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FOCUS 2015

Focusing on

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

Happy Memorial Day!



"The official start to summer!" How many times have you heard that this past week? Tradition has become that the summer season begins on Memorial Day weekend, but that was not the intended purpose for the day. And even though we often recognize all our veterans on Memorial Day, it was created to specifically honor those who sacrificed their lives in American wars. Originally called Decoration Day (inspired by the southern tradition of decorating graves with garlands and wreaths of flowers), its purpose was to commemorate Union soldiers who died in the Civil War. In 1868 it was established as a national day of remembrance of all who died in the military service during the Civil

War, both Union and Confederacy, and observed on May 30th, regardless of what day of the week it fell on. Southern states were resistant to celebrate Decoration Day because of its Union origins, and honored their war dead on another day. After World War I, the observance was renamed Memorial Day and expanded to include all who died in American Wars, becoming more nationally celebrated. After the Uniform Monday Holiday act was passed, Memorial Day was established in 1971 as a Federal holiday, and celebrated on the last Monday in May.

Whether you are enjoying a barbeque, the beach, or the shopping mall, take a moment to remember those who sacrificed everything for the freedom that we all enjoy! "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13

Special Collection



Following the second earthquake to hit Nepal in three weeks, our elders have designated two special collection Sundays, **today and next Sunday, May 31** to assist with relief

efforts there. The designated contributions will be sent to **Samaritan's Purse**. The funds will be used to supply clean water, food, blankets, shelter and medical care. (See *A Servant Speaks* on page 2 for more information.) Make your checks payable to the Pitman Road Church and Add **"Nepal Relief"** to the memo section of your check.

Tomorrow!



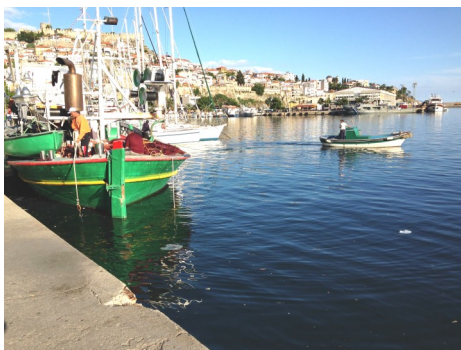
Contact Phyllis **TODAY** if you have not done so and let her know you'll be there and what you'll bring!

Our Vision

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

From Daniel's Den

What kind of reputation does our church have?



One year ago today, I was leading a tour group through Greece! We spent nearly two weeks touring Greece and Turkey. Quite frankly, I enjoyed it more than I could have imagined. Greece was not high on my bucket list, but it ended up being an amazing trip. Traveling to locations mentioned in scripture is one of my greatest joys. We visited Macedonia, Achaia and Thessalonica. Modern day Greece is the site of many cities and territories that the greatest missionary of all time, the Apostle Paul, visited!

I love what Paul says about the church in Thessalonica. He says, The Lord's message rang out from you not only in

Macedonia and Achaia - **your faith in God has become known everywhere.** - 1 Thess. 1:8

What kind of reputation does our church have? What is your dream for our congregation? So many have such short-sighted goals for our churches. The church at Thessalonica was only a few months old and its reputation for sharing their faith had become known all over the Roman Empire. Now that's the kind of reputation I want our congregation to have...**your faith in God has become known everywhere!** How about you?

Today, **Jessica Broyles** is spreading the word and bringing healing to **Tanzania**. **Mayhasa Rambaran** is delivering song books to **Trinidad**. **Dr. Kathy Aston** is preparing to leave on a medical mission trip to **Peru!** (And she still needs eye glasses and small toys to carry with her).

Our **team of 30 workers** is preparing for our fifth **France Mission Trip**. And, **you** have the opportunity to give to buy supplies for those devastated by the earthquakes in **Nepal**.

May it be said of us...**your faith in God has become known everywhere!**

-Dan the Preacherman



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Larry Kellum, Jr.
Deacon over Caring
and Sharing

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day and next
Sunday
(May 24 & 31).

A Servant Speaks

Nepal Disaster Relief Efforts

As you have undoubtedly heard, Nepal was hit by a 7.8 earthquake on April 25th and then another on May 12th measuring 7.3. There have been over 200 aftershocks since. Many have lost their homes and loved ones. As a matter of fact, Nepal's Home Ministry confirmed over 8,000 deaths thus far, making it their worst national disaster ever.

Our elders have designated two special collection Sundays, today and next Sunday (May 24 & 31) to give our members and our community an opportunity to contribute to the relief efforts in Nepal. The designated contributions will be sent to Samaritan's Purse, a well-known and respected Christian relief organization that was already on the ground in Nepal when the first quake hit and able to immediately begin aid. The funds we send will be used to furnish medical supplies, water, food, blankets, shelter, and sanitation.

In addition to the above contributions, as the deacon over our Caring and Sharing Ministry, I am designating a donation of \$5 for every senior from Pitman High School who attends the Baccalaureate Service on June 7th from the Caring and Sharing Ministry budget. If all 100 seniors attend this service, that would be another \$500 to help with the relief efforts.

If you would like to assist in this compassionate and worthy effort, please make your tax deductible check to Pitman Road Church of Christ and add "Nepal Relief" to the memo section of your check. "He's got the whole world in His hands," but He has entrusted us the responsibility of helping Him!

Larry Kellum, Caring and Sharing Deacon

Children's Ministry

Children are one of God's most precious gifts to us!

Their spiritual formation should be a top priority!

Please join us as we meet to discuss

the Children's Ministry on

Sunday, May 31st, Noon to 1:30 PM.

Who should come to this meeting? Firstly, we ask all parents of children ages 0 to 6th grade to attend. Also all Bible class teachers, all who have volunteered to work with our children in the past...if you have a passion for children and feel compelled to work in this ministry...you are invited and urged to attend!

Why is it important for you to attend? We will be planning for the upcoming months and year in all aspects of our Children's Ministry: activities, Bible classes, involvement, etc.

Childcare will be provided.

Lunch will be served for all adults in attendance and their children.

Please RSVP to the church office so there is enough food for all.



Pitman Road Church of Christ

Camp Sponsorships



Each year the Pitman Road Church receives about a dozen requests to provide financial assistance for camp fees for children, both from member families, and families

with ties to our congregation. For many years, through the generosity of our members, we are able to fully fund these camp sponsorships through donations given over and above our regular contribution. **It's that time of year again when we put out the call to our members for special donations for camp sponsorships. The base fee for a camp sponsorship is \$300. If you would like to contribute to the sponsorships, see Dottie, and note "camp sponsorship" in the memo line on your check.**

50th Anniversary!



We are a church that celebrates marriages! We have LIFE Groups that celebrate marriages! Last week the **Solid Gold LIFE Group** honored **Tom and Melva Toy** for their **50th Wedding Anniversary** with a surprise celebration!



Thank you Solid Gold for being a LIFE Group that truly cares for one another. And...

CONGRATULATIONS TOM AND MELVA ON YOUR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

Announcements and Events

Next Sunday, May 31st will be the last Sunday for Munchkin ministry this season.

Our "Munchkin Ministers" will be taking a break for June, July, and August. So plan on getting your breakfast and caffeine before you get to church on Sunday mornings.

We send a BIG THANK YOU to all who have served this past year!



American Red Cross

Pitman Road
Church of Christ

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, June 12th, 2:30 - 7:30 PM

Appointments are preferred but not required.

Sign up is be available at the Information Center.



Do you have a graduate?

Is your child (or even your spouse) graduating from high school, college, or earning a postgraduate degree?

This is the time of year we honor those graduates! Between now and the end of July, please send a photo of your graduate (whether it be a graduation photo, one at the graduation ceremony, or just a recent photo you like!), where they are graduating from, their degree (if applicable), and what their upcoming plans are. Email the photo and information to Annette at annette.perine@gmail.com

Sight and Sound Theater Bus Trip to see *The Miracle of Christmas*.

There are still a few tickets available for the bus trip to see ***The Miracle Of Christmas*** on **Saturday, November 14, 2015.**



If you are interested in going please sign up at the Information Center as soon as possible. The cost for adults is \$97, teens (13-17) \$79, and children (3-12) \$56. The cost includes bus, show, and dinner at Shady Maple restaurant. There will be time for shopping at the Rockvale Square Outlets. Please contact Brian Holden for more information at: 856-881-6792 or bcholden94@hotmail.com

It's time to do some spring cleaning here at Pitman Road!

Please check around for anything you've left behind. If there is something stored here that needs to remain in the building for ministry or activity use, please label it with your name, and what it's purpose is.

TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO COLLECT YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS. Unidentifiable items will be disposed of at the staff's discretion.



The Haiti Education Alliance (THEA) invites you to their 2015

Caribbean Night

Saturday, June 6th, 6-10PM

at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Labor Center
310 West 43rd Street, NYC

Tickets: \$50 per person, \$75 per couple
RSVP by June 1st

See Dan for more information.



Area Wide Events

Folsom Church of Christ presents

Women Encouraging Women 2015

Isaiah 58:11 The LORD will guide you always...

Four Mondays in June, 7:00-8:00 PM
with refreshments to follow.

June 1st - Lorraine Evans
June 8th - Ann Samples Demchik
June 15th - Gloria Edwards
June 22nd - Potluck Dinner at 6PM,
7PM - Laura and Rose Barnett

For more information Contac Michelle Komisor
mkomisor@gmail.com

Spring Gospel Meeting

June 7-12, 2015

N. Clinton Ave. Church of Christ

411 North Clinton Ave. • Trenton, NJ 08610

**Guest Speaker: Bro. Edward Maxwell
of the Suitland Church of Christ**

People Reaching People: Remembering Jesus Christ...

Sunday: 11:00 AM & 3:00 PM

Weekdays: 7:30 PM

You are cordially invited to

The FIRST Ladies' Day at

The Courthouse Church of Christ

102 East Pacific Ave. • Cape May Court House NJ

Saturday, June 27th

Guest Speaker: Cynthia Dianne Guy

9:00 AM: Registration

10 AM: *Religion Runs in the Family: Making It Go from Day
to Day to Generation to Generation*

Noon: Lunch is served

1:00 AM: *Spiritual Spring Cleaning*

Please RSVP by June 17th to either Annette Perine or con-
tact CMCH directly at 609-465-2840 • 609-463-6373
or email courthousecofc@yahoo.com

Lower Bucks Church of Christ Ladies Day Luncheon

Saturday, June 27th • 8:30 AM 2:00 PM

**Theme: *How to Remain Focused
in a Small Congregation***

Guest Speakers: Cathy Iverson & Leila Washington
A continental breakfast and catered lunch will be served.

Register online at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/lower-bucks-church-of-christ-ladies-day-luncheon-tickets-16456360417?aff=eac2>

This Week's Prayer Requests

The monthly prayer list of long-term, ongoing prayer requests for Mid-May and June is now available in the foyer. New, urgent, and immediate prayer requests will appear in The Proclaimer.

Praises: Ray Wilson is improving and was at worship with us last Sunday!

Prayers Requested:

Victims and families of those impacted by the earthquakes in Nepal and the Amtrak train derailment in Philadelphia.

Mike Surgent, former member at the Laurelwood church, passed away on Monday. Funeral services were yesterday.

Beth Loeffler fell and suffered shattered bones in her arm. She is waiting to find out if she will need surgery.

Annemarie Cristino fell and suffered a severe ankle sprain.

Cathy Kistler had heart valve replacement surgery in Allegiance Hospital in Michigan last Monday. The phone number to her room is 517-817-7655

Ray Wilson continues to improve from the affects of a stroke he suffered the week before last.

Sue Ward, continuing her recovery at home. Prayers that all continues to go well and there are no complications.

Audrey Wigzell, Lynn Sbaraglia's mother, on a feeding tube after suffering a second major stroke. Lynn is now in England; she and her brother are in the midst of making very difficult decisions regarding their mother's treatment and care.

Brian Holden is recovering from surgery for a hernia repair. He will be out of work for several weeks.

Ava Gaglianone, Nancy Calabro's granddaughter, pneumonia.

Donna & Bob Staff, Linda Krinks parents, safety for them until they decide to accept in-home help.

Diana Ford, app't on May 27th to discuss cataract surgery.

Franklin Rhodes, cancer treatment.

Nancy Calabro, continued prayers for her health concerns.

Georgette Kenna, Beth Loeffler's mother, in hospice.

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:

Hope Hooley & Darrell Bargfrede, June 20, 2015

Anthony DeStefano & Hope Anderson, July 10, 2015

Sean Fenton & Rebekah Lucien

Traveling:

Jessica Broyles - Tanzania

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Garth Hutchinson Local Evangelism

Larry Kellum, Jr. Caring & Sharing

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Aaron Pearl Youth

John Peoples New Member Involvement

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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	139
Worship	NC
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	81
Contribution	\$8,491
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$480,792.00
Contribution YTD	\$473,432.00
Under Budget	(\$7,360.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Casey Buchanan
Kids For Christ	Troy & Kelly Spencer
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	Judi Campbell
Hall Monitor: Worship	Volunteer Needed
Greeters: Front Entrance	Steve & Jayne DePrince
Greeters: Back Entrance	Leonard & Mary Collier
Ushers	Corny Walker & Dave Perine
Information Desk	Debby Durham
Shepherd's Call	Mike Lazar
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Derrick Busch

L.I.F.E. Group Locations Today

Group	Location	Contact
Brook Besor	Walker's Picnic on Monday	
Circle of Sisters	Prenger's, Tuesday at 7PM	856-689-7932
Convenience Group	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
The Flock	Walker's Picnic on Monday	
Hammonton Group	Walker's Picnic on Monday	
Solid Gold	Walker's at Noon	
Teens	Walker's Picnic on Monday	
Vineland	Walker's Picnic on Monday	
18thirty	Set up at the Walker's	850-814-6632

Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: Melody Davis

Menu: Baked Potato Bar



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