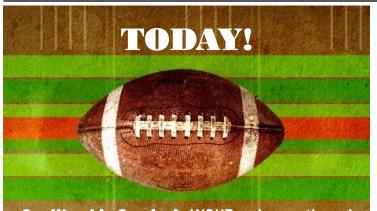
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Our Worship Service! - WOKE series continues!

Annual Corporate Meeting! - at the end of service

Souper Super Bowl Sunday Pregame Party! 
immediately following the corporate meeting.

#### **TONIGHT! SUPER BOWL PARTIES**

At the home of Corny and Phyllis Walker, arrival time is 5:30 PM. Please contact Phyllis and let her know if you'll be attending, and what you will bring.

At the home of Ed and Rachel Stetser, arrive anytime after 5:00 PM! Wings, another menu meat, and veggie tray provided, along with coffee and tea. Bring your favorite snack food and, if you would like, a beverage.

At the home of Mike and Tina Broyles, arrival time is 5:30. Bring your favorite Big Game food to share! Beverages and sandwiches will be provided by the Broyles. Please contact Tina and let her know you will be attending and what you will bring.

At the home of Steve and Jayne DePrince, arrive at 6:00 pm. Please bring appetizers/finger foods. Please RSVP by 2/1/19 via email: stevendeprince@comcast.net or call/text Jayne's cell: 856-630-0388.

FOR TEENS: At the home of Tim and Melody Davis, arrival time is 5:30. EVERYONE please bring a BEVERAGE. GUYS please bring APPETIZERS. LADIES please bring a dessert. Pizza, wings, and tails will be provided.

## Be SUPER Generous

You will have an opportunity to make a donation to our *Family Promise* ministry at the "Souper" Super Bowl Pre-Game Party -or- at any of the parties hosted in homes.

# Women's Prayer Program

Grace Under Fire

"...My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness..."

-2 Corinthians 12:8-9

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 8:30 am - 1:00 pm



Guest Speaker: Margaret Robertson

God speaks to our hearts through scriptures and prayer. One need not look far to see signs of strife and division in the fabric of life. Despite what goes on around us, God provides us with the power to maintain "Grace Under Fire." Join us as we delve deeper into scripture for the wisdom needed to rise above the chaos of the world.

This is a free event! Breakfast, lunch, and childcare are provided.

Please register at: pitman-womens-prayer-program.eventbrite.com

For information, contact:

Mary Collier, Program Coordinator: 215-888-0646

Shachara Adams: 609-922-2581

#### Our Mission

### From Daniel's Den

# Share Fellowship and Support a Great Cause! Southwestern Christian College

Wouldn't you love to support a great cause while at the same time enjoying some rich Christian fellowship? Dan has tickets for a dinner supporting **Southwestern Christian College** hosted by the Newark Church of Christ on Sunday afternoon, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 2:00 PM. Donations of a minimum of \$40 are requested, and the donation is 100% deductible.

We will drive the church van (and other vehicles if necessary) leaving our church parking lot after morning worship on Sunday morning 3/3. We will attend the dinner, and then make our way back home, but this is sure to be a full day, since we have a 90 minute ride, each way. You must submit your \$40 to Dan or Dottie by Sunday, Feb. 17. You can make your checks payable to **Southwestern Christian College**.

To the best of my knowledge, Southwestern is the only predominately African-American College in the USA affiliated with the Churches of Christ. If you would like to make a donation to support this worthy cause, even if you are not attending the dinner, feel free to do that. If you would like to donate more than the \$40 ticket price for a meal, that is also encouraged. Dan and the group will carry your check to the dinner meeting. **See Dottie or Dan to pick up your ticket.** 

This is the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual National Dinner Day, and the new president of the college, Dr. Erwin Seamster, will be the featured guest speaker for the day. Mark your calendar, and let us know before the quickly approaching deadline if you are able to join us.

What a great chance to get MAD! Make a Difference and support a great cause! Dan



Dan Cooper aka "Dan, Dan, the Preacherman"

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Derrick Busch Minister

...healthy and daily intake of the Word

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### We're All A Mess

#### **Double-Vision**

I have to confess, I suffer from double-vision more than I would like to admit. This double-vision causes me to focus on one thing, while being easily distracted by other things. These distractions that easily catch my attention and focus are many times of lesser importance and many times detrimental. Often times, this problem negatively impacts even my mood and overall disposition. You might ask, "Have you had this problem checked out?" Well, yes! 29 years ago, I underwent a life changing experience that changed my vision and disposition in a powerful, powerful way. Even though I experienced this life changing event, I still have to take the proper medicine on a daily basis to keep my focus and to decrease those detrimental distractions.

Perhaps at this point as you're reading and thinking, you've realized that this double-vision that I'm referring to, is my focus on Christ vs the distractions of the world. Let's start with the life changing event that has changed my focus and disposition in a powerful, powerful way. I was born again! By God's grace and mercy, 29 years-ago, I became a Christian! I am so thankful for God's grace! Perhaps you can also relate to the struggle of double-vision; seeking to maintain your focus on Christ in a world of distractions? I have found that when my focus is not fixed on Christ, it negatively impacts my mood and disposition. Why? Well, when I'm not focused on Christ, I begin to believe that I can handle the issues of life on my own! What's the result? I become a very moody person that's overtaken by worry and frustration. **CAN YOU RELATE**?

The only medication or remedy that works to guide me in maintaining my focus on Christ, that helps me prioritize the issues of life, and that keeps me away from the detrimental things of life, is a healthy and daily intake of the Word of God! Then and only then, do I rejoice and see things God's way! **CAN YOU RELATE**?

Scripture to Chew on: Hebrews 4:12, 1 Peter 5:7, Psalm 42:11, Genesis 4:1-8 Derrick

#### Children's Ministry Meeting



All cradle roll, preschool and elementary parents, teachers, special event leaders, worship coordinators, nursery attendants, VBS team members and interested servants are asked to

meet with Robin Steward next month to plan our work in 2019. God is answering our prayers by sending new young families to our congregation. We need to be ready to serve them! Discussion will include VBS schedule, weekly Bible class curriculum, teaching/nursery schedules and ideas for special events and service projects. You have two opportunities to attend: NEXT Saturday 2/9 at 10:00 am in the chapel or Sunday 2/10 following worship and fellowship in the chapel. Snacks provided! See you there!

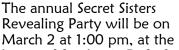


#### "Make a Difference" Opportunity

Carl Steiner will be heading out with THEA (The Haiti Education Alliance) on another mission trip to Haiti on February 13 to 20. He says, "We would like to be able to hand out as many Bibles as possible. We need financial contributions to purchase Bibles. We will also be giving out sunglasses and reading glasses, (just reading glasses, not prescription glasses, prescription glasses are too complicated without an optometrist). You can bring the glasses in and give them to me."

If you would like to donate to the cost of Bibles, you can go directly to <a href="https://fundraiser.processdonation.org/Fundraiser/donate.aspx?fid=1150D4F2HD">https://fundraiser.processdonation.org/Fundraiser/donate.aspx?fid=1150D4F2HD</a>, or you can write a check to the church and note "Haiti/Bibles" on the memo line and give it to Dottie or put it in the collection plate.

# ATTENTION SECRET SISTERS and THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SECRET SISTER!





home of Stephanie DeStefano. Please let Dottie know if you plan to continue as a Secret Sister in 2019. If you would like to join Secret Sisters, now is the time! Please see Dottie for information or to sign up.

#### **Changes in Office Staff!**

A huge thank you to Annette for six years in our church office as our part time administrative assistant.

She has done everything we asked her to do, and more. She demonstrated artistic and creative talent from the beginning. Her computer skills were superb. She proofread and composed like a professional. She managed much of our electronic media and IT concerns here in the church offices. She and Dottie were my in-house "go to" people, and I'd go to them before I went to the "Big Gun," Steve PJ, when we were faced with technical difficulties.

But, times change and priorities change. With two adult and married children living thousands of miles away, opportunities to travel with Dave from time to time, and with an opportunity to be more involved in ministry as a shepherd's wife, Annette has chosen to leave the office staff. We will miss her expertise. She offered so much. Still, she will thankfully, maintain some of her responsibilities on a volunteer basis.

#### And, Kate DeStefano has been hired to take up where Annette left off.

As we reviewed Kate's resume, it was apparent that she has the skills and expertise that we currently need in the church office. She has the computer skills, the personal skills, and a full grasp of the inner working of non-profit organizations. She has, until recently worked full time for a non-profit organization.

Please give a big hug to Annette and profusely thank her for the work she has done in our church office.

Transitions can be very difficult. However, we expect this transition to be completed in coming weeks, certainly before the end of February.

A special word of thanks to all who indicated an interest in this position. We feel as though God directed this process.

Step By Step, He Leads; Dan



We have a bus trip scheduled for September 28, 2019, to see the musial "Stolen" at the Bird-In-Hand Stage Theatre in Lancaster County, Pa. The cost is \$87.00 for adults and \$57.00 for children (4-12). The cost includes bus, show and dinner at the Bird-In-Hand Family Restaurant. All money is due by June 15th. There is a sign up sheet in the

foyer. There are 100 tickets available. Contact Brian Holden for additional information.

Brian (H) 856-881-6792 (C) 856-759-2542 e-mail: bcholden94@hotmail.com

#### **FAMILY PROMISE**

How did we do for our Family Promise Host Week in January?

- How many total volunteer positions are needed to be filled for each host week? 67
- Total number of volunteers from the Church 38
- How many volunteered more than once for the week? 8

Thank you to all of the MAD (making a difference) volunteers for helping make the Family Promise host week a great success. As Jesus prepares a permanent home for each of us in Heaven, can each of us take some time to prepare a home for our guests? Our next host week is APR 21 (Easter Sunday) - APR 28. Please plan to join our group of MAD volunteers for our next host week.

John Ashton

#### 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	110
Worship	NC
LIFE Groups	100
Wednesday	NC

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	dothompson@comcast.net			
Elder on Call for February: Dave Perine				

#### Serving Us Today

Nursery

Kids For Christ

Jr. Worship

Greeters: Front Entrance

Greeters: Back Entrance

Information Center

Ushers

Desna Yanzuk

Brian Mansdoerfer

John & Brenda Peoples

Larry & Lea Ann Kellum

Donna Mychajlowycz

Larry Peterson & Harold Pearl

Shepherd's Call Mike Lazar
Song Leader Garth Hutchinson

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Super Bowl Parties	
Brook Besor		856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Super Bowl Parties	
Covenant	Super Bowl Parties	
Hammonton	Super Bowl Parties	
Life Challenges	Super Bowl Parties	
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7 pm	856-217-3956
Solid Gold	Super Bowl Parties	
Teens	Super Bowl Parties	
Vineland	Super Bowl Parties	
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. FLC, Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Married	Super Bowl Parties	

#### Find Us on Social Media:







#### This Week's Prayer Requests

#### **Prayer Requests:**

**Dwight Thompson** has started his new treatment.

**Elinda Hunter,** recovery from lumpectomy surgery for papillary carcinoma with sentinel lymph nodes biopsy. She requests prayers for herself and her family.

Marion Jacob, Barbara Robinson's father is now in a step down unit in Inspira in Vineland. He is holding his own.

**Dorothy Cunningham**, Brenda Peoples mother, is improving and will be moved into a rehab. Brenda has left to spend a couple of weeks with her mother and brother.

Anne Peoples is recovering from surgery for a fractured hip. Cards and calls at the rehabilitation facility: Manor Care, Health Services, 5651 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE 19808. Room 178 B; cell # 302-634-0792; Manor Care # 302-239-8583

**Bill Carney**, Barbara's husband, now at Atrium rehabilitation in Woodbury.

**Debra,** Barbara Robinson's sister, is now home and doing well. **Steve De Prince,** recovering from nerve and tendon transfer surgery on his right arm.

**Jessie Burrell,** Mary Collier's sister, recovery from amputation of her leg below the knee.

**Debby Durham, La'Verne Daniels, and Karrelle Pierre-Jacques** have all returned to work!

Please continue to remember in your prayers Judy Fitzpatrick, Larry Kellum, Sr., Gwen Phillip, Dwight Thompson, Linda Prenger, Patti Frambes, and Doug Oliver as they receive treatment for/recover from cancer, as well as Kareem Rutledge, Jr. and Je'Ani Lyles in their rehabilitation/recovery from life changing injuries.

Special Prayers Needed for Carla and Je'Ani: "Please keep us in your prayers. The next few weeks are ging to be very fast paced and stressful. I have to set up all Jee's specialty care in Baltimore because CHOP does not have a clue of how to care for her. We will be up and down 95 several days each week and I still have a lot of anxiety associated with driving on that highway. We all know that God has got us but we could use your prayers to give us strength as it always has. We love and appreciate you and we are still on the move." Carla

#### Dan is Downsizing

Among other things, he has 3 filing cabinets full of paper files. And, he is now going paperless.

They were sources for preaching and teaching resources.

Are you interested in taking any of the files? Topic range from.... "A" to "Y" not "A" to "Z"

Pretty much any topic... Below are a sampling of titles/topics

available.

Abortion

Borderline

Calvanism

Christian Science

Dead Sea Scrolls

Fear

Original Sin

Worldliness

Worry

Youth

Divorce

If interested: See me any week day or any Sunday or Wednesday after church. Dan