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Please join us next week on

Easter Sunday

Our schedule:

9:00 am - Bible classes for all ages.

9:40 am - Coffee and donuts in our lobby.

10:00 am - Worship service featuring the sermon "Were You There?"
And a special presentation by the Pitman Road youth.

Invite someone!

Invitations are available in the lobby.

You're Invited!
to the

Pitman Road Church of Christ



TODAY!

For children ages 0 to 12 years old

Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM

Egg Hunt begins at 12:30 PM

Photos with the Easter Bunny at 1:00 PM

Adults are asked to accompany their

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Choosing A Life That Matters *"Serve God, Not Self"*

If I choose to live a life that matters, I am required to serve something or someone bigger than myself! When I choose to serve God, I choose not to serve sin or men! I choose not to serve the world or the deceiver. And, I choose not to serve my feelings or my own comfort! In short, when I choose to serve God, I say "No" to serving self!

To illustrate, when the young and handsome Joseph was in Egypt and a beautiful, rich, and provocative woman "came on to him", Joseph said "No" to sin and it ended him in prison (Gen. 39:7). When **Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego** were called to serve men, they said, "No" to serving men; and they were thrown into a fiery furnace (Dan. 3:12-16). When the deceiver took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, **Jesus** said, "No," to the world and no to the deceiver (Mt. 4:8). Whereas insubordinate, empty talkers, and deceivers, refuse to confess Jesus Christ as Lord, believers confess Him (Titus 1:10 & 2 John 1:7). Abraham choose not to follow his feelings, but rather he wandered to a foreign land, living in tents, not knowing where he was going (Heb. 11:9-10). Mary was discovered to be with child, and the child was not "fathered" by **Joseph**, yet **Joseph** chose not to serve his own feelings (Matt. 1:19-20).

Application: Saying "No" to self means I don't put everything in my mouth I'd like, because I want to lose 20 pounds. Saying "No" to self means I exercise, when I'd rather sit in front of the TV. Saying "No" to self, means I say "Yes" to a lower paying job because I think God can best use me there. Saying "No" to temptation may mean saying "No" to that first drink because my past history proves that one drink inevitable leads to drunkenness. Saying "No" to self means saying "No" to that shopping trip for those new shoes or that new outfit!

Join Me...in Choosing to Serve God, Not Self; Dan

Thoughts from Randy Willingham at the N. E. Church Growth Conference

We will never be God. This truth has massive implications...for all of life and death!
The creation will always need a Creator.
At the center of everything is God.
If you want to know where the world is going, find out what the young women want.
People of power have always, (and will always) used people of faith to advance their agenda.
Politicians always try to be God, or try to appeal to God.
If there is no God, the person with the most power is God.
The church is not a political vehicle. We have something that rises above the mess.



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

7 Decisions You'll Never Regret.

1. Seek God, Not Sin
2. Fear God, Not Man
3. Love God, Not the World
4. Believe God, Not the Deceiver
5. Obey God, Not Your Feelings
6. Worship God, Not Comfort
7. Serve God, Not Self



Lawrence Kellum, Jr.
Deacon:

Renew, refresh,
and restore
yourselves in His
great promises.

A Servant Speaks

Spring Renewal

I'm so happy to see spring weather again and the sun shining through my window. Aren't you? To me, it's like God's message: ***Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed. His promises never fail. They are new every morning, great is thy faithfulness. I say to myself, the Lord is my portion, therefore, I will hope in him.*** -Lamentations 3:22 to 3:24

When I read those words, I hear: "just as the day is new to you, so is my love and my grace." Don't put your faith in how much money you have, put your faith in the Lord. Don't put all your faith in government, put your faith in the Lord. Don't put all your faith in your job, put all your faith in the Lord. Don't put all your faith in people that can let you down, put your faith in the Lord. Only God can renew us just as the sun renews the earth in Spring. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, go forth renew, refresh, and restore yourselves in His great promises.

-Lawrence Kellum, Jr.

Remember to CONNECT!

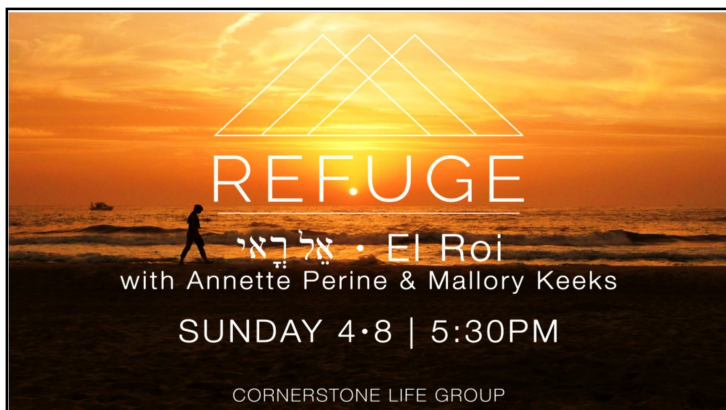


It's time to sign up to volunteer for our next Family Promise Host Week, Sunday, April 15– Sunday, April 22

Many volunteers are needed!

Sign up now in the lobby!

Last month the shepherds announced our theme for the year, CONNECT, and outlined some goals for us as a congregation. **Our upcoming Family Promise Host Week is April 15-22, and our shepherds have set a goal of 50 of our own church family to sign up to volunteer that week.** John Ashton is currently recruiting volunteers, so please stop at the Family Promise table in the lobby and sign up now!



Please mark your calendar now and join us in two weeks for a very special REFUGE. **Annette Perine and Mallory Keeks** will share a personal message about **EL ROI: the God Who Sees Me**. When life is darkest, God sees you and will provide all you need. As always, there will be refreshments, fellowship, live praise music, and singing. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!

Tour Israel and Greece, May 28 - June 9, 2018

Every other year for the last ten years, Katherine and I have lead a tour to the Bible Lands. While the tours are not a direct part of our ministry at the Pitman Road church, they certainly are open to everyone in the church.

On our last tour, 2016, we spent our entire time in Italy. In 2014, we toured Greece with a brief stop in Turkey. In previous years we covered Israel and Jordan, and Israel and Egypt. The stops on these tours center on a reading of Old Testament and/or New Testament text on or near the sites we are visiting.

This year on our 13 day trip we plan to spend half of our time in Israel and the other half in Greece on a tour that is called: "The Apostle Paul in the Holy Land and Greece." We currently have 38 participants registered, we're leaving on Memorial Day, **and have room for five more.**

If you'd like more information about the trip, feel free to contact me. If all goes as planned, our next tour will be in 2020 to Israel and Italy. **-Dan, the Traveling Preacherman**

Senior Saints DINNER

Saturday, April 7

6:00 – 8:00 PM in the Family Life Center

Everyone 55+ is welcome to attend!

COME AND ENJOY A NIGHT OF FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR TEENS!! Please RSVP to Melody at 609-335-6572! Thank you!!



Dear Pitman Road Family,
I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the many expressions of sympathy you have sent to Dan and me following the death of my

mother, Valeria Mitchell, in Nashville. Although her death was an unexpected loss, we are grateful that she died peacefully in her sleep.

Your text messages, cards, and flowers comforted me during a very difficult time. We also thank those of you who made contributions to the Pitman Road Capital Fund in her memory.

You are a loving and giving church family!

In love, Katherine and Family

Dear Church Family,

I wanted to take a moment – on behalf of Robin, my brother - Jim, his wife – Trish, and me – to thank you for the outpouring of love that so many of you expressed to our family on the passing of my Dad, Harry Steward. You honored us and my Dad with your prayers, attendance at his funeral, cards, gifts, hugs, and donations to the expansion fund. I don't want to name names for fear of forgetting someone, but I wanted to especially thank those of you that participated in his funeral service and served us by planning, setting up, preparing, serving, and cleaning up after the luncheon. Even before he passed, you honored him by your visits to the hospital, cards, sitting with him during mealtime at the rehab facilities, and visits to the house. A little over 4 years ago – after my Mom passed – Greg and Linda Krinks (and probably others) made the effort to visit my Dad regularly and study the Bible with him which ultimately resulted in my Dad's baptism on January 1, 2015 at 87 years old. From the first Sunday my Dad started visiting, the entire congregation welcomed him warmly into the church family – talking with him, breaking bread with him, shaking his hand, and just looking out for him. Many of you have shared what an encouragement his attendance and his smile was to you, but words cannot express what you all meant to him and how you and your love positively impacted the quality of his life over the last few years as his health declined. You made his life special again after losing his connection to many people during my Mom's journey with Alzheimer's. My Dad's time with this congregation is a testament to the fact that the most important gift is love and that you can impact someone beyond measure simply by saying hello and shaking someone's hand or giving them a hug. Thank you for being servants to my Dad and to our family.

With love, Jon, Robin, Jim, and Trish Steward

Our Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship

Wednesday

7:00 pm Bible Classes

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Last Week

Bible Class	126
Worship	208
LIFE Groups	102
Wednesday	SNOW

This Week's Prayer Requests

Prayers:

Van Edwards surgery went perfectly according to her doctors. She was able to sit up in a chair briefly on Tuesday. She could be going to rehab today or tomorrow. Cards can be sent too: Evangeline Edwards, c/o of Todd Edwards, 30 Pine St., Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Samuel Cruz, Rebecca Guy's father, hospitalized. He has been in an induced coma, on a ventilator, and has suffered seizures while intubated. He may have suffered a stroke.

Larry Point is undergoing treatment for a serious eye problem.

Tamme DeLoskey is recovering from abdominal hernia surgery.

Gwen Phillip, undergoing chemo therapy

Emma Clemons Drummer, continuing eye problems, treatment at Wills Eye Hospital.

Anita O'Hara recovering from cataract surgery.

Jacob Theis, cancer treatment.

Dwight Thompson chemotherapy.

Ray Holmes, radiation treatment for prostate cancer ongoing.

Nancy Smith, in rehab at Cumberland Manor.

Steve Musso, in Lincoln Specialty Care, declining health.

Mike Lazar, recovery from neck surgery. P.T. for shoulder.

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Elder on Call for March and April: Mike Broyles

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Hope DeStefano
Kids For Christ	Desna Yanzuk
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Corny & Phyllis Walker
Greeters: Back Entrance	Derrick & Brenda Busch
Information Center	Rebecca Guy
Ushers	Justin Guy & Steve DePrince
Shepherd's Call	Mike Broyles
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Luke Olley

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Cooper's at Noon	867-981-9755
Brook Besor	Durham's Tuesday at 7 pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Monday at 7 pm	856-419-0544
Cornerstone	Church Bldg. rm B2 at noon	609-226-4031
Hammonton	Lunch & a Movie	609-233-4330
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	Lazar's at noon	856-223-1699
Teens	Church Bldg. at noon	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	Not Meeting	856-899-9466

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BIG NEWS - As was announced by our elders last Sunday morning, we are thrilled to share with our bulletin audience that later this year Derrick and Brenda Busch will come on board with our church staff in a dramatically increased ministry role. They are currently looking for housing options here in South

Jersey, and if you have leads they'd be delighted to hear from you. Of top concern, of course, is good schools, proximity to the church building, and affordability.

Derrick is no stranger to working with our church. He has worked with us in a part time position for countless summers; and last summer, given our unique ministry needs, he even worked with us in a full time role. We look forward to an ever increasing role for Derrick as this year proceeds. We will share more details as soon as we are able.

On a personal note, I am thrilled to learn of Derrick and Brenda's decision to increase their ministry and involvement with us. Derrick loves ministry, he loves counseling, he loves the Word, and he loves this congregation of God's people. There is not a man alive that I more enjoy partnering with in ministry. I look forward to a partnership that will last for years to come.

- Dan Cooper



Brianna Peoples was inducted into **National Honor Society**. She was also chosen as one of two students to represent her school at **American Legion**

Auxiliary Girls State. She was nominated by her teachers, and then interviewed prior to being selected. ALA Girls State is a non-partisan program that teaches young women responsible citizenship and love for God and country.

If you have good news to share with the church family, please email your good news to annette.perine@gmail.com.