

PITMAN ROAD

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Happy Easter!



Welcome to our guests!

We are honored that you have joined us today to celebrate the Risen Christ!

Connection Card - Next Steps

So that we can connect with you to get to know you better and minister to you more effectively, please complete this card. Thank you!

Please check all that apply: ☐ First time guest ☐ Returning guest ☐ New resident

Date: _____ Age: _____
Name: _____ How did you arrive?
Address: _____ ☐ By car ☐ By public transit
Phone: _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Other: _____
Email: _____

Invited by: _____ How did you hear about us?
What's your next step?
☐ I want to know more about this church.
☐ I'm interested in learning a Bible study.
☐ I want to be part of this church.
☐ I would like to be baptized.
☐ I would like to join a Bible group.
☐ I would like to make a difference.

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Meeting people who
transforming lives through
the power of Jesus

If you would be so kind, please fill out the Connection Card in the Guest Folder you received when you arrived today. If you did not receive it, please look for one in the lower racks on the seats in front of you. You may drop the completed card into the collection plate as it is passed. If you are a *first time* guest, please take the card to the Welcome Center in the lobby, and you will receive a welcome gift!

For children during the worship service:

Nursery for children ages 3 months through 2 years in room D-8.

Kids for Christ for children ages 3 years through Kindergarten in room D-1.

Junior Worship for children ages 1st through 4th Grade in room C-6.

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

What This Sunday Does and Does Not Means To Me

Easter Sunday! It is not a day for arguments about the historical date of the first resurrection Sunday! It is not a day to guilt those who come to church only once a year! It is not a day for arguments about the Easter bunny! It is not a day to celebrate a paid federal holiday!

I saw this today- no matter what happens in your life, you can start over.



Today means...

celebrate that Jesus conquered death (Col. 2:12)
 celebrate that I do not have to be punished for my wrongs. (Heb. 9:27-28)
 celebrate forgiveness. (Acts 2:38)
 celebrate new beginnings. (2 Cor. 5:17)
 celebrate new opportunities. (Gal. 6:10)
 celebrate resurrection. (John 20:1)
 forget what lies behind. (Phil. 3:13)
 press on toward what is coming. (Phil. 3:14)
 say "I'm sorry!" (James 4:10-11)
 say "I forgive you." (Matt. 6:14-15)
 deeply ponder justice and redemption. (Rom. 5:6-9)
 speak words of hope! (Rom. 1:16-17)
 commune with Christ and His children! (Acts 20:8)

- Dan the Celebrating Preacherman



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

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Derrick Busch
 Minister

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a "Redirected Passion Because of the Resurrection!" It was at that time, 1989 to be exact, that L.V. Moses, my professor/percussion instructor began to passionately share that life changing message, the Good News of Jesus Christ (The Gospel) with me. He shared with me the power and transforming outcomes of the resurrection of Jesus Christ that could be experienced both in my present life and in the life to come for God's glory! After accepting the call of God to become a Christian, my passions and life direction changed COMPLETELY! There I found peace, and peace with God. In short, what text capsulizes my *"Redirected Passion Because of the Resurrection?"* **Matthew 10:44** "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."

- Derrick

We're All A Mess

Redirected Passion Because of the Resurrection?

God's amazing grace, demonstrated in my transformation! As I reflect on my life's journey leading up to God's amazing grace in drawing my heart to Jesus Christ, there's one word that continues to awaken my conscience; GRACE! I thank God that by His grace and mercy He saved me! Like some of you, I "knew," very early in life what I wanted to be once I grew-up. From the tender age of 3 years-old, my heart was fixed on being a musician. Not just an average musician, my heart and mind was fixated on being a world renown drummer! Guess what? My dream was coming true! As I continued to practice and devote my heart and time to becoming the best drummer I could be, doors began to open. I began playing professionally during my early-teens with many local and world renown jazz artists. My devotion and passion as a jazz drummer led to me performing in a group with Grammy Award winning jazz organist Joey DeFrancesco and other musicians such as: Grammy Award winning bassist Christian McBride, Philadelphia saxophonist Tony Williams, Bootsie Barns, and the list goes on.



My passion for music led to me receiving a partial music scholarship to attend Central State University; an HBCU in the Mid-West; Wilberforce, Ohio to be exact. As a student at CSU, my intention and passion was the same, to become a world renown drummer. Guess what? My dream was coming true! While attending CSU in 1989, I received a call from Philadelphia from Tony Williams. He asked if I would be interested in a month long tour in West Germany touring with he and Jazz violinist Jorg Widmoser. I accepted the opportunity!

I was excited about my musical journey! But...I did not have peace! When I returned to CSU following the tour, little did I know that I would experience

Ladies' Day

"Forgiveness From Within"

Saturday, May 11, 2019
At Camden Church of Christ
 818 North 27th Street, Camden, NJ 08105

8:15 am - Registration
 9:00 - 12:00 pm - Program
 Continental Breakfast & Lunch will be served

Speakers:

Rashonda Fisher, Dominique Spence,
 and Kathleen Adams

RSVP to **Kathleen Adams** by phone at **(856) 701-0952** or by e-mail at **kathleen1214@gmail.com**

RSVP BY MAY 5TH, 2019

Camp Manatawny Upcoming Events



Junior/Senior High Retreat

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.



Area Wide Worship

April 28

Do you ever feel like your church is the only one around? Us, too! God's people are everywhere, so let's come together for a collective time of worship and encouragement, and as a reminder that we are on a mission together! Worship is from 4-5 pm, and dinner is from 5-7 pm. Questions? Contact **Scott Rutherford** at **484-769-7228**.



Ladies Retreat

May 3-4

Women of all ages are encouraged to attend for a weekend of encouraging sessions, relaxation, renewal, and fellowship. Come make new friends or bring a group from your area for a memorable weekend. What a wonderful opportunity for ladies to come together to encourage, support, laugh, and strengthen our faith!

Speaker: **Rebecca Hobbs**

Cost: Only \$35!

Cost for Girls 12 and Under: Only \$10!

(plus a \$4 processing fee on all registrations)

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.

Church Upgrades



Do you have any ideas or suggestions for possible improvements for the church building and grounds? Maybe you've been wanting basketball hoops in the Family Life Center, or more water fountains around the building? If you have any ideas at all, either visit the Welcome

Center and write them on the clipboard provided titled "Church Upgrade Ideas and Suggestions" or get in touch with the team coordinating the effort: **Manny Vander Vennen, Brian Mansdoerfer, and Troy Spencer.**



"Unplanned" is the story of Abby Johnson's rare glimpse into the handiwork of God inside the womb, and what happened when she witnessed it. The movie purposefully and skillfully displays both the good and bad intentions of people on all sides of the issue. Major themes are the undeniable importance of money in this "industry", and the helplessness and holiness of life inside the womb.

Showing at various theaters in south Jersey until at least April 24th (not certain beyond that date). So don't wait; see it this weekend! - Garth and Diana Hutchinson

Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to **Tony and Stephanie DeStefano** on the passing of their niece, **Nicole Ramundo**. We also extend sympathy to her sister, **Alexa (Rinnier) Price**, and her son, **Roman Powell**, along with their families. Nicole was a former member of the Pitman Road Church of Christ, who was known for her love of music and baking. A memorial service was held this past Friday in memory of Nicole.

Gloucester County Community Chorus presents:

"Grand Musical Tour Around the Globe"

Join us as we travel the world through music! The chorus will present songs from Australia, Argentina, the British Isles, Japan, Israel, the Caribbean, and Africa.

Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
 Admission is Free

Light refreshments will be served at intermission, so if you would like to volunteer to help with that, please contact Harriet Wensel.



Congratulations, Brianna Peoples!
 We are so proud of you!

We are so excited to announce that Brianna has officially accepted her appointment to the United States Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS)! Referred to as West Point Prep, this school is located in West Point, New York. Here, Brianna will prepare for her admission into the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Way to go, Brianna!



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	100
Worship	183
LIFE Groups	102
Wednesday	NC

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Elder on Call for April: Mike Broyles

Serving Us Today

Nursery	TBD
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Justin & Rebecca Guy
Greeters: Back Entrance	Larry Peterson
Information Center	Mary Collier
Ushers	Dave & Annette Perine
Shepherd's Call	Garth Hutchinson
Song Leader	Mike Broyles

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Not meeting today.	
Brook Besor	Durham's Tuesday at 7 pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Monday at 7 pm	856-419-0544
Covenant	Not meeting today.	
Hammonton	Not meeting today.	
Life Challenges	Not meeting today.	
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7 pm	856-217-3956
Solid Gold	Not meeting today.	
Teens	Not meeting today.	
Vineland	Not meeting today.	
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	Not meeting today.	

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This Week's Prayer Requests

Sunday Morning Comments and Prayer Requests:

Mary Lea Thompson; made comments and requested prayers.
Nancy Calabro expressed thanks.

Prayer Requests:

Mary Lea Thomspson, hospitalized last Sunday for chest pain, tests showed signs of mild heart attack. She is home resting, but requests no call or visits please. Prayers are always appreciated.

Mary Griffith, Mom-mom of Shane and Audrey Frock, has a lung infection and is having various testing done.

Patti Frambes, minor growth in tumor, however, doctors are optimistic. Chemo treatment will resume on April 29th.

Wilma Gillespie, Elinda Hunter's mom, continue prayers requested for issues with her heart.

Angel Bobe, Sr., continuing to suffer breathing complications.

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 continuing to be treated for blood clots.

Doug Oliver, is receiving treatment at Cancer Treatment Centers of America. Requesting prayers for further upcoming decisions.

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, is continuing to struggle with both physical and mental issues.

Clare Hightower, is about to begin 4 weeks radiation therapy.

Cliff Dando says thank you for your prayers and he will begin therapy for his vertigo soon.

Jayne Schofield, having serious problems with her left ear and jaw due to bone deterioration.

Dorothy Cunningham, Brenda Peoples' mother, has multiple health issues.

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

Gwen Phillips is home and on Hospice Care. If you would like to visit her, please contact Anthony first.

Elinda Hunter, 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 and a stroke at home. Cards and calls appreciated: cell # 302-634-0792

Bill Carney, Barbara's husband, grateful for improvement with his walking after open heart surgery.

Please continue to pray for **Judy Fitzpatrick**, **Larry Kellum, Sr.**, and

Linda Prenger, 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.



All Saints Dinner

Saturday, May 11, 2019
from 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 Davis by text, call, or email.