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Celebrate July 4th!

THIS Tuesday, July 4th, we are focusing on community outreach this Independence Day!

We hope you can join in some or all of the events. It's a great opportunity to meet the community, and promote our upcoming Vacation Bible School!

Tuesday Morning



Every year Dan and Katherine open their front lawn so that we can have a front row seat to watch the Pitman Fourth of July Parade. Even though Dan is in France, this year is no exception. **If you would like to watch the parade, it's recommended you arrive by 10:00 am and please park on Colonial Avenue.** (Obviously Broadway is closed for the parade.)

Every year, someone watching the parade says, "WE should be marching in the parade!" **New this year! Our Pitman Road Youth Group, led by Tim and Melody Davis, are doing just that;** specifically they are promoting our upcoming Vacation Bible School! We thank **Troy Spencer** for his key efforts to make this happen! The group will be handing out flyers promoting VBS. If you would like to march in the parade, see Troy today or call him at **609-820-6071**.

Tuesday Evening

Later in the day, as always, **we welcome the community to use our parking lot and grassy areas to view the Alcyon Lake fireworks.** Our Pitman Road Youth Group will once again be in action, distributing free hot dogs and bottled water to our guests. The restrooms will be open to our guests as well.



New this year! REFUGE will be putting on a free Community Concert in our parking lot! Come out at 6:30 and enjoy Christian praise music!

If you are here to attend the concert, fireworks display, or both, we ask that you leave prime seating and parking, as well as hot dogs and water, for our guests first.

Sunday Mornings This Summer



As usual, there are lots of comings and goings here over the summer. We have some great Sunday morning sermons and speak-

ers coming up, and we hope that in the midst of vacations, camp, etc., you'll make it a point to join us as much as possible; you'll be blessed!

Today: **Derrick Busch**

Sunday, July 9: **VBS with Patrick Mead**

Sunday, July 16: **Max Dauner, missionary from France**

Sunday, July 23: **Andrew Holden**

Sunday, July 30: **Fifth Sunday—Teens lead the service**

Sunday, August 6: **Derrick Busch**

Sunday, August 13: **Craig Young—France Mission report**

Sunday, August 20: **Dan Cooper**

Sunday, August 27: **Derrick Busch**

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den



Khaled (center) sharing his testimony in French; Craig (far left) translating into English; Roger (far right) translating into Arabic.

rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." He knows what it means to be burdened and heavy laden. He also knows what it means to take on the yoke of Jesus. His testimony was a powerful reminder of what it costs to be a Christian in many parts of the world. His message humbled me, and made me appreciate how easy we Christians in the USA have it.

From France

Khaled spoke at our morning devotional on Wednesday. The devotional was translated from French, to English, to Arabic. Amazing experience! There were both Christians and Muslims attending the devotional. Khaled told of his faith journey. He was born in Algeria and raised in a Muslim home. He has eleven brothers and sisters, and over 300 relatives. He is the only Christian in his family. The same is true of his wife. She is the only Christian of about 300 family members as well. They are both the only Christians in their home village. Yet, when he goes back to Algeria to visit family, he speaks openly of his faith! Khaled's favorite Bible passage is Matthew 11:28-30. **"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find**

—Dan the Missionary Preacherman



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

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**Derrick Busch
Minister**

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We're All A Mess

Reflective Living Part 2

As we continue to look at the spiritual discipline of reflective living, we will encounter deep, uncomfortable, and often times the painful realities of who we really are before an all knowing and loving God; the very core of our human nature and existence. Remember, reflective living requires *quietness, stillness, patience, and a willingness to give up our agenda in exchange for God's sovereign agenda for our lives. Rejoice and be encouraged!* God, through the apostle Paul, has made an appeal and has given us His word to produce in us a renewed mind; calling us to **STOP** conforming to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds (**Romans 12:1-2**). You may be thinking to yourself, "That sounds very difficult!" Again, this spiritual discipline can awaken deep, uncomfortable, painful, and what's often called, *The Dark Night* experiences of our souls. These experiences may have been dormant in our hearts for years; making this blessing of reflective living appear out of reach.

Here are some reflective blessings of the Christian life: We have freedom from the *slavery of sin* and the *ability to live a righteous life* (**Romans 6:17-18**), freedom from a *guilty conscience* (**Hebrews 9:14**), deliverance from all *evil habits and deeds* (**Colossians 3:5-10**), *access to God* (**Ephesians 2:11-18**). Finally, we have eternity in the presence of God where there will be *no more sin, no more pain, no more sorrow, and no more suffering of any kind* (**Revelation 21:4**).

Are your past, present, and even anticipated pains of life preventing you from truly rejoicing in your Christian experience? This pain and confusion can run so deep that you are simply going through the motions in regards to bible reading, bible study, worship and the like. There is hope! God's word is clear in its call to us to *bear one another's burdens* (**Galatians 6:2**).

Counseling is available! Allow me to walk with you as your brother through the pain, confusion, and darkness that so often hinders us all. Counseling is confidential, Christ centered, and by appointment only. Please, contact me via email or by phone.

—Derrick

Is it really my responsibility? Dan says, "YES!"

Recently, our building has been left unlock and unalarmed several times Sunday overnight into Monday, which Dan discovered when he stopped by the building. It's wonderful that so many people want to stick around long after worship is done to visit, but it's not a good thing when the building is left open to possible theft and vandalism

So, if you are the last one to leave the building, DO NOT JUST ASSUME SOMEONE ELSE WILL TAKE CARE OF IT! Rather, if you are the last one to leave the building, please be certain all the lights are off, all the doors are locked, and the alarm is set. You don't know how to do all of that? Just ask any one of us in the office, and we'll be glad to show you. And, if all else fails, and you don't know the lock up procedure, do as much as you can, then call Dottie or Dan, and we will talk you through it, or we will come and do it ourselves.


This is very important. Thanks for your consideration. —Dan

NEXT SUNDAY! Invite Someone! Flyers Available at the Welcome Center

Vacation Bible School/Community Enrichment Series
for Adults and Teens

Just Jesus Stories

Sunday-Wednesday, July 9-12, 2017



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Just Jesus - That is our theme for this year.
Join us on a "walk around the gospels" as
we seek to know Him more!

Sunday, July 9

9:00 am Bible Class:

Jesus: The Alpha and Omega

10:00 am Sermon:

Look at Jesus: The Transfiguration

6:30 pm Evening Session:

The Angel of the Lord



**Guest Speaker:
Patrick Mead**

Monday, July 10 at 6:30 pm

How to Read a Jesus Story:

Lazarus and the Man Who Ran Out of Bread

Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30 pm

Jesus—Mediator Between God and Man

Wednesday, July 12 at 6:30 pm

Bread, Walking on Water, and You

Patrick Mead currently serves as senior minister at the Fourth Avenue Church of Christ in Franklin, TN. He is the son of missionaries and has lived and worked in many countries, as well as several states in the US. Trained as a scientist, he continues teaching special courses at state universities and to law enforcement groups. His passion is seeking for truth and then delivering it in a spirit of joy and goodwill. He is married to Kami for over 35 years; they have two grown children and three grandchildren. Patrick is one of our favorite, and definitely most frequent, guest speakers. He is a dynamic and engaging teacher and speaker who brings messages that are challenging and relevant to all ages. Please plan to join us for this series. We are sure that you will not be disappointed.



Vacation Bible School

For Children ages 0 - 6th grade

Sunday - Wednesday
July 9 - 12, 2017 • 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Bible Stories • Games • Crafts • Snacks • FUN!

For information and registration



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THIS Saturday!

FEEDING THE HUNGRY IN TRENTON

THIS SATURDAY, JULY 8 • 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**SIGN UP AT THE
WELCOME CENTER
TO VOLUNTEER TO
SERVE THE MEAL.**



**\$430 IS STILL NEEDED
TO COVER THE COST OF
THE MEAL.** If you are
willing to contribute,
note "Trenton Meal" on
your check, drop it in
the collection plate, or
give it to Dottie.

Happy Birthday

We want to wish a Happy Birthday to Linda Wyatt. Linda's birthday is on July 11, and was inadvertently left off of the calendar. We apologize for the omission.



**It's time to volunteer for our
upcoming Family Promise Host
Week, July 16 -23.** There are
MANY volunteer slots still open!
Please sign up at the Family Promise
table in the lobby, or contact John
Ashton directly at 609-214-8522.

Bring Your Own Craft Day

Saturday, July 22

Noon to 5:00 PM

in the Family Life Center

Snacks are provided!

Hope to see you there!



Our Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship

Wednesday

7:00 pm Bible Classes

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Last Week

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| Bible Class | 111 |
| Worship | 180 |
| LIFE Groups | NA |
| Wednesday | 45 |
| Contribution | \$6,371 |
| Weekly Goal | \$10,412 |

This Week's Prayer Requests

The monthly prayer list of long-term, ongoing prayer requests for July is now available as an insert in this week's bulletin. It can also be found next to the bulletin in the lobby, and will also 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.

Sunday Morning Responses:

The elders prayed over **Carlos** as he and his family prepare to depart for CA to begin a church plant. **Karelle Pierre-Jacques** thanked the congregation for the prayers and support as her mother, **Marie Jean-Jerome**, declines in health. **Barbara Robinson** requested prayers for her aunt **Martha Gaudarama**, who had colon cancer surgery on June 23. **Aaron Pearl** requested prayers for Ashley's friend **Kaitlyn**, who had skull surgery this past Monday. **Mark Frock** requested prayers for his children on the passing of their grandfather. (See below)

Prayers Requested:

The France Mission Team; some return later today, the rest on July 5th.

Lea Ann Kellum, prayers for continued recovery from the surgery to her cheek for skin cancer.

Izasiga Family as they begin their new journey!

Marie Jean-Jerome, Karelle Pierre-Jacques mother, is in rapidly declining health. Pray for Karelle as she makes important decisions about her mother's care.

Frank Sheehan is at home recovering from extensive surgery on his lungs.

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Elder on Call for July and August: Garth Hutchinson

Serving Us Today



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| Nursery | Carla Clements |
| Kids For Christ | Summer Break |
| Jr. Worship | Summer Break |
| Greeters: Front Entrance | Linda Kuznetsoff & Debby Durham |
| Greeters: Back Entrance | George & Cookie Rowe |
| Information Center | Doryann Seitz |
| Ushers | Larry Peterson & Corny Walker |
| Shepherd's Call | Mike Broyles |
| Song Leader | Dwight Thompson |
| Communion | Tony DeStefano |

We Extend Our Sympathy

We express our sympathy to **Mark Frock** and his children. **Shane and Audrey's** grandfather, **Richard Ford**, passed away Friday, June 23 from complications with diabetes and lung cancer. Mark says: "The family appreciates all the prayers for the family during a difficult time." You can send cards to the family at the address in the online church directory.

We express our sympathy to **Jerri Manfre** on the passing of her close friend, **Barry Thompson**, to leukemia. This is a difficult loss for Jerri. Arrangements were not available as of the writing of the bulletin. They will be announced via email. You can send cards to Jerri at the address in the online church directory.

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Thank You!

To my wonderful, supportive Church Family,
Thank you so much for your cards, calls,
concern, and prayers while I was suffering
severe back pain and seeing doctors to diagnose the problem. Although it looks like I may need surgery, I am relying on the Word and God's promises for healing.

In Christ, **Barbara Robinson**



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

Sunday, July 16, 2017 at Noon

Please RSVP to Jackie Fenton • horatiofenton@comcast.net
or Melody Davis • 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 Derrick choose to be surprised!

Brenda is registered at Buy Buy Baby • Target • Amazon.com

*Bring an unwrapped package of diapers
and be entered into a raffle!*