



In Memory of a Godly Man, Deeply Loved - Dwight Thompson

"What a wonderful example in Christ he was! He will be so missed!"

- **Brenda Busch**

"Dwight's passing will leave such a hole in our church, but his legacy is enormous. So, so many lives touched!"

- **Rebekah Lazar**

"Dwight will be missed by all who knew him. He was a true servant of God, he was a blessing to many, and there is rejoicing in heaven because of his presence."

- **Richard DeLoskey**

"His strength in character and his voice could spread peace and comfort to those who were troubled. Many blessings to Mary Lea and family."

- **Lorraine Melody Tames Schools**

"When we all get to heaven what a day of rejoicing that will be!! Looking even more forward to heaven than ever before."

- **Tina Broyles**

"Heaven has gained a warrior and we have lost a very gallant friend."

- **Dave Lindsey**

"Dwight and Mary Lea were among the first to welcome us with open arms when we joined Pitman in the 90s. Their faith, service, and marriage have been an example for us and so many others. A rock of our congregation that will be missed. Rest in peace, brother."

- **Jonathan Steward**

"I have wonderful memories of Dwight. He was a true shepherd, caring even for those outside of his flock. I've been the recipient of his wise, loving guidance. Heaven's got another good one! He will be deeply missed here."

- **Lisa Schinnerer Reed**

"I remember Mr. Thompson used to scare us at Jana's sleepovers. He was a very nice man and may he rest peacefully."

- **Denise Delaney**

"What a wonderful man and Christian example. He will be missed, but praise God we know we will all be united someday." - **Brianne Lodato**

"I'm so thankful for this family. Dwight's love of people was so evident in all he did. His smile was contagious and his laugh so warm and welcoming. God bless Mary Lea, Todd, Jana, and the whole family with comfort and peace, knowing Dwight has finished his race and is with our Lord. You all are loved." - **Phil Dixon**

"We mourn the loss of our beloved Dwight. One of the finest spiritual soldiers the world will ever know. Rest in peace, dear Brother."

- **The Holmes Family**

"He had the best smile! Prayers for Mary Lea and their family!" - **Monica Tilley**



"A gentle giant of a man with a heart of gold. Jerry and I are better people because he lived, and our prayers cover the family and all of us who will miss him." - **Lynn Jones**

"Mr. Dwight lit up the room with his smile, always had the kindest things to say, and was encouraging to us youngins. I always loved the Sundays when he would be the song leader; they would often be my favorite hymns."

- **Paige (Jetton) Vandagriff**

"Dwight had such a big impact on the lives of our family, and so many others. I am so thankful for him!" - **Clint Howard**

"He was a mentor to me and, while I am extremely saddened, I am glad to know he's moved onto his reward for his full life in which he touched so many. Love you, Mr. Dwight. Rest in wonderful peace."

- **Andrew Holden**

"I had Mr. Thompson for driver's education at Lenape High School, and remember him very well from attending church with him at the Church of Christ in Tabernacle. He was a very humble and wonderful man. Thanks to him for being part of my life; in helping to mold me into the person I am today. He was a shining example for all young men to look up to."

- **Anthony Mong**

"A Godly giant, dearly loved, dearly missed!" - **Andrea Olley**

"Dwight mentored many of us who came into manhood in the Church of Christ there in South Jersey. I truly loved Dwight, and I'll miss his wisdom! He was a true friend!" - **Thomas Gelsingier**

"Some of my fondest memories were standing next to him at camp and hearing that beautiful baritone voice lifted in praise. I am a better man for having crossed paths with Dwight and Mary Lea Thompson. They were Jesus to me countless times." - **Scott Boring**

"I will never forget when Dwight and Mary Lea got married and they both sang to each other while they were talking down the aisle. Most beautiful service, as it was so special." - **Eleene Upchurch**

"Though it has been over 15 years, I remember Dwight as a kind and compassionate man in word and action." - **J.P. Manzi**

"Dwight was a true hero of the faith. He and Mary Lea embraced us into the church family early in our move. Fond memories of a Godly mentor who has been welcomed into the arms of the God he served so faithfully!" - **Terri Meunier**

"What a wonderful man! Prayers for our sweet sister, Mary Lea." - **Yvonne Pearl**

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Dwight Thompson!

In the last fifty years, I know of no man who has had a greater impact on the kingdom of God in general, on the Churches of Christ in the Philadelphia area, and on South Jersey in particular, than did Dwight Thompson!

Dwight first served our church as an active and dedicated member. In 1975 he was appointed as a deacon, and in January 1991 he was ordained as an elder. Dwight has served as an elder for twenty-eight years, making him the longest serving elder in the history of the Pitman Road Church of Christ.

Known far and wide, Dwight was a thoughtful, tender, servant-hearted, compassionate, and dedicated teacher. He was a man of passion, with both integrity and character, as he influenced kids in public schools. For decades as a health and physical education teacher, a driver's educational instructor, and a baseball coach, his life impacted both students and other faculty members.

Even while Dwight and Mary Lea ministered in South Jersey, he served on the president's board at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. Dwight has been instrumental in helping many young adults attend this Christian university.

For over 50 years, the life, hospitality, and ministry of Dwight and Mary Lea impacted countless thousands (and that is not an exaggeration). Talk about letting your lights shine, and not hiding your light under a basket! Dwight and Mary Lea are the personification of that Bible verse.

Dwight and Mary Lea first impacted Katherine and me in July 1973 before they even met us. They allowed us to live in their home for three weeks while they were away on vacation. They had never met us, but they knew we were Christians, they knew we were Harding graduates, and they knew that we were moving to New Jersey to help plant a new church. So that qualified us to take their house keys and move into their house. There was no background check, no security check, just unconditional Christian love!

I also happen to know that they were consistently among the most generous— even sacrificial—givers, both in weekly contributions, and in nearly every special need that came down the pike. And that continued even until last week when Mary Lea handed me a generous check to help one of our young adults going on a mission trip.

Heaven will be sweeter because we knew him here, **Dan**



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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here.



Chuck Olley
Deacon

Our purpose is to get to eternity, and to bring as many people with us as we can.

Two weeks ago, I had the honor of leading the Hammonton LIFE Group. Along with Derrick's lesson and Andy's handout, I had some good material. We talked about Paul being in jail and what he had been going through, and how he had advanced God's mission through the story of his life. After reading through Andy's material and hearing Derrick speak, another thought occurred to me. I thought about Winterfest 2019. You may ask, what does one have to do with the other? Well, I will tell you. It has to do with two words – *OUR STORY*. Yes, we all have a story to tell, but the question is, does that story include God? How is our story advancing God's mission? (Think about some of the stories in our own church: The Thompsons, The Coopers, and others who choose to live out their stories here in NJ.) Paul affected many people while in prison with his nonstop preaching. Paul used his story and his circumstances to advance God's mission.

This year at Winterfest (one of my favorite trips), we talked about *our story*. We talked about how we can use our story to affect people we meet every day. The key to our story is that God must be in it. We challenged the kids to journal every day, then to look back to see where God was and where God wasn't in their lives. It was evident in Paul's life where God was, and you can see that in his story.

What is the purpose of your story? Is it to just go through life and live, or do you have a mission to complete? Our purpose is to get to eternity (Ecclesiastes 3:11) and to bring as many people with us as we can (Matthew. 28:19).

Paul lived out *his story*. Are we living out ours? **Chuck**

A Servant Speaks

From the Captain's Desk

THIS Saturday!



Men's Bowling Fellowship

We are offering yet another opportunity for men to come together and fellowship. We will be hosting monthly bowling gatherings. Let's come together for a little competition, laughter, and fun!

Westbrook Lanes Family Bowling Center

1 Creek Road, Brooklawn, NJ 08030

Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

For more information, call **Justin Guy** at 609-468-2208

Easter Eve Breakfast– April 20

We are not cooking at our church, however, **WE REALLY NEED HELP SETTING UP AND SERVING!** Please contact Harriet Wensel by text or phone call if you are able to help, and to discuss times needed. Thank you!

The Pitman Council of Churches
invites you to an

Easter Eve Breakfast

Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 9:00 am
at Pitman Road Church of Christ

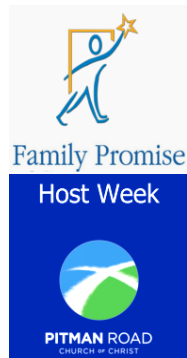
500 Pitman Road, Sewell, NJ 08080
across from the Pitman Golf Course

featuring guest speakers
Dare Euler and **Paul Blass**

"CREATION CARE"
*The Christian's Responsibility
to Care for the Earth*

If you are interested in attending, see Kate Ikeorha for tickets.

Family Promise- HELP NEEDED!



Sunday, April 21 – Sunday, April 28

Many volunteer positions are still available for our next **Family Promise Host Week**:

Sunday, 4/21: Evening Host (Need 2)
Overnight Host (Need 1 female)

Friday, 4/26: Evening Host (Need 1)

Saturday, 4/27: Evening Driver (Need 1)

Sunday, 4/28: Breakdown (Need 2 or more)

Please see **John Ashton**, our coordinator, in the lobby TODAY to volunteer, or call him at **609-214-8522**.

Thank You, Pitman Church Family

"Thank you so much for your floral gift to honor Ken Upchurch's funeral service. Truly, it was my favorite of all. A huge rectangular basket full of beautiful plants, which have since been added to our home garden area. Please continue to pray for this family as we miss this wonderful Christian leader of our family so very much." - **Carolyn Upchurch, Allison Glover, and Jessica Burns**

TONIGHT at 5:30 pm!



Junior/Senior High Retreat at Camp



April 26-27 for Grades 7-12

Join friends, summer staff, and other campers for a weekend that is highly social, relaxed, and offers a lot of fun for teens! You'll participate in games and activities, enjoy some free time, and worship Christ through singing and studying God's Word.

Invite your friends, get your youth group involved; you don't want to miss this opportunity!

Cost: Only \$35! (plus a \$4 processing fee)

Includes a light dinner, snacks, program, activities, 1 night seasonal cabin lodging, breakfast and lunch on Saturday

Go to **manatawny.org** for the schedule, to register, or for more information.

Must be registered and paid in full by April 13th!

Men's Bible Study TOMORROW Evening!



this wonderful time of fellowship, bible study, and prayer.

This Monday evening, from 7:00 - 8:15 pm, the Men's Bible Study group will be featuring the **Book of Revelation**. This group is regularly attended by men from the church and several visitors from the area. We meet in **The Conference Room**. Snacks, coffee, and other hot beverages will be served. **Please join us for**

Congratulations, Logan and Adyson!



We are pleased and excited to announce the engagement of **Logan Davis** and **Adyson Marcus**! Adyson is from Chattanooga, TN and they met at Lipscomb University. Logan will be graduating in May with a BS in Social Work and pursuing a Masters degree beginning in June. Adyson is an Elementary Education major and will finish her degree in December 2020. They will be getting married on May 23, 2020 in Chattanooga, TN!

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	123
Worship	183
LIFE Groups	85
Wednesday	NC

Giving for March

Month GOAL	\$49,150.00
Total Month Contribution	\$47,260.00
Fiscal YTD GOAL	\$393,200.00
Fiscal YTD Contribution thru March	\$387,079.00

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: **Travis Laborde** placed membership with our congregation. Welcome to the family (officially), Travis! We finally received our Certificate of Occupancy.

Prayer Requests:

Alan Cattier, friend of the Points, is a recent widower who has mobility issues and is facing a very serious surgery.

Barbara Robinson, traveling safety.

John Grillo is recovering from surgery for a fractured hip.

16 year old daughter of Aurelia, friend of Kelly Spencer, had a mini stroke which led to the discovery of a lesion on her brain.

Dennis Hobbs, a friend and coworker of Troy Spencer, collapsed at work and found out that he has brain cancer. His prognosis and course of action are to be determined.

Je'Ani Lyles is back at John Hopkins in ICU with blood clots.

Doug Oliver, doctors discovered a mass on his liver.

Patty Ollek, Sandy Sheehan's cousin, diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer and just had surgery. Will start chemo in a few weeks. Cards would be deeply appreciated: *8 Oakwood Ave., Key Largo, FL 33037.*

David Balitz, friend of Sandy Sheehan, has stage 3 colon cancer and is doing chemo.

Dorice E. Mitchell, Katherine Cooper's dad, was admitted to the hospital with congestive heart failure. Gratitude for his return home this past Friday.

Clare Hightower, diagnosed with breast cancer. Received a good prognosis. Had same-day surgery that was very successful.

Cliff Dando, suffering with vertigo, waiting for results from test.

John Schofield is starting to walk again after a stroke.

Dorothy Cunningham, Brenda Peoples' mother, is back in the hospital with pneumonia. This is complicated by other health issue. Brenda is there with her.

Carol Killeen, Dianne Perales' sister, treatment for breast cancer.

Gwen Phillips is home and will be beginning chemo again soon.

Elinda Hunter, began radiation treatment for breast cancer.

Rich Rinnie is now home after post-surgical complications. Jo Ann requests no visitors. Meals are appreciated.

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, grateful for improvement with his walking after open heart surgery.

Please continue to remember in your prayers **Judy Fitzpatrick**, **Larry Kellum, Sr.**, **Gwen Phillip**, **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.

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Elder on Call for April: Mike Broyles

Serving Us Today

Nursery	TBD
Kids For Christ	Desna Yanzuk
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Ron Dargan & Mark Frock
Greeters: Back Entrance	Frank & Sandy Sheehan
Information Center	Jackie Fenton
Ushers	Terry Rhymes & Steve DePrince
Shepherd's Call	Dave Perine
Song Leader	Mike Broyles

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Sheehans' at noon	215-901-3113
Brook Besor	Durham's Tuesday at 7 pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Monday at 7 pm	856-419-0544
Covenant	REFUGE at 5:30 pm	908-294-4056
Hammonton	REFUGE at 5:30 pm	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 12:30 pm	856-304-4996
Teens	Church Bldg. at noon	610-476-9057
Vineland	DePrinces' at 6 pm	856-630-0388
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. FLC, Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Adults	Hutchinsons' Friday at 6:30 pm	856-381-9095
Young Married	Church Bldg. at noon	856-899-9466

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Placing Membership



Welcome, Travis Laborde!

Travis was a baptized believer for years, who wandered away for years and has come home! We are thrilled to have you here! Travis's contact information is in our online directory. (More to come next week!)