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Pitman Road 2017 Year in Review - Part One

2017 Year in Review

Baptisms: 4 Imani Shorter, Mark Frock, Jonathan Rivera, Carla Ortiz

Placing Membership: 4

Max and Debbie Lancaster, Terry Rhymes, Cathy Toomey

Requests for Congregational Prayers and Public Sharing: 21

Births: 5

Matteo to Will Mendez and Kristy Romeo on March 30
Timothy Patrick Clayton to Derrick and Brenda Busch on July 12
Chase Anthony to Chris and Ashley Corey on September 29
Parker Alan to Brittany and Dan Spaeth on November 5
Delaney Wren to Karlyle and Shari Adams on December 5

Deaths: 3 Glynn Durham, John Lewis, Pat Schuehler

Moved: 5 Linda Prenger, Joel and Michelle Paul, Marshall and Lacey Early

2017 Calendar Year Statistics:

Bible Class Average: 119
Worship Average: 209
Wednesday Average: 55
LIFE Group Average: 118
Average weekly contribution: \$10,016

Month by Month Events and Activities

January:

"Just Jesus" theme for 2017 is rolled out. Brian and Cindy Holden coordinate "Dinners for Eight" fellowship program. Family Promise Host Week.



February:

Barbara Robinson and Larry Kellum, Jr. coordinate a blanket drive. Security cameras installed inside the building. Super Sunday: Annual Corporate Meeting, "Souper" Super Bowl Pre-Game Party, and five Super Bowl parties are hosted in homes at game time. Forty-three teens and chaperones to Winterfest. Carl Steiner and Alberta Frazier go on another THEA sponsored

Haiti mission trip. Elders announce Carlos Isaziga and his family will be leaving Pitman Road in the spring to plant a church in CA.

March:

Women's Equip Ministry begins 3-month prayer emphasis. Secret Sister's Revealing Party at the home of Melody Davis. Women's



Embark Ministry coordinates 40 Day Lenten Challenge for Angels of God Outreach in Pitman. Teens give annual Winterfest Report. Annual Senior Saints Dinner hosted by teens.

April:

Elders announce the hiring of Derrick Busch as interim minister, beginning in June. Andy

Mychajlowycz named as coordinator of Welcome Ministry. Aaron and Jenn Pearl coordinate annual Eggstravaganza with

1,300 filled eggs and 68 children in attendance. A total of 186 blankets are distributed throughout southern NJ due to Barbara Robinson's efforts. Pitman Road hosts Pitman Council of Churches Easter Breakfast with Kelly Master speaking on human trafficking; over 200 attend. Family Promise Host Week. Easter Sunday "Bring a Friend" worship service; 303 attend. We celebrate the life of Glynn Durham. Spring Community Yard Sale coordinated by Jenn Pearl and first Community Health Fair coordinated by Carla Clements. Ageless Life Group coordinates visit to support Cape May Courthouse Church.



May:

Women's Embrace Ministry holds "Women's Friendship Friday" event. Trip to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster; 2 full buses to see "Jonah." Glynn Durham Outreach Fund established to fund a future worker to carry the gospel in NJ. Feeding the Hungry Meal in Trenton. Family Camp at Camp Manatawny. Annual Memorial Day Picnic at Pitman Road.



June:

Wednesday Night Bible Classes return after trial of new format ends. Elders announce Toria Davis, Nate Haden, and Brandon and Mallory Keeks as new ministry leaders of Cornerstone Young Adult Ministry. Semi-annual American

Red Cross Blood Drive. Jay and Bethany Schneider coordinate Pentecost Sunday event; 15 languages spoken. France Mission Team departs; 15 from Pitman Road make the trip. Derrick Busch begins serving as an interim minister. Carlos Isaziga preaches last sermon at Pitman Road; he and his family depart for CA.

...July through December next week!

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Giving Thanks to God for You!

Once again, beloved church family, you started a new year by blessing us with a generous gift! We are humbled and grateful for both your thoughtfulness and your generosity. Paul's words came to mind, as I reflected on your gift.

Paul wrote...

We always to give thanks to God for you, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore, we boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith... (2 Thessalonians 1:3-4) It is true, we boast of you wherever we go, and to whomever will listen.

God blessed us when he brought us here that first Sunday of November, 1984. When we arrived, I remember telling the elders, "We are committed to long term ministry, and we'd like to spend a minimum of five years with you." God gave us that desire, and so much more. Thank you for both your consistent love, and your generous recognition of the fact that we have touched your lives in the past 33 years.

What are we doing with your gift of love? First, we are double tithing, helping several families who are going through difficult financial times at the moment. Second, later this month, Katherine and I planned a get-away in Lancaster County, PA, one of our favorite escape spots, for a belated 45th anniversary celebration! We will spend time at a beautiful, new bed and breakfast spot. And yes, there are some outlet stores and a really good steak house nearby! I may even get to visit a farm or two while we are there. Third, we are saving some of what you gave us, because that's just what responsible people do!

We love you with the love of the Lord. Many Thanks, ***Dan and Katherine***



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Garth Hutchinson
Shepherd

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Shepherd's Voice

Shammah

In 2 Samuel 23, we read the fascinating story Shammah, one of King David's mighty warriors. During a particular battle, the Israelites were overrun by the enemy and pushed to the edge of a field. All of Israel fled, but Shammah took his stand in the middle of the field. The text says that he defeated the enemy and the Lord brought about a great victory that day.

The Israelite army was overwhelmed with fear, but there was one faithful warrior who would not let his destiny be defined by his fear. People like Shammah create a problem for many of us. They disrupt the narrative of what seems a reasonable option. The Israelites were outnumbered, but Shammah changed the standard, choosing to fight for the future of his people. What was it about that moment that inspired this warrior to take a stand? We can imagine him saying, "This is worth fighting for. This is who I am. I will not allow fear to move me from where I should be to where it wants me to be."

All of us, whether consciously or unconsciously, find a piece of ground where we choose to take a stand, whether out of fear or by conviction. The apostle Paul tells Timothy to take a stand and "fight the good fight of faith." In essence, Paul encourages Timothy to fight for what truly matters. He must fight for the future of the church, which ultimately leads to eternal life.

As faithful followers of Christ, we must have the same attitude as Shammah. There is a future worth fighting for. Fear cannot define who we are or where we will go. By faith, we can move outside ourselves and meet others where they are in Jesus name. I believe God has great plans for our church. If God is the God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, then tomorrow should fill us with inexplicable hope.

Article adapted from the book: "The Last Arrow" by Erwin McManus

TONIGHT!



Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University begins THIS Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Pitman Road Church of Christ, in the Conference Room. It will be moderated by Adam and Helena Cerquoni. You can register, and order your class kit, if you need one, at the dedicated link www.fpu.com/1054125. If you have a kit from a previous class, you may reuse your kit, but please register again using the link. **If you are undecided, and want to sit in on the first class without charge, feel free to come on January 18.** Please let Adam or Helena know you will be attending. You can reach the Cerquonis at helenasophia53@gmail.com or 856-275-1581.



SOUPER Sunday!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4... IT'S "SOUPER" SUPER BOWL SUNDAY HERE AT PITMAN ROAD!

- The Annual Corporate Meeting of the Pitman Road Church of Christ will take place in the auditorium at the end of our worship service, immediately after the closing prayer.
- Following that, we will have our traditional "Souper Super Sunday" Pre-Game Party, with a fellowship lunch of soup, chili, and sandwiches. Please plan to bring one of those to share at the meal. More details next week!
- There will be several Super Bowl parties hosted in homes. If you would like to host a party, please contact Dan ASAP!

Bring Your Own Craft Day

Saturday, January 27

Noon to 5:00 PM

in the Family Life Center

Snacks are provided!

Hope to see you there!



Family Promise

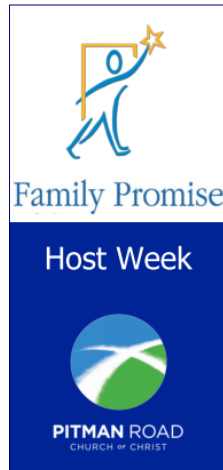
FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY!

Our first Host Week of the year is coming up quickly, and **MANY** volunteer positions are still available. John Ashton is our coordinator, please see him in the lobby TODAY to volunteer, or call him at 609-214-8522.

Volunteers for the following positions are still needed: (See John for specific days these are needed.)

Shopper
Room Setup
Room Breakdown
Cooks
Morning Drivers

Evening Hosts
Overnight Hosts
Van Transfer
Laundry
Evening Drivers



Thank You and Bless You

Brenda and I would like to thank you, our family, for your gift of love! There are no words that can fully express our deep love and appreciation for each of you. Our prayer of blessing to you is that God will have His way in your lives for His glory, and for your good, as He transforms each of us into the perfect image of Jesus Christ.

God's grace,
Derrick & Brenda



Acknowledging a Servant

In addition to all those who invested time and energy for our Pancake Breakfast and our special Christmas Eve Sunday service, we want to acknowledge the involvement of **Emma Drummer**. Emma was a spark plug! Always is great to see our newer members getting involved in outreach efforts and "connecting" with others. How can you connect? None of us do what we do for public recognition, but when we are able, we do try to recognize brothers and sisters who go out of their way to "connect" with others, with family, and with God.

-Dan

We Have a New Year's Baby!



If you saw **Truett Steffy** here with both sets of his grandparents on New Year's Eve, this is why: his brother, **Charlie Bennett Steffy** was born on 01/01/18 at 1:18 pm! He weighed 8 lbs, 10 oz. (That's a lot of eights and ones!) Tyler says that both Kathryn and Charlie are doing well. We congratulate **Kathryn, Tyler, and Big Brother Truett** on their new son/brother. Welcome Charlie! We can't wait to meet you!

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

Bible Class	104
Worship	207
LIFE Groups	NA/Weather
Wednesday	54
Contribution	\$9,195.00
Weekly Goal	\$9868.00

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Elder on Call for January and February: Dwight Thompson

Serving Us Today

Nursery	TBA
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Steve & Jayne DePrince
Greeters: Back Entrance	Jackie & Horatio Fenton
Information Center	Mary Lea Thompson
Ushers	Larry Peterson & Corny Walker
Shepherd's Call	John Peoples
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Manny Vander Vennen

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Mychajlowycz's at noon	908--294-4056
Brook Besor	Durham's Tuesday at 7 pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Monday at 7 pm	856-419-0544
Cornerstone	REFUGE /Church Bldg. 5:30 pm	609-226-4031
Hammonton	REFUGE /Church Bldg. 5:30 pm	
Life Challenges	Church Bldg. rm B4 at noon	267-303-4877
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7 pm	856-217-3956
Solid Gold	REFUGE /Church Bldg. 5:30 pm	
Teens	Not meeting today.	610-476-9057
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6 pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. FLC, Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Married	TBA	856-899-9466

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This Week's Prayer Requests

Sunday Morning Response:

Ray Wilson thanked the congregation for the prayers on behalf of his sister **Carolyn Stacey**, who had a massive heart attack last week. She is improving. He also asked for prayers on behalf of **Joe Calabro**, as he struggles with eye issues.

Prayers:

Harry Steward was hospitalized on Wednesday.

Steve Musso had a serious fall on Wednesday, on Thursday he went to the ER with extreme weakness.

Geen Richards, Brenda Busch's aunt, had surgery Thursday to remove a brain tumor. Please pray for complete recovery and healing.

Sharon Hall, Tim Hall's mother, has been in the hospital since New Year's Eve with congestive heart failure, pneumonia, and possible MRSA.

Doug Oliver, husband of Janice Oliver and son-in-law of Anne Peoples, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is recovering from extensive surgery.

Isaac Isaziga will have spinal fusion surgery to correct and stop scoliosis this Thursday, January 18.

Karelle Pierre-Jacques will be having breast surgery to remove ALH cells this Friday, January 19. She especially asks for prayers for her reaction to anesthesia; she typically has a very bad reaction to it.

Patti Miller, friend of Janice Raivey, end stage Alzheimer's, she is only in her 60's. Please pray also for her husband and family. Also, another friend of Janice Raively, lung disease; she has been taken off transplant list due to advanced disease. She was never a smoker.

Laurel, cousin of Janice Raively, just diagnosed with breast cancer.

Ray Holmes, radiation treatment for prostate cancer begin Jan. 29.

Anita O'Hara, recovering from cataract surgery, will have the same surgery on the other eye soon.

Joe Calebro recovering from eye surgery.

Russell Foreman, Jessica's husband, continuing recovery from heart attack and surgery.

Dwight Thompson, lymphoma; chemotherapy.

JoAnn Ruhland, broken bones in her leg and foot.

Mike Lazar, meeting with doctors after testing for back/neck pain.

Thank You for Your Support

Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, texts, and visits during Mary's journey. We both were lifted up and strengthened. Pitman Church of Christ holds a special place in our hearts and we are comforted to know that we will be together again someday.

In His Love, **Jeff Jetton**

PS- To the beautiful voices of Pitman: You may be aware that while Mary loved to hear your beautiful singing voices during worship, but she struggled because she didn't have the singing voice she would have liked. One Sunday after an uplifting service, she said to me, "The first thing I will ask God for when I get to heaven is to be given a voice to sing. Well singers, Mary now has her voice and knowing her, she is one of the leaders.

Dear Church,

Your expression of love and honor for our Mom at her memorial service touched our hearts and blessed our souls. Thank you for the flowers, the prayers, the expressions of love.

We love and appreciate you.

- **Joe, David, Julie (children of Emogene Marshall), and family**