)**



Summer Camp Open House

May 27, 2017 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Can't make it to Family Camp? Want to introduce your child to Camp Manatawny, or do you just want to know more about it? Do you know someone else who may be interested in camp? There is no better way to prepare yourself and your camper for their summer experience at Camp Manatawny then to take a tour of camp and learn about the programs that will change your child's life. During your visit, our camp staff will answer any questions, and show you how camp will open up a whole new world for your child. Our Open House is free and open to the public. No reservations required. Rain or shine. **Everyone attending will receive a chance to win a full week of camp for Free!** If you're unable to make it to the open house, please call 610-689-0173 to arrange a tour.

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	109
Worship	200
LIFE Groups	118
Wednesday	83
Contribution	\$9,825
Weekly Goal	\$10,412

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: **Laura Ross** most likely will not have to have surgery for the fractures in her foot. She was able to go on her vacation!

Sunday Morning Responses:

Andreana Barefield came forward with **Derek and Leza Davis**, asking for the elders and church to pray over her as she prepared for her mission trip to Calcutta, India. Please pray for her safety as well as for her to have boldness and courage as she ministers to victims of human trafficking.

Stephanie DeStefano requested prayers on behalf of **Caden Corey**, three years old, after he broke his arm while playing outside. He had to have anesthesia in order for the bone to be reset. Please pray for Caden, his parents, **Ashley and Chris**, and **their unborn son**; they have been through a lot this year!

Prayers Requested:

Nancy Smith was admitted to the hospital for cardiac issues. **Frank Sheehan** will be having spine surgery on May 16, and lung surgery on June 14.

Barbara Robinson will have to have several more procedures for bulging discs and sciatica.

Aldemar Isaziga, Carlos' father, beginning radiation treatments for prostate cancer.

Matthew, 8 mo. old great nephew of Kelly Spencer, in a freak accident, sustained a skull fracture from a line drive hit at a baseball game. He is still having some seizures, but the doctors expect full recovery. He may have to have some surgery as he grows to restore the shape of his skull.

Richard Ford, grandfather of Mark Frock's children, has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Kim Martin, Diana Ford's future daughter-in-law, surgery for double mastectomy and removal of ovaries.

Jeremy Fortner, friend of Brian Mansdoerfer, stage 4 colon cancer.

Harry Steward, after being admitted again earlier this week, was released from the hospital and is home recovering.

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.

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.

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Elder on Call for May and June: Brian Holden

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Robin Steward
Kids For Christ	Kelly Spencer
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Larry & Lea Ann Kellum
Greeters: Back Entrance	Horatio & Jackie Fenton
Information Center	Doryann Seitz
Ushers	Justin Guy & Terry Rimes
Shepherd's Call	Mike Broyles
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Wavery Hale

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Mother's Day	
Beginning Anew	Mother's Day	
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Monday at 7pm	856-419-0544
E.H.S.	Mother's Day	
Family of Teens	Mother's Day	
Hammonton	Mother's Day	
Men's Bible Study	Spring/Summer Hiatus	
Paracletes	TBA: Call for info.	
Solid Gold	Mother's Day	
Teens	Mother's Day	
Vineland	Mother's Day	
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. Tuesday at 9:45 am	856-589-1500
Young Adults	Mother's Day	
Young Married	Mother's Day	

Wednesday Night Meal:	Chicken, Collards, Mac & Cheese
Cooks:	Barbara Robinson

We Extend Our Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to **Linda Krinks** on the passing of her mother, **Donna Staff**. After a year and a half in a nursing home she passed away of natural causes.

If you would like to send a card to Bob, Donna's husband, cards can be mailed to: Robert Staff, 3644 Dewey Cove, Canadaigua, NY 14424.

To send a card to Linda and Greg: 7000 Rachel Court, Spring Hill, TN 37174.