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FOCUS 2015

Focusing on

- God's Word
- God's Son
- God's Vision
- God's Mission



Invitation/Registration forms now available!
You can register TODAY in the foyer!

*Please take some registration forms and
invite family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers!*

Cost of Admission: \$15 and includes light breakfast and lunch.

Childcare will be available.
(There will be a \$3 fee per child to cover the cost of food and snacks.)

Deadline for registration is March 8th.

Desiring to be
A PLACE WHERE GOD'S LOVE IS EXPERIENCED, KNOWN, AND SHARED BY ALL.

From Daniel's Den

The Opposition

When did you last face opposition?

When we first introduced Munchkin Ministry at this church, we initially faced opposition. When we introduced the idea of Wednesday night meals, we faced opposition. When we moved to a LIFE Group format on Sunday nights rather than a traditional Sunday night church, believe me when I say, we faced opposition. And, did we face any opposition when we set about moving out of our old building and building a new building? To ask that question is to answer it! YES.

Were you trying to introduce a new menu item to your family's diet? Opposition! Were you trying to introduce a new way of doing things at work? Opposition! Or, were you trying to introduce a new program at church? Opposition! Whatever you have tried to start, you faced opposition. People do not easily take to change, even when change is for the better. Nehemiah's day was no exception.

When Sanballat heard about the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem, "he became furious and very angry and mocked the Jews" (Neh. 4:1). He resorted to sarcasm and insult in his efforts to discourage a good work (Neh. 4:2). Later, he conspired with others to create a disturbance" (4:8). Threats and bullying also followed (4:11).

If we are attempting to build or bring about any change, we will face opposition! The solution? Be prepared. Be prepared for opposition! Work and Pray (4:9). Setting about to do something good? Be prepared and willing to take drastic measures, then stay with it till the job is done (4:23).

Working to do something really great? Be prepared to take three steps forward and two steps backwards.

- Dan the Persistent Preacherman



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Greg Krinks
Elder

What a glorious thought – to be greeted by name on that day as a "good and faithful servant."

Shepherd's Voice

You can call me Greg...

"You can call me Greg, Dr. Greg, Gregory, or even John, but don't call me late for dinner!" You've probably heard that line at some time from family or friends. I first heard it as a child – it was cute and it spoke to me: As long as you love me and care for me (by feeding me on time!) I won't get hung up about the way you address me. But what about the way my Lord addresses me? What might He call me – or us? He knows the number of hairs on our heads, our thoughts before they become words, and certainly our names! Yet He calls us by other names as well.

In the book of Isaiah, God, through the prophet, calls His people by a variety of "names" having to do with their attributes, accomplishments, and faith in Him. Isaiah says: You will be called- **"City of Righteousness"**, **"Faithful City"** (1:26); **"Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings"** (58:12); **"oaks of righteousness"**, **"priests of the Lord"** (61:3, 6); **"the Holy People"**, **"Redeemed of the Lord"**, **"Sought After"**, **"the City No Longer Deserted"** (62:12).

What a glorious thought – to be greeted by name on that day as a "good and faithful servant" and be called... Builder of Relationships, Servant of All, Sharer of Good News, Protector of Children, Lover of the Least of These, Preserver of Marriage, Tireless Peacemaker, Healer of Broken People, Forgiver of All, Visitor of the Sick... undoubtedly you can think of many others, especially ones that may apply uniquely to you. May we as God's children be called all of these things and even more on that day!

-Greg

A SPECIAL LOVE OFFERING

The elders are giving our church family the opportunity to make a special donation to the Sikes family during Jessica's time of critical need. If you would like to make a donation to help with the needs Jessica, Patti, and Steve are facing, please write your check to *Pitman Road Church of Christ* and note **"Caring and Sharing"** on the memo section. **All donations received today will be designated for the Sikes family and sent to them as one gift from our church family.**



Wednesday Night Devotionals

It comes as no secret for you to learn that we have been in somewhat of a conundrum about what to do with our Wednesday night devotional times.

Over the last year we have noted a significant downturn in the number of people who were staying for the last fifteen minutes, following our Bible class period, for our devotionals!

So, during the months of November-January we met for our traditional Wednesday night devotional times on only the first Wednesday of each month. Some of us did very much enjoy the Wednesday night collective meetings, and many others rushed home to get their children settled in for bed or enjoyed simply standing and fellowshiping in the foyer.

I know last Wednesday night as classes ended, I was amazed to see a long string of conversations going on in the foyer from the glass doors on one side of the building to the glass doors on the other side of the building. It was a beautiful thing to witness that rich fellowship and time of sharing.

The elders have now formalized the decision that we will not be holding the Wednesday night devotional periods on a consistent basis. That is not to say we will never have them again, but that is to say that for the immediate future, we will not be meeting together on Wednesday nights for our collective time of singing, prayers and announcements.

-Dan

MED Meeting

Next MED Meeting Scheduled for Sunday, March 1st at noon... Planning Ahead!

The next meeting for all Ministers Elders and Deacons (MED) is scheduled for Sunday, March 1st, immediately after morning worship in the Family Life Center.

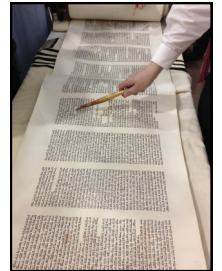
Plan on enjoying a home cooked meal compliments of Harriet and Judi to start things off, then we will move into our business section.

As per our usual tradition, the meeting time together will conclude between 2:00 and 2:15.

Please RSVP to Dan @ dcooper@coChrist.org NOW, or by Feb. 22nd at the latest, so that appropriate plans for the meal can be made.

How We Got the Bible

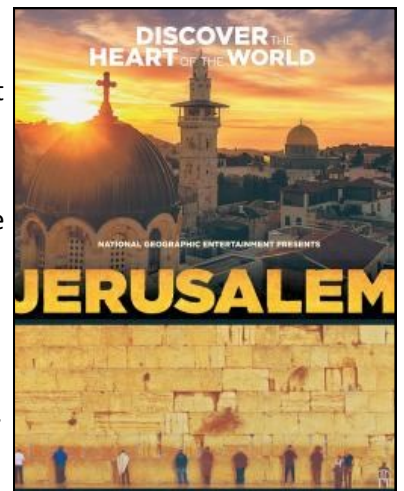
Would you like to know more about the Dead Sea Scrolls, found in Israel in the late 1940's? Dan has arranged for Rabbi Jordi Gendra to lecture for the entire Bible class time **NEXT Sunday, February 15th** at 9:00 AM in the FLC.



JERUSALEM VIA IMAX

How would you like to take a tour of Jerusalem without going to Israel? Join Dan Cooper and his Sunday morning Bible class for a trip to the Franklin Institute on Sunday, February 22. The showing of the 45 minute movie at the IMAX theater begins at 2:00 PM. Cost is \$7.00. You must sign up and pay in advance. See the sign-up sheet on counter at the Information Center. Give your ticket payment to Dan or Dottie. We will likely grab a bite of lunch on the way to Philadelphia, so come prepared to buy lunch on your own. More details next week!

Questions? See Dan.



Pitman Road Church of Christ
Monday Night Men's Bible Study
7:00 -8:00 PM
in the Family Life Center
Coffee and snacks will be served.
Topic: **The book of Romans**

Bible Study

Come and Experience the Living Word



Andrew in Concert

The Holden family invites you a concert by the West Point Cadet Glee Club... of which our own Andrew Holden is a member... here in Philadelphia next Saturday, February 14th! If you are interested, ticket information is given below. If you have any question, Brian and Cindy will be happy to try to answer them.

Jay Schneider will be driving the church van to the event, leaving church building at 1:30 PM. Sign-up sheet at the information center. Order your tickets online per flier. If you are not online, let Jay know by THIS Sunday afternoon and he will order a ticket for you.



The cadets of the West Point Cadet Glee Club join the veterans of the West Point Alumni Glee Club, in saluting the SPIRIT OF '45 on the war and home fronts in this 70th anniversary year of the end of World War II... PLUS... The concert will also pay tribute to the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War.

2:30 pm Saturday, February 14, 2015

The Historic Christ Church, Philadelphia
2nd Street above Market Street, Old City
(Doors Open at 2:00 pm)

Tickets:

General Seating - \$12.50

Children 12 and Under, Seniors, Disabled, Active Duty Military - \$10
WWII Veterans & Spouses are Guests of the West Point Society of Philadelphia

Online Ticketing: <https://westpointsalutesphilly.eventbrite.com>

Phone Ticketing: (610) 687-7699

Self-Parking in Municipal Garage Beneath the Constitution Center
Between 5th and 6th Streets, North of Market Street
Limited metered street parking in the Historical District

Secret Sister Revealing Party

The Secret Sister Revealing Party has been rescheduled.

NEW Date: Saturday, February 28th

Same time: 1:00 PM

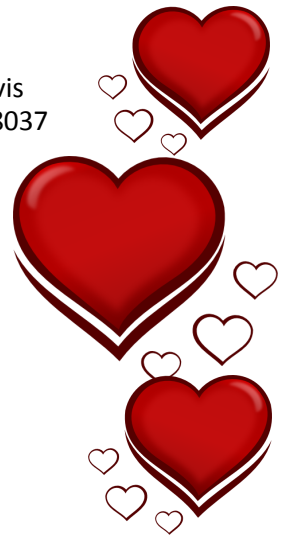
Same place: the home of Melody Davis
415 Grape Street, Hammonton, NJ 08037

Same plan!

Transportation: If you would like to car pool or ride in the church van, please meet at the bldg. at 12:15.

What to bring: Please bring your favorite finger food and your "revealing" gift.

Please note: If you are not able to attend the party please be sure to give your revealing gift to Melody or Dottie in advance. It's no fun for anyone to be left out.



Café Night has been cancelled.

We are working on a possible reschedule date some time in the future.

Café Night





Thank You So Very Much!

Thank you to all those who have sent cards and prayed for me! A special shout out to the Lavender Ladies class, the Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study, Men's prayer groups, the Ruhland, Seitz, and Broyles families; as well as Nancy Smith and Florence Murray. If I've forgotten to mention someone, please know that you mean so much to me.

When friends and family stop by and see all of the wonderful cards I tell them these are from my family in Christ. With all the inspiration I receive from my loving church family it helps my family to realize that this is really the love of God. And by your example, if any of my earthly family can come to Christ, then all of my pain will have been worth it. I would be willing to suffer if even one accepts Jesus by witnessing your goodness.

Love in Christ to all, **Jayne Schofield**

"I Still Do" Thank You

We want to thank **Derek and Leza Davis** all of the effort they put into coordinating the very successful "I Still Do" simulcast Saturday. There were 50-60 adults in attendance, including members of PRCOC, their guests, visitors from other churches, visitors, as well as members of the community. We also want to thank some other key people: **Charles and Alana Peterson, Steve Pierre-Jacques**, the kitchen crew: **Harriet Wensel, Judi Campbell, and JoAnn Ruhland**, as well as **Tim and Melody Davis and the teens** for providing child-care. Many thanks goes to anyone else we missed who were behind the scenes; although unnamed, your involvement was key to the day's success!

....even more Thanks!

Annette would like to thank those who helped make last Sunday's "Souper, Super Bowl Pre-Game Party" a great success! Thanks to the Pitman Road Youth Group, among others, who pitched in the with the set up of many tables and chairs on Saturday night. Thank you to **Brenda Peoples, Alana Peterson, Cindy Holden, and Mallory Perine** for staffing the kitchen and set-up on Sunday. Thanks **Tony DeStefano** for the set-up of the final. last minute tables and chairs....even though you were given the day off! And thanks to the countless people who cooked, brought guests, and helped with the clean-up. It really was a great event with lots of great food and fellowship!

...and Thanks for Hospitality!

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:1-2

Shout outs go to our five Super Bowl party host families! Thank you for cleaning out your house, before and after your guests arrived and departed. Thanks for the preparation of food! Thanks for the love you extended. God was honored by your hospitality. And who knows, you may have had angels at your house last Sunday!

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praises : Praises and thanks for the great turn out for the "I Still Do" simulcast and Souper Sunday meal.

Prayers Requested:

John Grillo, Dottie's husband, took a bad fall at work and shattered his elbow. It was a very severe injury. Surgery was this past Friday. He will be recovering at home. Please pray for John's complete healing.

Dana Dipatri, a friend of Isabella Isaziga's, whose 45 yr. old mother died unexpectedly on Friday of a heart attack. Please pray for Dana, her three sisters, and the rest of the family.

Jessica Sikes, hospice care.

Deanna Wilson, (wife of Willie Wilson whom many of us know from camp,) was airlifted last week to Jefferson Hospital after suffering, diagnosed with cerebral amyloid angiopathy, a neurological condition that increases the risk of hemorrhagic stroke and dementia.

Millie Moore, recovering at home after surgery on her hand.

Adam Cerquoni, recovering at home after prostate removal surgery.

Lee Cooper, Dan's father, awaiting date for prostate surgery.

Pat Schuehler is asking for the church family's prayers for her physical and emotional health. She says, "I know the prayers help."

Vickie Holmes, Jayne Schofield's cousin, awaiting biopsy results.

Jayne Schofield, still experiencing severe back pain.

James Smith, the Points' son-in-law, severe digestive system pain, undergoing testing.

Billy Marker, Linda Murray's cousin, building up his lung strength in order to be able to have cardiac surgery.

Nancy Calabro, blood clot and cardiac issues.

David Davis, Harriet's younger son, liver is not functioning very well. He may have a liver transplant.

Military:

Andrew Holden at West Point.

Expecting:

Brendan and Lisa Downing, March

Ryan and Pam Monaghan, March

Lauren (Camorata) & Jeremy Thompson, March 28 - a boy!

Engaged:

Timothy Holmes & Paige Rothmaller, April 4, 2015.

Anthony DeStefano & Hope Anderson, July 10, 2015

Traveling:

Paul Stanford

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Darren Fields Greeters Ministry

Brian Holden Special Activities; Body Life

Garth Hutchinson Local Evangelism

Larry Kellum, Jr. Caring & Sharing

Brian Kleineweber Financial Consultant

Brian Mansdoerfer Building Maintenance; Jr. Worship

Chuck Olley Teens

Aaron Pearl Youth

John Peoples New Member Involvement

Steve Pierre-Jacques

..... Audio Visual; Information Technology; Website

Jay Schneider Serving Our Seniors

Carl Steiner World Evangelism

Manny Vander Vennen

..... Church Directory, Kids for Christ

Sunday Schedule

9:00 AM Bible Classes

10:00 AM Worship

Wednesday Night Schedule

5:30-6:30 PM Meal

7:00-7:45 PM Bible Classes

7:45 PM Fellowship

Last Week

Bible Class	156
Worship	296
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	109
Contribution	\$12,439
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$324,012.00
Contribution YTD	\$318,683.00
Under Budget	(\$5,329.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Brenda & Brianna Peoples
Kids For Christ	Tina Broyles
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	Judi Campbell
Hall Monitor: Worship	Volunteer Needed
Greeters: Front Entrance	Garth & Diana Hutchinson
Greeters: Back Entrance	Denise Rulli & Mandy Mansdoerfer
Ushers	Dave Perine & Larry Point
Information Desk	Jerri Manfre
Shepherd's Call	Greg Krinks
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	Carl Steiner

L.I.F.E. Group Locations Today

Group	Location	Contact
Brook Besor	Durham's, Thursday at 7PM	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Prenger's, Tuesday at 7PM	856-689-7932
Convenience Group	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
The Flock	Vander Vennen's at 5 PM	856-241-7757
Hammonton Group	Spencer's at 5PM	609-820-6071
Solid Gold	Lazar's at 6PM	856-223-1699
Teens	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6PM	856-839-0051
18thirty	18thirty room at Noon	850-814-6632

Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: Hammonton LIFE Group

Menu: Taco Salad