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PITMAN ROAD POST

Our Mission

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

THANKSGIVING REFLECTIONS

FROM DANIEL'S DEN

Our church just blessed 20 families with special cards of Thanks! Thank you for taking the time to write a message and sign your name to the 20 Thanksgiving cards we mailed out this year. The cards went all over the country and across the world, including recipients on four continents.

Science is now proving what God said 2,000 years ago. Giving thanks will improve your quality of life, and may even increase your longevity.

"Thanking others in heartfelt ways – or, even better, helping them – carries long-lasting effects. Canadian researchers found that people who wrote thank-you letters or performed good deeds for a six-week period decreased their pain, upped their energy, accomplished more every day, and improved their mental health for up to six months... Swedish researchers have found that people ages 77 to 90 who chose to be thankful are less likely to dwell on their chances of growing frail. 'When they can't change something, they choose gratitude and focus on what's good: walking on their own legs, still being alive, and living by themselves.'" –Readers Digest (Oct, 2016)

God's word says:

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thes. 5:18)

Oh **give thanks** to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! (1 Chron. 16:8)

We **give thanks**... O God; we **give thanks**, for your name is near. We recount your wondrous deeds. (Ps. 75:1)

We your people, the sheep of your pasture, will **give thanks** to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise. (Ps. 79:13)



Seven reasons I am thankful for you... 1) You just helped our church feed 51 families during our annual "Pack the Pulpit" outreach last Sunday. 2) You are helping to feed the hungry in Trenton by contributing your money and your time on Dec. 14th. [We still need \$115] 3) You open your home and your hearts to Katherine and me. 4) You go "above and beyond" with your contributions to our Capital Fund, remembering and memorializing those deserving special recognition. 5) You responded immediately and generously when Hurricane Dorian hit the Bahamas. 6) You responded within days when you heard of the need to send Bibles to Ghana. 7) You give generously (week after week) toward the on-going financial needs of this church.

- Dan the Grateful Connections Minister

A SINCERE THANK YOU TO ALL

PACK THE PULPIT: We helped to provide a full Thanksgiving meal for 51 family units, thanks to your wonderful response on Pack the Pulpit Sunday. Every box went out with an entire meal that folks can prepare in their own home. **Just so you know, the 51 families translates into 225 people we helped to provide a full Thanksgiving dinner.** Praise be to God, our church continues to make a difference!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: We collected 112 boxes for OCC this year, which is our highest number yet. **Thank you all so much for your generosity, and thank you to Mike and Tina Broyles** who, not only coordinated this gift drive, but also made sure that every box made it to the drop off in Hammonton. You are all truly a blessing to so many this holiday season!

MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE: We have currently collected \$1,525 toward the matching gift offer. Special thanks to those who have already made a donation toward our matching gift challenge!

HEALING HANDS INTERNATIONAL: "Thank you for your generous gift in response to the disaster in the Bahamas...Thanks to you and your tremendous outpouring of donations, HHI is able to send funds directly to church partners in the Bahamas to address immediate needs...Because of your generosity, God's work is being done..." - **Art Woods, HHI President**



DECEMBER BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, December 13 from 2:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Join us here at Pitman road for an American Red Cross Blood Drive this December.

Appointments are preferred, but not required.

To schedule an appointment, go to **www.redcrossblood.org** and enter our sponsor code: **Pitman Road.**

Thank you for choosing to give the gift of life!

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church offices will be closed from Tuesday, **December 24** through Thursday, **December 26**.

There will be no Wednesday Night Church on Wednesday, **December 25**.

The church offices will be open until about 2:00 pm on New Year's Eve, **December 30**, and will be closed on New Year's Day, **January 1**.

Happy holidays, everyone!



FAREWELL, DEPRINCE FAMILY!

Next Sunday will be Steve and Jayne DePrince's last Sunday worshipping with us (for the foreseeable future) before they move.

Light refreshments will be served in the Family Life Center next Sunday, December 8, directly after worship. This will give us all an opportunity to say our prayers and goodbyes to this special and very loved couple.

We're praying with you during this transition in your lives, and already can't wait for you to come back and visit your Pitman Road family!

ARCHAEOLOGY, GEOGRAPHY, AND THE BIBLE

One of our Wednesday evening classes for the Winter Quarter will be something unique and very special. We have great interest from those outside of Pitman Road that plan to participate in this class, at least 20 people from far away locations (like Texas, Indiana, Maryland, & Massachusetts) that are planning to "video stream" the class. Due to the generosity and professional capabilities of **Steve Pierre Jacques**, we will offer the entire class in the church auditorium, and the class will be available to on-line viewers around the world. It is a class that will feature actual photos of holy lands sites and stories from Jordan, Israel, Greece and Ephesus and Patmos. Even if you have never traveled to the holy land, and never intend to, this class will be a blessing to you. If you have traveled to the holy land, or might at some future date travel to the holy land, this class will help to prepare you for the "information overload" you are sure to experience. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to go deeper into the word. - **Dan Cooper**

NEW QUARTER CLASSES START NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8.

2019-2020 Winter Quarter Bible Classes

December • January • February

Sunday Morning at 9:00 am



Location	Intended For	Topic	Teachers
FLC	Adults	How to Share Jesus - <i>Pitman Road University</i>	Andy Mychajlowycz
B2	Adults	Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the H.S.	Joey Peacher
B3 Chapel	Adults	Genesis 1: What Were We Put in the World to Do? - <i>Pitman Road University</i>	Garth Hutchinson
Parke Place	Senior Saints	Worship	Jay Schneider

Wednesday Evening at 7:00 pm

Location	Intended For	Topic	Teachers
B1	Adults	Barnabas Group	Donna Lazar & Fran Point
Auditorium	Adults	Archaeology/Geography and the Bible	Dan Cooper
B4	Adults	"Psalms: God Can Be Trusted with Your Heart"	Derrick Busch

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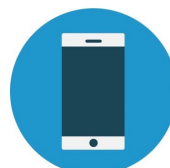
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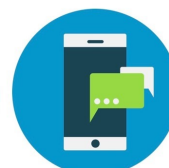
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