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Today we celebrate and bless eight families who have had new babies in the last year!

**Timothy Patrick Clayton Bush**

July 12, 2017

**Sebastian Matthew Angel Bobe**

September 9, 2017

**Zoe Magnolia Murrow**

September 23, 2017

**Chase Anthony Corey**

September 29, 2017

**Parker Alan Spaeth**

November 5, 2017

**Delaney Wren Adams**

December 5, 2017

**Charlie Bennett Steffy**

January 1, 2018

**Chiersten Kai Keegan**

February 12, 2018

Carnations today are presented, compliments of your elders and ministers, to all our women who have mothered young ones. The carnations are provided by National Life Center, an organization supporting unborn children.

### A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY by Magrey deVega

God of Provision and Unconditional Love,

On this day when we acknowledge the importance of motherhood among us, we first give thanks that you are a loving parent to us all. From your being all life was born, and in your bosom all creation is nurtured. You have formed us in your image as your children, and gathered us together as a brood under your wing. You have united us as kindred members of one human family, and we are grateful to be your offspring together. We celebrate your divine love, reflected in human expressions of motherhood.

We give you thanks for the mothers among us, and ask that you strengthen them in their daily tasks. Grant them wisdom in the lessons they teach, patience in the discipline they foster, and persistence in their promotion of decency and compassion, both by word and example. May they be given the honor and thanks they deserve but often do not receive.

We thank you for all motherly figures: grandmothers, aunts, sisters, wives, step-mothers, foster mothers, guardians, babysitters, teachers, health care providers, neighbors, friends, loved ones, and many others, who practice self-sacrifice and embody compassion to all who are privileged to be in their influence. Grant them vigor to carry on their work, and the satisfaction that the holy privilege of their task affords.

We acknowledge to you, O God, that even amid our grateful celebration, many of us come with restless spirits, reluctant to name the difficulties of this day.

For some, this day brings the sorrowful awareness of their own inability to conceive biological children. Draw your tender spirit near their feelings of self-betrayal, impotence, and grief, and remind them that those who struggle with infertility have always shared a special place in your heart. We pray for those who have suffered miscarriages, those fatigued by fertility treatments, and those struggling through the process of adoption. May they remember that in your power and through your church, they can still leave a lasting legacy beyond themselves.

For some, this day is marked by loneliness and grief, as they spend this first Mother's Day as a widower, an orphan, or a parent who has lost a child. To those who today live in the wake of the death of a loved one, grant glimpses of the resurrection. Bring to them a steady restoration of their broken hearts, allow them to live into their future with hope, and empower them to carry out the legacy of lessons instilled within them.

For some, this is a day that surfaces ongoing tensions that exist within our personal relationships and family dynamics. We ask for healing from the wounds of our past, a path of forgiveness for wrongs both experienced and committed, and the rebuilding of trust forged in honesty, authenticity, and love.

We give you thanks for the wide spectrum of motherhood represented among us today: new mothers and young mothers whose children are in their most tender years; mothers of grown children who transition into empty nests and a new chapter of self-discovery; mothers and grandmothers of advanced years, whose twilight of life is marked by frailty of body but a potency of spirit. There is a cumulative reminder that though our lives are marked by transition and change, your nurture and affection for all your children remains the same.

Therefore, remind us to live with a child-like faith, curious to every wondrous mystery, attentive to your every instruction, obedient to your every command, and willing to share with every one of your children. We give you thanks, O God, who is a loving Mother and Father to us all, and in whose name we pray, Amen.

## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

**Next Sunday, May 20, is Pentecost Sunday...**  
**Hear Acts 2 in fourteen languages...**  
**Learn more about our mission efforts...**

Fifty days after Jesus's death, burial and resurrection, something supernatural happened. It is a great story. God "connected" with humans in a way unlike anything He'd ever done before. In fact, at the tower of Babel, God confused language so that people could no longer understand each other. In Acts 2, on the day of Pentecost, he reversed that strategy. He caused apostles to speak in different languages so that all people could understand the greatest story ever told.



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

**JESUS WAS PREDICTED...JESUS CAME...**

**JESUS LIVED...JESUS DIED...**

**JESUS WAS RESURRECTED...JESUS ASCENDED...**

**JESUS IS COMING AGAIN!**

Join us next Sunday as we commemorate Pentecost, the birthday of Christ's church. See Peter's sermon in English, but hear that sermon in over a dozen different languages. And, learn more about how our church is going around the world with the good news.

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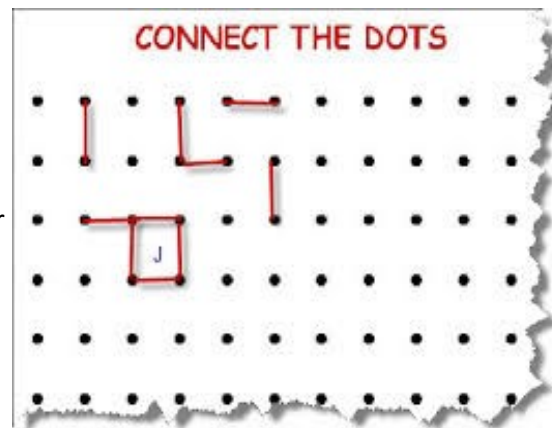
Connecting with those who do and those don't speak English, Dan



**Mike Broyles**  
Shepherd

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I must admit that though our family has not vacationed too often over the years, there is something we have done more than our fair share; going out to eat. When Jessica and Jacob were young there is something we often did to pass the time between placing our order and receiving our food. We played a game called "Connect the Dots." Easy set up, simple rules, a little strategy, but most of all, plenty of fun. Do you remember playing this game? It's never too late to start.



Church families can play Connect the Dots also; and we, as members, are the dots! We are over four months into our **2018 theme of "Connect."** I've connected a bit with others, with Jesus, and with church family, but I can do better. Where are you? In our busy times it takes a conscious effort to make connections. I have found that even when it feels inconvenient at the start, it is worth the effort.

As we approach summer and then the rest of this year, why not try to make a deeper connection with God, a new connection with someone, or a re-connection where you have drifted apart? These are the things families do, and it is always worth the effort.

Romans 12:10 "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love..." Mike

## Shepherd's Voice

## Selection Committee



Last Sunday before church the elders met with the Selection Committee. The elder's prayed over them, described their task, and specifically charged them with leading the process of selecting a new family to come and work with our church. Dan is moving toward semi-retirement and is taking on a new role as "Connections Minister" and Derrick has agreed to move toward a full time position as "Care Minister." Your leadership team is very excited about finding a new person who can help us move full speed ahead in pursuit of fulfilling our Mission and our Vision.

**What is our Mission?** To meet others where they are, and together be transformed into the image of Christ

**What is our Vision?** To be a place where God's love is experienced, known and shared by all

Then, at the conclusion of our Sunday Morning assembly the Selection Committee was commissioned before the congregation, and once again prayed over, as they lead us forward. The Selection Committee is pictured above.

They are: Andy Mychajlowycz (Committee chair)  
 Andrea Olley – Not pictured  
 Annette Perine  
 Anthony DeStefano  
 Kathleen Ashton –Not pictured  
 Karelle Pierre-Jacques  
 Karlyle Adams  
 Lee Ann Kellum – Not pictured  
 Manny Vander Vennen  
 Mike Grove  
 Steve DePrince  
 Tim Davis

## Monday Night Men's Bible Study

Our final meeting for Spring, 2018. What a great bunch of guys. Keeping it real.



The Monday Night Men's Study began five years ago, as a dream of Harry Ake. We began with the Old Testament, because Harry said he knew very little about the Bible and he decided that he wanted other men to join him in his search of scriptures; so that he could know more about the Old Testament. Once he finished the Old Testament study, we began the New Testament.

That journey through the Bible has continued on Monday nights for five years, taking breaks for the summer months and for major holidays. Teachers have included Harry, (of course), Garth, Andy, Dan, Chris and Paul. We have a great blend of members and non-members; and we love digging into the word and sharing how it applies to our life and our times. We are taking our summer break now, in the midst of a convicting study of the book of James. We will pick up this coming Fall, likely on Sept. 10. Why don't you mark your calendar for Monday nights, starting with the coming School year. We meet from 7:00 to 8:15. And, a huge shout out to **Harry Ake** for breathing life into this Men's Study and LIFE Group.

## Bring Your Own Craft Day

Saturday, May 26  
 Noon to 5:00 PM  
 in the Family Life Center  
 Snacks are provided!

Hope to see you there!



## Memorial Day Church Picnic at the home of Larry and Lisa Peterson Sunday, May 27th at 1pm. (725 North Chew Road, Hammonton, NJ 08037)

**What to bring:** A pack of hotdogs, or hamburgers (and rolls) along with a side dish or dessert. Also, bring bathing suit and towel; beach chair if you want. We have an open field to play softball, so bring gloves and bats. We will have horse shoes and volley ball net set up. Looking forward to an awesome day of fellowship and fun!!

If it rains the picnic will be moved to our church building.



## 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	112
Worship	196
LIFE Groups	126
Wednesday	40

# This Week's Prayer Requests

## Sunday Morning Request for Prayer:

**Elizabeth Carattinni** came forward to request prayers for her family as they face the storms of life. Elizabeth also expressed a desire to recommit herself to the Pitman Road family after an absence of many years.

## Prayer Requests:

**Kareem Rutledge, Jr.** is still progressing. He's even writing now. Ty and Kareem Sr., are hopeful that he will be moving to the rehab soon. They are still waiting on the insurance company. Please continue to pray!!!

**Dwight Thompson:** All testing from hospital stay came back negative. New diagnoses is Lymphoma Hodgkin's, which is good news because it is treatable. Dwight has a new treatment plan! Please don't stop the prayers.

**Nancy Smith** is in the Woodbury Mews, 122 Green Ave., Woodbury, NJ 08096; room 8 in the Memory Care Unit. **Nancy would love to have visitors.** Call Woodbury Mews at 845-384-6600 for information.

**Lisa Maden,** Dottie's neighbor lost her life to due to injuries from the automobile accident. Memorial Service was Wednesday night.

**John Grillo** has an infection in his amputated leg. He is on antibiotics and doctors are hoping that it will clear up in a few weeks.

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**Elder on Call for May:**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	TBA
Kids For Christ	Desna Yanzuk
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Horatio & Jackie Fenton
Greeters: Back Entrance	Larry Peterson & Joe Marshall
Information Center	Rebecca Guy
Ushers	Dave Perine & Brandon Keeks
Shepherd's Call	Mike Broyles
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	TBA

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	See You Next Fall!	
Brook Besor	Durham's Tuesday at 7 pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Thursday 7 pm	856-419-0544
Cornerstone	Happy Mother's Day!	
Hammonton	Happy Mother's Day!	
Life Challenges	Happy Mother's Day!	
Men's Bible Study	See You Next Fall!	
Solid Gold	Happy Mother's Day!	
Teens	Happy Mother's Day!	
Vineland	Happy Mother's Day!	
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. rm B4 Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Married	Happy Mother's Day!	

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## WORK TO BEGIN SOON!



The final step for us to receive our final C. O. (Certificate of Occupancy) is to resolve the issue with the Retention / Detention Ponds behind our building. We have just received the approvals and a signed contract to have the work completed. Once the work begins, it is expected to take no more than eight weeks. Be watching for the construction, and once it begins, please stay away from the construction site; and

especially be certain to keep children away. This is a huge step for us. There have been local, county, state, and yes even federal regulations which had to be addressed. It has been a very long road. But we believe the end is now in sight. Be watching, waiting, and praying, that these steps will bring that final C. O..

## What about the cost, you might well ask?

One final consideration for those who might be concerned, relates to finances. Yes, this job will be expensive, thousands of dollars, but your elders have set aside the necessary funds to complete this work in our Capital Fund. Thanks to the many of you who have made donations to our Expansion/Capital Fund in recent years.

Step by Step, He Leads;  
Dan