# Pitman Road Church of Christ

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# FOCUS 2015

#### Focusing on

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

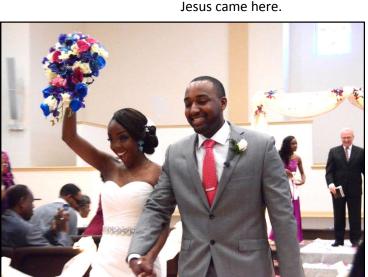
# Looking Back on Easter Weekend

We had a very eventful, literally event - full, Saturday and Sunday here last week! We celebrated a saint gone onto his **REWARD**, a couple beginning a new chapter in their **RELATIONSHIP**, the **RESURECTION** of our Lord and Savior,

HE'S GONE
THERE THERE
CAME HERE

and the **REBIRTH** of a precious soul!

**REWARD!** Saturday morning began as we celebrated the life of Bill Murray. Kelly's Funeral Home was filled to overflowing as hundreds came out to love and comfort Bill's family and pay tribute to his life. Two years ago, "Cardboard Epitaph" gave many of us a chance to reflect on what would be written on our headstones. Bill, so deeply spiritual, knew that he would go "there" because Jesus came here.



**RELATIONSHIP!** Saturday afternoon **Paige Rothmaller and Tim Holmes** were married, beginning a new covenant relationship with one another. Over and over again, those participating in the ceremony and reception remarked how focused Tim and Paige were on preparing for their Christ-

centered marriage and not the wedding day itself. Congratulations to Tim and Paige, and also **Ray and Cordelia Holmes.** .



**RESURECTION!** Sunday we celebrated the Risen Jesus Christ as Dan and Carlos encouraged us to **MAKE SOME NOISE!** We had an all time record worship service attendance of 370! Our members scrambled to set up more chairs and communion trays as people continued to enter the auditorium. Dan shared a special message with the children, and Carlos led the adults to makes some noise about the Good News of Jesus.

**REBIRTH!** Sunday afternoon, **Franklin Rhodes**, at 93 years of age, made the decision to be reborn in Christ! It's never too late! Franklin is the father of **Diana Hutchinson** and France missionary **Katie Young**. He and his late wife Sarah were regulars here for a number of years. Because of the importance of Franklin's decision, Katie flew in from France to be here for the baptism. We congratulate Franklin and welcome him into the family of Christ!



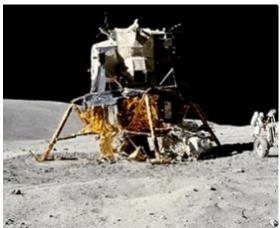
Our Vision

# From Daniel's Den

# Communion on the Moon! (Communion Reflections from Last Sunday)

It was July 20, 1969 and the Apollo 11 module had just landed on the moon. I recently learned that one of the first things that Buzz Aldrin did upon touching down on the moon was to take communion. I bet the disciples had no idea that would ever happen. Here's the excerpt from the Buzz Aldrin interview with LIFE Magazine that I shared during our communion service last Sunday...

In his interview with Life magazine, Buzz Aldrin said: "In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the scripture, 'I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit. Apart from me you can do nothing.'



I had intended to read the communion passage back to earth, but they requested that I not do this. NASA was already embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare, the celebrated opponent of religion over the Apollo 8 reading of Genesis while orbiting the moon on Christmas. I reluctantly agreed. I ate the tiny host and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was very interesting for me to think that the very first liquid poured on the moon, and the very first food that was eaten there, were the communion elements."

Knowing this, I will never experience communion in exactly the same way again!

Dan the Preacherman



Dan Cooper aka "Dan, Dan, the Preacherman"

"In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup."



Dave Perine Elder

As we lift up our prayers, praises and petitions to our Father, we get a glimpse into the hearts of His saints.

# Shepherd's Voice

#### "Sing to the Lord"

"Sing to the Lord, you saints of His; praise His holy name." (Psalm 30:4) What a joy it has been to study and pray from the Psalms this quarter with a group of brothers and sisters who are blessing me, and one another, with their thoughts and prayers! The Psalms are a collection of hymns, prayers, praise, thanks, wisdom, blessings, trust, testimonies and laments to God our Father. Before I began to truly "study" the Psalms, I didn't quite grasp the impact they truly can have and how significant a relationship they have to our lives today. At first, they simply were an easy read (compared to other Old Testament books) and pertained primarily to King David and the Israelites of his time. Boy, was I missing out!

One scholar stated, "In [the Book of Psalms] we not only find expression of all the emotions of life but also some of the most profound teaching in the entire Bible." This is what I am discovering as I continue to read and study the Psalms. You can read the Psalms, sing the Psalms or pray the Psalms. And this is what the Israelites did in Old Testament times and what many Christians still do today.

In the Psalms class on Wednesday nights, brothers and sisters read through selected Psalms. But our time together is much more than that. As we lift up our prayers, praises and petitions to our Father, we get a glimpse into the hearts of His saints. I am so grateful to be among a body of believers who cherish the privilege we have to speak to our Creator! And this privilege is made possible only through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

## Are You Performing a Baptism?

It seems that our baptistery is getting more frequent use as of late, particularly outside of the worship hour. Praise God! Unfortunately, often times, towels, baptism garments, etc., are not being cleaned up and cared for properly. So we are asking your cooperation, if you are performing a baptism in our church building, please take responsibility to see that the following tasks are completed:

- Please make certain that the water running into the baptistery is turned off.
- Please take wet towels home with you, launder them, and return them within the next three days.
- Do not wash baptismal garments, they are designed to drip dry. Please hang them up where you found them and spray them with Lysol spray.
- Tidy up the dressing rooms for those using them next.
- Carefully write down the full name of the person being baptized, (as they would like for their name to appear on a baptismal certificate), the date of the baptism, and their date of birth, and name of the person performing the baptism. Submit it to Dottie and she will produce a baptismal certificate. The person performing the baptism will need to sign it when it is completed.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, The Ministerial and Office Staff

# Volunteers Needed!!!



If you attended last Wednesday's meal, you were one of more than 100 attendees! Thank you to the entire "cookout" crew for a delicious BBQ meal. Remember when 100 people would regularly attend the Wednesday Night Meal? Remember when the volunteer cook sign up sheet was full the day it was posted?

If you enjoy the Wednesday night meals and would like to see them continue, we really need more people to sign up to help with the meal prep. You automatically have some assistance. Bud and Ray set up tables, chairs and table cover. Harriet Wensel sets up paper goods and drinks.

Can you pull together a team of workers to put together a meal? Can you approach one or two others with an idea for a menu and see if you can get others to join you in serving? God blesses those who are loving and hospitable to strangers (Heb. 13:1-2), and that is exactly what we are doing when we prepare the Wednesday night meals.

#### LIFE Group Leaders and Munchkin Ministers

We want to honor and express appreciation to:

- •LIFE Group leaders and co-leaders & their spouses.
- •Munchkin Ministry servants, (including those who set up & clean up.)

Join us on Saturday, April 25th, 9:00-10:30 AM, at PB's Diner on Delsea Drive in Glassboro.

You are our honored guests. There will be no cost to you.

Please let Glynn Durham know if you will be attending.



# Brianna Peoples on Stage!

**Brianna Peoples** will be performing the role of the *Queen* in Williamstown Middle School's production of *Cinderella*.

Performance dates are: Thursday, April 16th at 7PM Friday, April 17th at 7PM Saturday, April 18th at 2PM and 7 PM

Williamstown Middle School is located at 561 Clayton Road, Williamstown, NJ 08094.

Tickets are available at the door.



#### Worship Gathering at Manatawny



**Today at 5:00 PM** you are invited to a worship gathering in celebration of our relationship with God in Jesus, as well as our relationship together as children of the Lord. Some of the local church

leaders near camp are calling us together in an effort to encourage and strengthen the Church as we walk with the Risen Christ. The worship will be lead by leaders from the Shillington, Chesmont, Pearl Street, and Kainos Churches.



# 18thirty



# Young Adults, join us in partnering with Habitat for Humanity to serve our community!

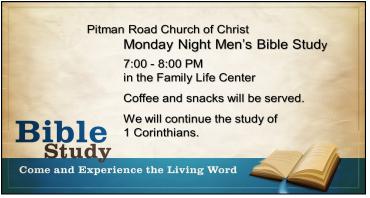
- Saturday, April 18th 8am 1pm
- Meet at worksite Location TBA
- Wear work clothes
- Bring your lunch

# Older Singles



OLDER SINGLES POTLUCK dinner at the home of Jay Schneider, Saturday, April 18, 4:00-6:15 PM. This will be followed by a drive to our entertainment venue for the evening, Williamstown Middle School, to see Briana Peoples as the Queen in *Cinderella*. Contact Jay at 856-478-0672.

#### For Men



# PITMAN ROAD YOUTH GROUP

#### Upcoming Events For Teens, 7th-12th Grade.

#### **April**

12th, Sunday, Noon - LIFE Group

19th, Sunday, 10AM - Teens Lead Worship

25th, Saturday, 6:30 PM - Big Game Night 6PM at the building. Please bring \$8.00

26th, Sunday, Noon - LIFE Group

#### May

2nd, Saturday - 12 Hours of Prayer

3rd, Sunday - Service Project (Bring work clothes.)

9th. Saturday, 7AM-2PM - Manatawny Work Day (Parents are needed to drive. Church van is unavailable.)

10th, Sunday - NO LIFE Group - Mother's Day

16th, Saturday - Activity

17th, Sunday, Noon - LIFE Group

# For Couples

A Weekend to Remember marriage event presented by Family Life will take place on May 1st - 3rd. You have two locations to choose from: King of Prussia or Washington D.C. We will not be formally organizing a group to go this year, nevertheless we encourage couples to take advantage of this Friday night through Sunday event. It will bless your marriage. For information and to register, go to <a href="http://www.familylife.com/events">http://www.familylife.com/events</a>. If you have questions about the event you can see Derek Davis for information.

# For All!

We have a bus trip planned to go see *The Miracle Of Christmas* at the **Sight & Sound Theater** in Lancaster



County, Pa. on Saturday, November 14, 2015. The cost is \$97 for adults, \$79 for teens (13-17), and \$56 for children (3-12). This includes bus, show, and dinner at Shady Maple restaurant. There will be time for shopping at the Rockvale Square outlets. There are 102 tickets available. All money is due by September 13th. Please sign up at the Information Center. Contact Brian Holden if you have questions.



## Much Thanks

To Our Church Family,

We want to thank you for your calls, visits, flowers, meals, prayers, words of encouragement...all of your support, during this difficult time.

Thank you so much for blessing us, Florence and Linda Murray

Dear Church Family,

I would love to thank every one of you individually but most everything last week was a blur to me. I appreciate all the cards and prayers to comfort me and my family during this terrible time. I am grateful for the way you took care of my mom and Linda as well. The entire family was blessed by all that the Pitman Road Family did for them.

Thank you too for the those who came to the visitation and/or service. My brother Bill will be greatly missed by many people. I am really happy that the Pitman Road Church was able to get to know him personally during his time here. Bill was a compassionate and spiritual man and he is now rejoicing with our Lord and Savior. Hallelujah!

Love,

Dottie

# Prayers Requested

I would like to request prayer for my friend Vivian Owens, Jr. Vivian is 92 years old. While he was out walking Wednesday morning he apparently passed out, fell down and suffered very serious injury to his face and head. He had to be transported by air to the Orlando Florida Regional Medical Center. He is in critical condition in the ICU with inter cranial bleeding. The doctors say because of the location the bleeding, it is difficult to treat. Vivian and his wife Sylvia live in Plainfield, NJ. We winter together in Florida. Vivian and Sylvia have been my guest at the Walker's Memorial Day picnic. Keep Sylvia in your prayers also.

May God always and continually bless us with His Mercy and Grace. Paul Stanford

# Thanking A Servant Heart



Special thanks to Mahasise Rambaran. He saw a need for yard work at the building and filled it! After men's prayer time last Saturday he cleaned out our flower beds, making our grounds look so much nicer last Sunday.

# This Week's Prayer Requests

**Praises**: Our "snow birds" are beginning to return home! Welcome back to the Brittons and Toys.

#### **Prayers Requested:**

Pat Schuehler had cataract surgery on one eye last Tuesday and will have the other done this coming Tuesday.

**Ted Schuehler** has an appointment with a neurosurgeon on April 15 for a check up.

Bethany Schneider, treatment in left eye to help restore better vision, please pray the treatment is successful.

John Reimels, Jr, in extreme pain from two bulging discs. Pain management treatment began last week. Please pray for it to be effective.

Carl Steiner is recovering from shoulder surgery. Please pray for a full recovery.

Nancy Calabro, continuous prayers for her health con-

Ashley Corey is requesting prayers for her husband Chris **Corey.** There is a proposed reduction of teaching positions in the school where he is employed. Please pray Chris' job will not be affected.

Georgette Kenna, Beth Loeffler's mother, pancreatic can-

Libby Mansdoerfer, diagnosed with Juvenile (Type 1) Diabetes.

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

Florence Murray, Linda Murray, and Dottie Grillo and **family** as they mourn the passing of Bill Murray.

#### Military:

Andrew Holden at West Point.

#### **Expecting:**

Sarah and Bruce Stratton, June

Anthony and Kristie Correll, June 25, a girl!

Mary Ellen and Justin Walker, August

Brianne (Gelsinger) and Tom Lodado, October

#### **Engaged:**

Anthony DeStefano & Hope Anderson, July 10, 2015

#### **Traveling:**

**Paul Stanford** 

# Area Wide Women's Events

Saturday, May 9th, 8:15 AM - 2:00 PM Camden Church of Christ presents their 2015 Ladies Day Fellowship **BREAKING THE CHAINS:** 

What holds you captive from giving your all to God? For information call 856-541-1556

> Saturday, June 27th **Courthouse Church of Christ Ladies Day** Guest Speaker: Cynthia Dianne Guy For information call 609-465-2840

#### **Our Ministers**

#### Office Staff

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#### Our Deacons

Bud Britton	Grounds Maintenance		
Derrick Busch	Young Adults		
Tim Davis	Teens		
	Body Life & Fellowship		
	Worship		
	LIFE Groups		
•	Greeters Ministry		
	Special Activities; Body Life		
	Local Evangelism		
	Caring &Sharing		
=	Financial Consultant		
Brian Mansdoerfer. Building Maintenance; Jr. Worship			
	Teens		
	Youth		
	. New Member Involvement		
Steve Pierre-Jacques			
Audio Visual; Information Technology; Website			
	Serving Our Seniors		
=	World Evangelism		
Manny Vander Vennen			
	rch 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 171 Worship 370 NA LIFE Groups Wednesday 111 Contribution \$12,741 Fiscal YTD Goal \$418,080.00 Contribution YTD \$413,544.00 **Under Budget** (\$4,536.00)

## Serving Us Today

Nursery Linda Prenger Kids For Christ Manny Vander Vennen Jr. Worship Brian Mansdoerfer Hall Monitor: Bible Class Judi Campbell **Volunteer Needed** Hall Monitor: Worship Greeters: Front Entrance Anthony & Gwen Phillip Greeters: Back Entrance Derrick & Brenda Busch Ushers Waverly Hale & Mike Lazar Information Desk Jane Hanuszczyk Shepherd's Call Mike Lazar Song Leader Garth Hutchinson

#### L.I.F.E. Group Locations Today

Mike Grove

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	Broyles' at 5 PM	609-5618532
Solid Gold	Hightower's at 6PM	856-769-2789
Teens	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6PM	856-839-0015
18thirty	Isaziga's at Noon	850-814-6632

## Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: NO VOLUNTEER

Menu: NO MEAL

Communion







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