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Happy Thanksgiving!

Celebrate God's Goodness!



Get **M.A.D.** This Holiday Season— **Make A Difference!**

Today we are **making a difference** in the lives of people both locally and globally. Thanks to your generosity, at least 50 families in our local communities will have a full dinner on the table on Thanksgiving. And about 70 children around the world will receive gift filled shoeboxes from our members!

As you celebrate God's blessings on Thanksgiving with family and friends, and begin the Christmas holiday season, here are more opportunities to make a difference in the lives of people across our area.

Adopt a Family



The **Women's Embark Ministry** is again coordinating our participation in the **Eleanor Corbett House Adopt-a-Family** program. This program matches families in need with individuals who adopt them for the holidays.

Last year, Pitman Road adopted **SIX** families and your generosity was overwhelming.

Please see **Leza Davis and Carla Clements** in the lobby today and select a name or names from the families we've "adopted." Each name has a wish list. Please purchase at least one new toy or gift for a child, or a gift or gift card for a parent. Gifts must be wrapped and brought back to our building by **December 9**.

Monetary donations are welcomed to help fund the holiday party for the families on December 16, coordinated by **Tim & Melody Davis and the teens**.



Give Something That Means Something!

Twice each year we host an **American Red Cross Blood Drive**; our second of this year is on **Friday, December 14, from 2:30 pm to 7:30 pm**. Our blood drive coordinator is **Mandy Mansdoerfer**, and she's been doing a terrific job!

Appointments are preferred, but not required. **Sign up for an appointment at the Welcome Center, or go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Pitman Road.**



Helping the Hungry and Homeless



Volunteers are needed for the **Feeding the Hungry meal in Trenton on Saturday, December 8**. The church van will depart our parking lot at **10:00 am** and return at about **2:00 pm**. Each year, we provide the funds for and help serve this meal, coordinated

through the Clinton Avenue Church of Christ. **If you are willing to contribute to the \$500 cost of the meal, please note "Trenton Meal" on your check; drop it in the collection plate or give it to Dottie.**

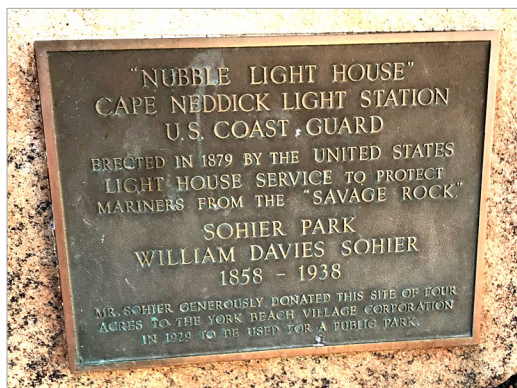
Book Smiles Glassboro

Another opportunity to Make A Difference locally! Glassboro schools are collecting new and used books to build stronger classroom libraries, and also to provide children books to take home. Books should be dropped off directly to any Glassboro school; collection boxes are located in the vestibules. Books should be in "like new" condition. **See the flyers on the bulletin board next to our library for specific information on the kinds of books being requested.**

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den



The Nubble Lighthouse

The Nubble Lighthouse was erected in 1879 by the United States Lighthouse Service to protect both ships and sailors from certain shipwreck along the southern coast of Maine on the "Savage Rock." Lighthouses mark out dangerous places! Katherine and I made a chilly but wonderful trip to this lighthouse last week. That visit reminded me that all Christians are to be a lighthouse. Are you a lighthouse?



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

Jesus said that Christians are to be the light of the world. How are we like a lighthouse?

1. We, like a lighthouse, warn fellow travelers of the savage dangers of living for self.
2. We shine every day, and we help people by being a steady and constantly shining light.
3. We, like a lighthouse, freely send light to all, not showing favorites. We are not to be prejudiced.
4. We shine, like a lighthouse, in spite of the storms of life that we are going through. In fact, sometimes we do our best work in showing God's light during our own storms.

"You are like light for the whole world. A city built on top of a hill cannot be hidden, and no one would light a lamp and put it under a clay pot. A lamp is placed on a lampstand, where it can give light to everyone in the house. Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16)

Be the Light; -Dan the Preacherman



Derrick Busch
Minister

We're All A Mess

Thanksgiving Renewal: "Instilling Thankfulness in Your Family" Adapted from: Julie Lowe (CCEF)

1. **Perspective.** Life is about who God is, not what we own. His presence is always the answer to every need, every fear, and every suffering. This is true not because it removes the challenges of life or gives us what we want, but because it gives us perspective. Teach your kids about the value of God's personal presence in their lives. This is accomplished by your children watching you live it out before them. The way kids see you talk about God, talk to God, and engage with life and God, all shape a perspective that *He* is what satisfies.
2. **Remembering.** Instill in young people a regular ability to look for and notice good things, to value them. Psalm 77:11 is one of a multitude of passages that call us to remember the deeds God has done. The practice of looking for and treasuring the good in everyday life deepens the pleasure in what we already have. It reminds us that God is our provision and has provided for our every need. This kind of gratitude is invaluable.
3. **Expression.** Give voice to what is good and lovely in your life. Remind yourself and speak it out loud to others. Write it down; thank someone. The more we encourage kids to express appreciation and gratitude, the more it takes root and deepens. They benefit by giving voice to their thoughts, in seeing the pleasure they bring to others, and by living as an example to those around them. Encourage them to see what is good and to outwardly name it.
4. **Service.** There is immense benefit to focusing on the needs of others. We all need to see the world outside of ourselves—a world that needs our care. To find satisfaction in caring well for others is deeply rewarding. It is loving others in ways that image Christ and makes him known. There are multitudes of ways to serve. "Packing the Pulpit" here at Pitman is just the start!

Give voice to
what is good
and lovely in
your life.

Happy Thanksgiving! -Derrick

Upcoming Holiday Activities

You are invited to the Pitman Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service!

Tuesday, November 20 at 7:00 pm
at Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish, Our Lady Queen of Peace Roman Catholic Church
161 Pitman Avenue, Pitman, NJ 08071
 The service lasts about 45 minutes, and refreshments will follow.



Bring Your Own Craft Day

Got some Christmas gifts to finish? Here's a great opportunity to do it!

Saturday, November 24
Noon to 5:00 pm
in the Family Life Center



Annual Cookie Exchange!

SUNDAY, December 2 at 1:30 PM

At the home of Donna Lazar,

214 Harrison Ridge, Mullica Hill 856-223-1699



Please bring 6 dozen cookies wrapped in 1/2 dozen packages, (6 cookies per pack.)

Hope to see you there!!!

goodnews

Sharnice Jones has accepted a job as Assistant Director of Prevention for Southeast Missouri Behavior Health, Inc. While the focus of Sharnice's

work will be in the city of Poplar Bluff, Sharnice will reside in Dexter, MO and worship with the Dexter Church of Christ. This past Sunday was the last Sunday that Sharnice will worship with Pitman Road Church. Congratulations Sharnice, and you will be missed!

Congratulations to **Andrew Holden** for completing the Armor Basic Officer Leaders Course at Ft. Benning! This was a demanding, 19 week training course that prepares Andrew to for the next step in his career and service as an officer in the U.S. Army.



Last Sunday was Veterans Day, and **Sherri Herndon** was kind enough to take a photos of our members who are veterans of the United States military and were present here that morning. We thank them, and others not pictured, for their service to our country. Left to right: **Joe Marshall, Aaron Pearl, Ron Dargan, Harold Pearl, Bud Britton, Paul Stanford, Adam Cerquoni, Ray Wilson, Mike Lazar, Jimmy Hightower, and Garth Hutchinson.**

Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

This Week!

There will be no Wednesday night meeting on Thanksgiving "Eve," Wednesday, November 21.

Church Office schedule Thanksgiving week:

The office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 21 (any items for the bulletin must be submitted by noon on Tuesday, November 20), and will be closed Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23.

Organizational Meeting!



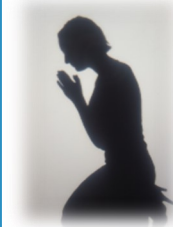
Pitman Road Church of Christ
 Woman's Ministry
 presents

Grace Under Fire

A Prayer Breakfast

SAVE THE DATE! February 23, 2019

More information to come...



There will be an organizational meeting on December 2, immediately after the worship service in the Chapel for ALL women who are interested in attending and/or helping to make this event happen. WE NEED YOU!

What a blessing it was to have **Brian and Cindy Holden** share their experiences with the International Church of Christ. They shared the good, the bad, and the ugly. Do not miss the last class in our world religions study. Sean Xiao Will discuss Chinese religions on Wednesday, November 28.



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	95
Worship	193
LIFE Groups	96
Wednesday	NC

Giving for October

October GOAL	\$39,320.00
Total October Contribution	\$39,837.00
Fiscal YTD GOAL	\$176,940.00
Fiscal YTD Contribution thru October	\$177,716.00

Our Giving: July 1-October 30! What a blessing it is to be part of a generous, cheerfully giving church! In addition to the regular giving, many of you give beyond your regular church contributions for special needs and support countless other wonderful Christian works. Thank you for your generosity. You can never out-give God. **-Dan**

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise! Larry Kellum, Sr. has finally gotten the long awaited appointment with University of Pennsylvania Hospital this Wednesday, November 21, for treatment of MDS. He will possibly be admitted.

Judy Fitzpatrick, Chris Fitzpatrick's wife, is schedule for a biopsy for possible throat cancer this Wednesday, November 21.

Pat Moore, Judi Campbell's sister, is now in a regular room after having four heart stents inserted. She has also been diagnosed with diabetes.

Debby Durham is at home recovering from tendon and bone fusion surgery on her foot. Prayers for complete healing are appreciated.

Karelle Pierre-Jacques will be having prophylactic bilateral mastectomy surgery on December 6. She is requesting prayers of the congregation on her behalf.

George Kenner has been transferred to Power Back Rehabilitation in Voorhees, **he is requesting no visitors at this time.** In addition to broken ribs, it was determined that he also suffered a concussion. The other driver was treated and released.

Amanda Collier, sister of Lee Collier, recovery at home from heart valve surgery.

Bill Carney, Barbara Carney's husband, recovering from heart bypass surgery, at Pitman Manor for rehab.

Barbara Perry recovering from cataract surgery, preparing for the surgery on the other eye.

Steve DePrince will have nerve and tendon transfer surgery on his right arm on December 11.

Anita O'Hara, struggling with health issues. She would love a phone call, a Facebook greeting, or maybe even some help around her place. Once again, please call before a visit.

La'Verne Daniels at home recovering from foot surgery. She is improving and will be seeing the doctor for follow up tomorrow.

Patti Frambes, pancreatic cancer; she is doing well with little side effects from chemo treatments.

Debra Bryant, Barbara Robinson's sister, will have surgery on November 27 for a brain tumor.

Please continue to remember in your prayers **Gwen Phillip, Dwight Thompson, Larry Kellum, Sr., and Doug Oliver** as they receive treatment for their illnesses as well as **Kareem Rutledge, Jr. and Je'Ani Lyles** in the rehabilitation from life changing injuries.

Paul Stanford has left for his annual migration to warmer climates! He asks for your prayers as he travels over the winter months. And, he would love to hear from us from time to time. If you would like to send a note to Paul while he is away from us, his "winter" mailing address is: 320 Broken Woods Blvd., Davenport, FL 33837. We will miss you Paul!

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Elder on Call for November and December: John Peoples

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Donna Lazar
Kids For Christ	Robin Steward
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Larry & Lea Ann Kellum
Greeters: Back Entrance	Joe Marshall
Information Center	Jackie Fenton
Ushers	Mike Lazar & Andy Mychajlowycz
Shepherd's Call	Dave Perine
Song Leader	Mike Broyles

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Coopers' at noon	856-981-9755
Brook Besor	Not meeting this week.	
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's at 7 pm	856-419-0544
Covenant	Perines' at 5:30	609-980-5102
Hammonton	Special Activity	609-320-9260
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	Lazars' at noon	856-223-1699
Teens	Church Bldg. at noon	610-476-9057
Vineland	H. Pearls' at 6 pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. FLC, Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Married	Church Bldg. at noon	856-899-9466

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