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## Happy Memorial Day!

We honor the memory of service members  
and their families who have sacrificed  
to protect the freedom we enjoy.

## New Summer Quarter Adult Classes Begin Next Sunday!

### Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am

#### **PITMAN ROAD UNIVERSITY - Matthew: The Gospel of the King and His Kingdom - Derrick Busch - Family Life Center**

For those of us who live in a modern democracy, the ideas of "king" and "kingdom" can be hard to grasp, and even harder to make a reality in our lives. For the Jews in the first century, it was an ever-present reality – and a greatly desired expectation. According to the Old Testament, a king from God would come who would establish Judah as an everlasting kingdom and free them from domination of other world powers. In his gospel, Matthew introduces Jews to the King they longed to see. For him, it was absolutely Good News. In our own lives today, we need the good news of the King and the Kingdom over which He reigns. What is this Kingdom? What kind of King do we have? What does it mean to be a citizen of this Kingdom? Matthew has much to teach us.

#### **#Stolen - Young Adult Class - Charles Peterson, Nathan Haden - Room B2**

Social media has a great impact on our lives. Based on the book *Stolen: Is Social Media Stealing Your Identity?* by Jessica Fralin, we will discuss questions such as: Why do we post what is popular, but hide the messy things that happen in our lives? What happens when people start judging us based on the life we post on social media? Do we feel like we have to keep up with this unrealistic standard? Is social media stealing our real identity?

#### **The Art Of Marriage - Derek & Leza Davis, Justin & Rebecca Guy**

Learn what thousands of others have discovered – happier, healthier marriages start with God's flawless design. Explore His purpose, overcoming isolation, fulfilling our responsibilities, and better communication.

#### **Parke Place Worship - Jay Schneider - at Parke Place**

Join a worship assembly each Sunday morning at Parke Place on Delsea Drive (near our old Church building). If you would like to support or help lead this time of worship, your participation would be welcome. We are thankful for our faithful saints who have supported this outreach for years, and we'd love more participation from our church family.

### Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm

#### **Survey of Hebrews - Mike Grove - Room B3/Chapel**

The book of Hebrews examines Christ's nature as fully God and fully man. As such, He is superior to the Mosaic law and its priestly sacrificial system, while himself being able to serve as both the sacrifice and mediating high priest for a better covenant. Given this understanding, we are called to faithfulness and endurance.

#### **A Psalm and a Prayer - Dave Perine, Brian Holden - Room B4**

The Psalms are a rich source of heartfelt prayers. This class will include a study of Psalms, with a particular focus on prayers included within the psalms. Each class will include approximately 30 to 40 minutes of study and reflection and conclude with approximately 15 to 20 minutes of prayer. Everyone is invited to pray, but no one should feel obligated. Prayer is powerful!

#### **Barnabas Group - Donna Lazar and Fran Point - Room B1**

Barnabas of the New Testament was an encourager. The goal of our Barnabas Group is to spread encouragement! The group accomplishes this goal through cards to our members, their family and friends, and our guests. Birthdays, illness, anniversary, etc., you'll probably hear from our Barnabas Group! Join us as we share God's love.

Please see page 3 for important information regarding changes in our Wednesday Night format.

## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den



## "HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY A COMRADE IN ARMS, KNOWN BUT TO GOD"

I'm not certain how you feel when you visit a military cemetery, but for me, those visits rip out my heart. Tears start rolling down my cheeks as I walk through those straight lines of grave markers. I think of the young lives that were offered. I imagine the ugliness, the pain and suffering, the hopelessness of war. War is unfair! Horrific! Barbaric! Most markers have the name, rank, date of birth and date of death of the deceased soldier on the marker. But not all! "HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY A COMRADE IN ARMS, KNOWN BUT TO GOD" is all that is written on the headstone. Sobering. Some paid the ultimate price for our freedom, and they remain nameless.

The sacrifice goes unnoticed, and unappreciated. His

or her name is totally forgotten. At one time, there was a grieving mother and or spouse, who never knew what happened to their loved one. And now, no one remembers!

I am thrilled that in our church we take communion every Sunday. We pause every Lord's Day to ponder in a deep way, Christ's horrific, unfair, barbaric death. An innocent man suffered, not for his own sins, but for the wrongs of others. We do not forget. We pause to remember His name, Immanuel! God with us. Jesus said, "This do in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19) And so today, and every Lord's Day, we commemorate His death until He comes again.

Lord, help us to never forget the sacrifices of the countless thousands who have paid the ultimate price. And Lord, help us to never forget the most amazing sacrifice ever made...Jesus Christ.

Remembering, **Dan the Preacherman**



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



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**Manny Vander Vennen**  
**Deacon:**  
**Kids for Christ,**  
**Church Directory**

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## A Servant Speaks

### 18 Years, and Still Learning to Understand and Honor.

This past Monday, Becky and I celebrated our 18th wedding anniversary. The occasion caused me to think about the condition of my own marriage in comparison to God's plan for marriage. The biblical ideal for marriage has been perfectly modeled for us through the life and ministry of Christ. Just as Christ loves and accepts each of us unconditionally with all our flaws and weaknesses, we are called to love and accept our spouse unconditionally. Just as Christ has no limit to the number of times he will forgive us when we fail, there is no limit to the number of times we are to forgive our spouse. Just as Christ sacrificed himself and died for our sake, we are called to place the desires of our spouse ahead of our own. These are easy sentences to write, but so hard to put into practice in our marriages. The great news is that we have the example of Christ to continually refer to, and the Bible which is full of marriage examples (good and bad) and marriage advice, including this commandment to husbands found in 1Peter 3:7 (NLT):

***In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together.***

Lately I have come to realize that as a husband I have fallen short when it comes to this verse. I have too often shown a lack of honor to Becky by placing my own interests ahead of hers. I have also too often shown a lack of understanding for what Becky is dealing with in her life, as well as a lack of appreciation for all she does for my sake, and for the sake of our children. This lack of honor and understanding has wounded our relationship, but thank God we have forgiveness, and the opportunity to start over again each day with a renewed effort to align our own marriage to God's plan. Striving for a Godly marriage is not easy, but so worth it!

**-Manny**



## Wednesday Night Format Change!

After a trial of a new Wednesday night format, the elders have decided to return to something closer to our original format... **but not until after this coming Wednesday! THIS Wednesday, May 31, is a 5th Wednesday.** There will be no formal meeting at the church building. You are encouraged to use this 5th Wednesday to fellowship, share a meal, or do something together as a family.

**Beginning on Wednesday, June 7, from 7:00 to 7:55 pm, this will be our schedule for the summer quarter.**

**Adults:** This quarter there will be two Bible classes and Barnabas Ministry, **every** Wednesday night. Please see the front page for a description of the classes offered.

**Teens:** There will be activities every Wednesday evening. From June until mid-July, the teens will be working on props for our upcoming VBS in the Family Life Center.

**Children Preschool to 6th Grade:** There will be a variety of activities offered, which will provide our children with fun and creative learning experiences.

**Ministry meetings may still be scheduled during the Bible class time, and you must continue to contact Dottie in advance to schedule an available room for your meeting.**

Beginning in September, we hope to expand the offerings for all ages even further.

*The elders and ministerial staff thank you for your patience and participation during the trial period over last three quarters.*

## Taking a Break for the Summer:

### Kids for Christ and Jr. Worship:

Sunday, June 11 will be the last morning for these two children's ministries until next September. Please plan to have your children sit with you on Sunday mornings for the summer months.

**(Nursery** will continue to be available for children **under** 3 years of age, during the worship service. Please adhere to the age guidelines for the safety of small children.)

*Thank you to all who volunteered to staff both of these children's ministries! Your efforts are appreciated!*

### Women's Prayer Celebration Brunch

**Saturday, June 3 at 9:30 to 11:30 am**

**Location: TBD (Our building or a nearby home.)**

**All women who participated in our prayer groups, and for women interested in participating at another time are invited!**

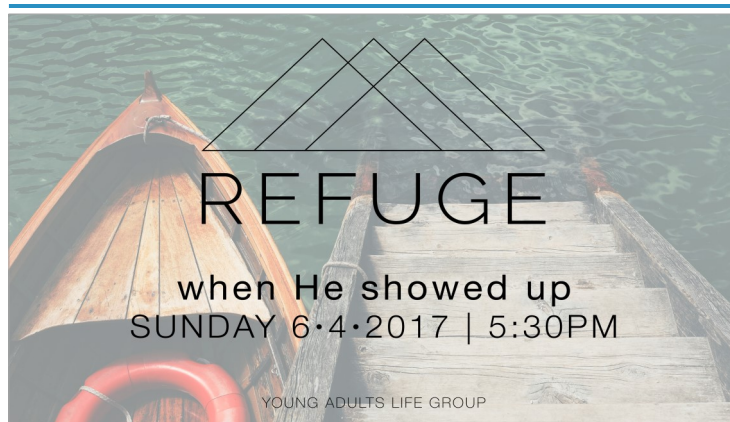
This will be a time to share fellowship over a light meal, to reflect on these three months of prayer together, and to participate in a short time of prayer regarding some specific needs. In addition, Diana will share the 10-minute devotional that she was not able to give at the recent Friendship Friday.

We will stick strictly to our 2-hour time limit, since we know you are busy! Please come and join us if you can, and be uplifted and blessed by our time together in God's Presence. His Word will be proclaimed among us, and we will go forward into our summer activities renewed and strengthened.

#### Please RSVP to:

Brenda Busch: 646-258-5031 or bhall727@optonline.net  
Diana Hutchinson: 856-381-9095 or drh13013@gmail.com

## NEXT Sunday! EVERYONE Welcome!



**Can you think of a time in your life when you could feel God moving? Is there a time He showed up for you?** At the upcoming REFUGE, you will have an opportunity to share your stories. We can't wait to hear what you have to share!

As always, come as you are, and all are welcome! There will be coffee, cookies, and other refreshments and time to catch up with one another at 5:30, and the praise and sharing time will begin at 6:30. We'd love to see you there!



**Pitman Road Church**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**Friday, June 9 • 2:30-7:30 PM**

**Appointments are preferred but not required.**

**Sign will be available at the Welcome Center soon.**



**JUNE 11 at 12:30 pm**  
**in the CHAPEL**

**Something new for us!**

**CELEBRATE Pentecost** On THE DAY OF PENTECOST, an international audience heard, each in their native languages, Jesus' disciples proclaim a message miraculously enabled by the Holy Spirit.

Sunday, June 11, after the worship service, we will celebrate the day of Pentecost in Acts 2 through Bible reading and singing in many languages. The celebration will be followed by a light lunch and time of discussion.

You are welcome to attend, and to invite your multicultural neighbors and coworkers to this event. Invite any friends that have an interest in foreign languages, world missions or Bible translation!

**We are also seeking volunteers to read 2-3 verses of Acts 2 in another language, and singers interested in learning some new songs in advance.**

Please RSVP/sign up at the Welcome Center, or contact:  
**Bethany Schneider 856-264-9485**  
**Jay Schneider 856-449-9656**  
**Please invite someone! Invitation flyers are available at the Welcome Center for you to hand out.**

## 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	132
Worship	201
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	61
Contribution	\$6,575
Weekly Goal	\$10,412

## This Week's Prayer Requests

**Praise:** **TWO more families are expecting new babies!** Congratulations to **Dan and Brittany Spaeth**, who are expecting their second child in November. Congratulation also to **Karlyle and Shari Adams**, who are expecting their fourth child in December.

### Prayers Requested:

**John Goodman** is experiencing some undefined health issues; doctors thought it was pulmonary edema, but it is not, and they are baffled. Please pray for a diagnosis.

**Nancy Smith** still hospitalized at Inspira for congestive heart failure, atrial fibrillation, and pneumonia.

**Harry Steward** is in Manor Care recovering from breathing problems.

**Frank Sheehan** is experiencing more pain than expected as he recovers at home from spinal surgery; he is scheduled for lung surgery on June 14.

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

**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 we were praying for, passed away last week. Please pray for Jeremy's family.

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**Elder on Call for May and June: Brian Holden**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Robin Steward
Kids For Christ	Jessica Forman
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Andy & Donna Mychajlowycz
Greeters: Back Entrance	Dimitri & April Syles, Adam Cerquoni
Information Center	Debby Durham
Ushers	Steve DePrince & Anthony Phillip
Shepherd's Call	Dwight Thompson
Song Leader	Matt Downing
Communion	Jonathan Steward

## Extending Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to **Joe and Kathy McClelland** on the passing of Joe's mother, **Judith Knox**. Services were held yesterday. You may send cards to their address in the directory.

## Good News!

Often we get so caught up in all of the bad and sad news in our lives and in the world at large, that we miss the good news we can celebrate! Here are some recent, notable accomplishments of some of our young people:




**Matthew Hernandez** was awarded a \$500 Student Athlete Scholarship from the Cape Atlantic League. Congratulations Matthew on your academic, as well as athletic, achievements!

**Luke Olley** received 2 awards from the Air Force Junior ROTC: National Award - The Sons Of Union Veterans of Civil War. Criteria for receiving this award: "Our definition of a deserving cadet is one that shows a high degree of patriotism to his/her nation and has demonstrated a high degree of academic performance and leadership." Also, Corps Award - Superior Performance. Criteria for receiving this award: "Recognition of achievements and services rendered specifically on behalf of AFJROTC, which are clearly outstanding and exceptional." Congratulations Luke on your outstanding record of service!

**Stephanie Pierre-Jacques** was awarded a Rosa Parks Scholarship at the State University of New York/Fredonia for a written essay. Congratulations Stephanie for your thoughtful, hard work!

**Justin Steward** earned a spot on the Kingsway High School varsity tennis team. He won his first match! He was also given the opportunity to play a doubles match at the South Jersey High School Open Tournament. Congratulation Justin on your first varsity achievements!

If you or someone in your family has achievements you'd like to share with the church family, please send an email with the information to [annette.perine@gmail.com](mailto:annette.perine@gmail.com).

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Join us for  
**A Baby Shower Tea**  
in honor of  
**Brenda Busch**

**Sunday, July 16, 2017 at Noon**

Please RSVP to Jackie Fenton • [horatiodfenton@comcast.net](mailto:horatiodfenton@comcast.net)  
or Melody Davis • [tmdaviszoo@comcast.net](mailto:tmdaviszoo@comcast.net)

If you would like to bring food to the shower,  
please contact Melody Davis for menu information.

Is it a boy?... Is it a girl?..  
Brenda and Derek have chosen to be surprised!

Brenda is registered at Buy Buy Baby and Target