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FOCUS 2015

Focusing on

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

Coming Up in March!

Saturday, March 21st at 6PM
in the Family Life Center

Senior Saints Dinner

All Senior Saints, 50 and above,
are invited to enjoy an evening of
food, fellowship, and entertainment
hosted by the Pitman Road Youth Group!
Sign up now at the Information Center.

You're Invited to the Pitman Road Church of Christ

EGG HUNT!

Sunday, March 29th, 12 Noon to 2 PM
for children to age 12

Lunch will be served at Noon.

Open to the community at 12:30

Special Guest appearance and photos
with the Easter Bunny at 1:00!

Parents & Grandparents, please accompany your children.

Bring your family and friends!

Members can donate plastic eggs, candy, trinkets or cash!
SIGN-UP NOW AT THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE CHILDREN'S WING!



This **Wednesday night, March 11th**, the teens will give a report on their annual trip to Winterfest in Gatlinburg, TN. Everyone is to meet in the auditorium at 7:00 PM, classes will not meet. Please do not be tempted to stay home because classes are not meeting, make the effort to attend, you will be blessed!



TONIGHT
SUNDAY,
MARCH 8TH
6:00 PM
AT
COLLINGSWOOD
CHURCH OF CHRIST

PSALOM

Spiritual Music Ensemble
from St. Petersburg, Russia
performing Psalms in song.

Attention LIFE Group Leaders,

Please be sure to get your LIFE group counts and schedule of meeting locations to Annette Perine, or designate a member of your group to be responsible **each week**. If your group is cancelled, Annette needs to know that as well. You can send in your count and schedule in which ever of these ways is most convenient for you:

- Email- annette.perine@gmail.com
- Text to: 609-980-5103
- Call the church office and leave a voicemail for Annette.
- Leave a note on or under Annette's office door.

Please make submitting your count and meeting locations part of your group's routine activities during the course of your meeting time.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Our Vision

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

From Daniel's Den

Did You Know that God Actually Commanded His People to Rest?

He did! It is Commandment number four of the Ten Commandments. God not only commanded that his people rest, He stipulated the 7th day as a day of rest and worship. That is what the "blue laws" were all about in our nation's history. That is the reason that Chick-fil-A does not open on Sundays. It is about rest and worship!

As the Scriptures were being written by God, He added this commandment as an imperative. Not just a good idea, but one of the Big Ten Commandments! In fact, in the Old Testament, violating the Sabbath day was a capital offense. That seems pretty serious. In effect God says, "I worked for six days in creation, and then I rested. You humans need to follow my example: work, then rest." Work is commanded and approved (Gen. 3:17-19; 2 Thes. 3:10), but so is rest (Ex. 20:8-11, Deut. 5:12-15). And while it was not explicitly stated, I think one of the other things that is to happen on this rest day is that we are to take time talking to our family about our beliefs and our heritage (Deut. 6:4-9).

One of my theme verses this year is Psalms 46:10. It says, "Be still and know that I am God." I am still working on learning how to rest, and be still. Good things happen when we get quiet before God. Join me in my quest to be still and know that I am God.

- Dan the Preacherman



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

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A Few Moments with Merle



Merle (Glynn) Durham
Visitation Minister

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Father in Heaven

Jesus says we are to begin our prayers, "Our Father in heaven," (Matt. 6:9). What a tremendous thought that is! God is Creator, Savior, Judge, and more. But God is also my Father. I have a relationship with Him.

Jesus does not use the formal word. He uses the common, tender, intimate Aramaic word with which a child would address his father – the word "Abba." Of course, everyone used the word, but under no circumstances would it be used in connection with God. And yet that is the word Jesus used. "Abba" meant something like "Daddy" but with a more reverent touch than we would use today. It means something like, "Dearest Father." What a relief to me that God prefers this greeting: "God, you are my Daddy, and I am your child."

When you pray to Abba Father you are coming to someone who loves you. You are coming to someone who cares. You are coming to someone who wants to listen. You are coming to someone who understands you more than anyone in the whole world!

Do you view God as your Father? Can you see yourself climbing up into His lap with His arms around you saying, "It is going to be okay." I can picture that.

I wish I had come to know God as Father earlier in my life. I would have had more peace and joy in my relationship with Him. Maybe that is why one of my favorite scriptures has become Matthew 7:9-11:

"Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

Merle (Glynn)

PRCOC Logo Jackets

We just received a small shipment of winter jackets with our church logo. They are close out specials but they are top quality. See Dottie if you would like to purchase one of these jackets. We only have 11 and the first three were gobbled up the day they arrived. Assorted sizes. All are black and or gray. Cost is \$40 per jacket.



Secret Sisters



Sandy Sheehan was this year's recipient of Dottie's famous Prayer Afghan!

Over 30 Secret Sisters were present at our Annual Re-revealing Party. What a great day of fun, food, and fellowship! A huge THANK YOU TO **Melody Davis** for opening her home to us, and to **Brittany Spaeth** for driving the van. We have 31 Secret Sisters this year including three new members: **Mary Green, Beth Loeffler, and Dianne Perales**. Please re-

member your Secret Sister every month. I am looking forward to a fun filled year. Please don't hesitate to call me if any need arises during the year.

Mark your calendars for **Friday, September 13, 2015** for our **Annual Secret Sister Fall Tea** catered by **Alana and Aislyn Peterson**, set up assistance by **Joshua Peterson**.

Love, **Dottie**

Family Promise Volunteers Needed

On next **Family Promise** host week, April 5-11, is coming up quickly!



Family Promise®

Volunteers are needed. Please consider participating in this ministry and sign-up at the table near the auditorium entrance. **Mary & Leonard Collier** will be the coordinators for this upcoming host week, contact either of them if you need more information.

Your Prayers and Cooperation are Requested



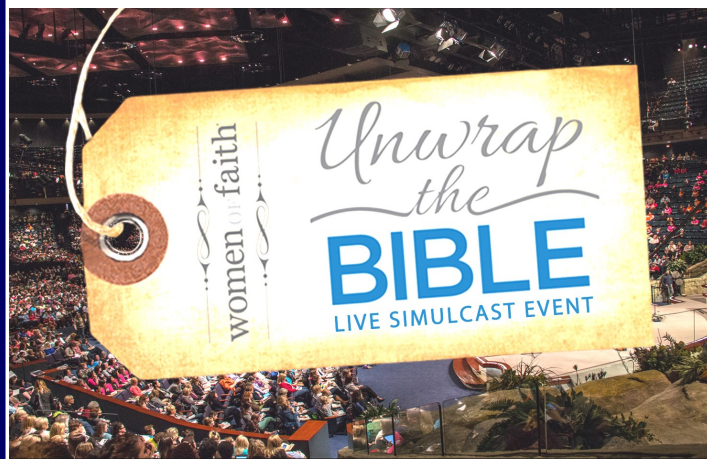
Libby Mansdoerfer

In response to the invitation, **Mandy Mansdoerfer** came forward to request prayers for the family as they transition to their "new normal" and for herself to be the parent she needs to be as they adjust. Four year old **Libby Mansdoerfer** was diagnosed with Type 1 (Juvenile) Diabetes the week before, which changes a lot of things for Libby and the entire family.

Following Mandy's prayer request, **Brian Mansdoerfer** made an announcement regarding Libby's dietary restrictions. With her new diagnosis, **it is mandatory that we give Libby NO food or drink without first notifying her parents.** They must be aware of **everything** she eats and drinks, and must check her blood sugar and give insulin with anything she takes in.

Not to be overly dramatic, but this can be a **LIFE and DEATH** issue. Your cooperation is mandatory. Please keep the family in your prayers. **Thank you.**

TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO REGISTER!



See Janet Betts or Leza Davis in the foyer this morning!



30 Days of Leaning Into God



As part of Carlos' 30 day "Lean Into God" challenge, he's asked us to download the YouVersion Bible App onto our phones and electronic devices. You can download this app for free. Once you have installed it, search for the "The Gospels" 30 day reading plan and get started!



Family Camp



Camp Manatawny Family Camp

Friday, May 22nd - Sunday, May 24th

This year's theme is **Angry Words**.

Adults and Teens 13 & up: \$70

Children 5-12 yrs: \$60

Children 4 yrs and under: Free

Includes: Summer cabin lodging, all meals, and all activities and registration fees. No meals or activities are planned for Monday. Guests may stay on Sunday night, but Family camp officially ends after camp fire on Sunday night.

What is Family Camp? It's a time to camp as a family, worship together and participate in all the activities that are offered during our summer sessions. Build unity, have fun and experience God... as a family! You'll spend quality time with each other, have interactive sessions and learn how to strengthen your relationships as a family with Christ at the center. Camp activities will give you a chance to challenge yourselves and encourage each other.

Register online at www.manatawny.org

Manatawny 5k

Manatawny Trails

5K Run Walk

Saturday, May 23rd, 8:00 AM

Put your running shoes on and run the trails of Manatawny. The scenic course follows dirt roads from the Manatawny creek to forested rolling hills.

This event will challenge even the best trail runners. If you don't feel like running, you can participate in the 1 mile walk. Register at www.manatawny.org



New to Camp?



Are you, or a family member or friend is new to Camp Manatawny? Visit camp for an **Open House on Saturday, May 23rd, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**. Be our guests for the day and learn about our summer programs, participate in all activities and enjoy lunch on us!



The Button Club meets

TODAY

at 2:00 PM

in the Library.

All welcome!

Thank You!

To the Pitman Road Church of Christ,
It means so much to me to be in your prayers, especially right now. Thank you so much for all your thoughts, prayers, and well wishes, they are being well received as I feel so much better each day.

God Bless, **Samantha Bucciarelli**

Thank You from Camp!

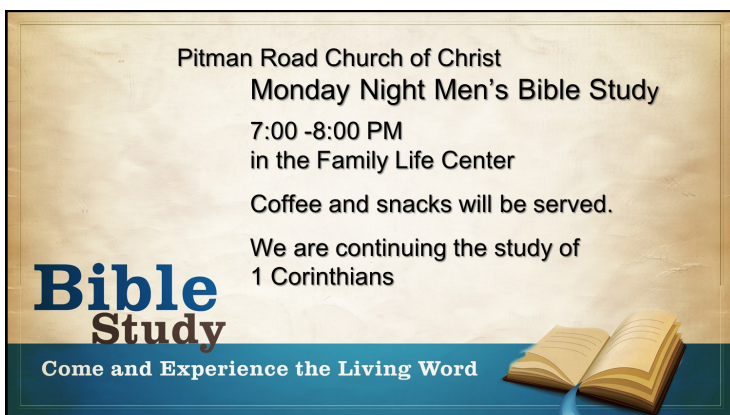
Several years ago, the elders began to designate \$2,000 from our general budget to support Camp Manatawny. Typically, the donation goes to camp in the winter months, as this is the time of year camp's cash flow is low. We received this letter last week.

Dear Friends at Pitman Road Church of Christ,
Greeting from camp! Thank you so much for your support of Camp Manatawny!

Your donation to Camp Manatawny, together with those of other friends of camp, will do incredible things to impact the lives of young people here at Manatawny. Thank you so much for your current donation in the amount of \$2000, which is a tremendous blessing and will provide so much for our camp and the children who attend.

We are eagerly anticipating a great summer of Christian camping this year along with special events and retreats. We hope that you will continue to keep Camp Manatawny in your prayers as we continue to build a strong camp to better serve our youth.

Sincerely,
Tracy Santee, General Manager



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.
We are continuing the study of
1 Corinthians
Bible Study
Come and Experience the Living Word

Attention Poets!

Pitman Poems on Parade wants you to be part of the fun! Amateur poets of all ages will be able to celebrate National Poetry Month in April by having their original poems displayed in store windows in the business district of Pitman. Visit pitmanpoemsonparade.weebly.com for information and an entry form, or contact Diana Hutchinson at 856-381-9095 or drh13013@gmail.com for more details.

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praises : Annette thanks everyone for their prayers for her dad, **Ed Gandolfi**. The surgery has restored blood flow to his foot, which is the most important thing. Recovery is slow, but progressing. There was a lot of trauma to his entire right side; the bypass involved the shoulder down to the ankle. There is a lot of pain associated with the reestablishment of the blood flow. Please continue to pray for his recovery.

Prayers Requested:

Prayers for God's guidance and peace are requested by Larry and Fran for their friend, **Valerie**, and her family as they face a serious family crisis. They are close friends of the Point family and all prayers on their behalf will be appreciated greatly.

Dreama Musso, now in rehabilitation hospital.

Libby Mansdoerfer was diagnosed with Juvenile (Type 1) Diabetes. Pray for Libby and the family as they settle into their "new normal."

Mary Lea Thompson diagnosed with Prinzmetal Angina (coronary vessel spasms).

Greg Krinks melanoma removed from his ear.

Dan Cooper, recovering from foot surgery.

Steve and Patti Sikes as they grieve the loss of Jessica.

John Grillo, recovering at home after extensive surgery to repair his elbow.

Lee Cooper, Dan's father, still awaiting prostate surgery.

Nancy Calabro, blood clot and cardiac issues.

Military:

Andrew Holden at West Point.

Expecting:

Brendan and Lisa Downing, March

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

Sarah and Bruce Stratton, June

Mary Ellen and Justin Walker, August

Engaged:

Timothy Holmes & Paige Rothmaller, April 4, 2015.

Anthony DeStefano & Hope Anderson, July 10, 2015

Traveling:

Paul Stanford

Corey and Brianna On Stage!

Corey Peoples will be starring in the role of Elisha J. Whitney in The Williamstown High School Production of **Anything Goes** on March 13, 14, 20, & 21 at 7:00 PM at Williamstown High School.

Brianna Peoples will be starring in the role of the Queen in the Williamstown High School production of **Cinderella** on April 16 & 17 at 7:00 PM, and April 18 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM at Williamstown Middle School.

If you need more information, please see Brenda or John Peoples.

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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	132
Worship	231
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	89
Contribution	\$17,068
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$365,820.00
Contribution YTD	\$358,133.00
Under Budget	(\$7,687.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Becky & Emma Vander Vennen
Kids For Christ	Jenn Pearl
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	Harriet Wensel
Hall Monitor: Worship	Volunteer Needed
Greeters: Front Entrance	Jackie & Horatio Fenton
Greeters: Back Entrance	Marcus & Jane Hanuszczyk
Ushers	Leonard Collier & Garth Hutchinson
Information Desk	Diana Hutchinson
Shepherd's Call	Greg Krinks
Song Leader	Matt Downing
Communion	Aaron Pearl

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	A. Pearl's at 5 PM	856-690-1405
Hammonton Group	TBA	
Solid Gold	TBA	
Teens	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6PM	856-839-0015
18thirty	Church Building at Noon	850-814-6632

Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: Harriet Wensel and JoAnne Ruhland

Menu: Chicken Patty Sandwiches



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