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PITMAN ROAD POST

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Our Vision

To be a place where God's love is experienced, known, and shared by all.

THERE'S AN A.P.P. FOR THAT!

[A PEACHER'S PERSPECTIVE]

LIGHT SHOW



Joey Peacher
Preaching Minister

I love looking at Christmas lights. Lights on trees. Lights on houses. We fill up the world with light at this time of year. Lights remind us of the joy of Christmas. On Sunday, December 19th, after the pancake breakfast, our worship will include a family Christmas production called Light Show. We will explore how God gave us the greatest gift of all when he gave us Jesus. We will see how the Light from a tiny stable illuminated our dark world and continues to spread.

Two millennia ago, some priests of an ancient religion called Zoroastrianism saw a brilliant light show in the heavens. These astronomers/astrologers followed an unusually bright star to find the newborn King of the Jews. How did they know to search for this king? We can't know for certain. Some think they were from a school of prophets and scholars started by Daniel while he was in Babylon. We call them Magi or wise men. They weren't sure where the star would lead them, but they followed it through the dark wilderness for months until they discovered Jesus. The light had showed them the way. Did they know they themselves were part of the prophecy of Jesus?

Seven hundred years before the Magi's' journey to Bethlehem, Isaiah had written this:

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you...The Gentiles shall come to your light...The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. Caravans of camels will cover your land...bearing gold and frankincense. (Isaiah 60:1-6, NKJV & TPT)

The wise men would show up on Jesus's doorstep with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God had given Isaiah a preview of the most important cosmic light show there has ever been or ever will be. Gentiles would follow the light to discover the true light of heaven. The Magi didn't know how central they were to the prophecy. They only walked through the darkness, following the light show. They didn't know what they would find or where the journey would take them. They simply looked towards the light.

We won't know all that is ahead on our journey, but if we seek to follow Jesus, to be in his presence, to faithfully take steps closer to him, we will end up in the best place imaginable. The glory of the Lord is promised to shine for those who follow the light show.

Be sure to join us for our worship service and Light Show on December 19th!

Inspired by "The Magian Journey" Book of Mysteries by Johnathan Cahn

GHANA UPDATE

Pitman Road provided the Korsah family with **\$1000** for emergency repair of their collapsed roof, destroyed toilet building, retention block wall, and repairs to the goat pen. (All 6 goats are either dead or missing). Further, Pitman Road has provided **\$3000** for a water well, 350 gallon water tank, piping into house, and necessary water pump.

All repairs have been made and well installation should be completely finished by mid December! Special thanks to Pitman Road leadership and its generous members!

The photos are before and after repairs of the original damage, house repairs, and the installation of the well and high tank.



Collapsed retaining wall and toilet building



Collapsed roof/home



Water tank to be installed in back yard with house piping and electric pump



Front view of home and drilling

HOLIDAY HOURS

The church offices will be closed on Thursday, **12/23**, Friday, **12/24** (Xmas Eve) and Friday, **12/31** (NYE).



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Praise God! Children's ministry attendance is growing! **Will you lead or assist with Kids for Christ or Junior Worship during the sermon time this winter quarter?**

The opening activity, video lesson, memory verse practice and lesson review activity are provided. (There will be **NO** classes on December 19, December 26, or January 2.)

Please contact **Robin Steward** at 856-264-9003 or robinsteward2002@yahoo.com to say yes. Thank you!



HOLIDAY CHEER CONCERT TOMORROW

Monday, December 6 at 7:30PM
At Pitman United Methodist Church

The Community Chorus at Rowan College of South Jersey-Gloucester Campus presents its annual Holiday Cheer Concert featuring Christmas Oratorio by Camille Saint-Saens and traditional Hanukkah and Christmas music. **Come watch and support Julie Mallory and Marlene Bundridge!** 758 N. Broadway (at Lambs Rd.) in Pitman. (Masking is required to enter the building.)

Make a Difference This Christmas

Family Promise of Southwest New Jersey

1. Make a donation
2. Volunteer to help wrap gifts
3. Adopt a family (groups can share)

Visit the table in the foyer or contact John A. for more info



Blood Drive
Pitman Road Church of Christ

Sunday, December 12, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

From Now Until Sunday, December 19

Maggie is doing her annual donation collection for **Veteran's Haven Homeless Shelter** in Hammonton.

If you have any questions about what to donate, here is a list of some options: toiletries, blankets, clothing, shoes, feminine hygiene products, etc.

Bring your donations to the church building on a Sunday morning or any time during office hours. Place items in the designated boxes in the foyer. Please make sure all products are brand new. The shelter will not accept any old or used products.



COOKIE EXCHANGE

NEXT Sunday, December 12 at 12:30PM
At the Home of Stephanie DeStefano

This is a reminder for those who RSVP'd "YES" for this year's cookie exchange! Please see all details below.

- * Please bake 7 dozen cookies. Then, put together 14 bags/packs with 6 cookies (or a half dozen) in each.
- * Finger foods will be provided.
- * If you are unvaccinated, please wear a mask.
- * Wear a pair of Christmas socks for a special prize!



"LIGHT SHOW"

A Special Family Christmas Production

Sunday, December 19
During Worship Time

(Following the 9AM Pancake Breakfast)

HONORING TIM AND MELODY DAVIS. WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO!

On Sunday, November 21, we honored and thanked Tim and Melody Davis for all of the years that they have, and continue to, lead and serve our church and teens. We send our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the "thank you" binder that we presented to them. The pictures and notes that you sent in helped to fill the binder with appreciation and love. We were so humbled to be able to give honor where honor is due!

*"Dear Church Family --- words cannot express how humbled and moved we were by all of your kind words and love given to us in the album! We feel so grateful to be a part of such a loving family! Thank you for sharing in our lives for so many years! We love and appreciate each and every one of you! To all of the teens --- WE LOVE YOU! Thank you for being such a big part of our lives for so long! God is good! With much love and appreciation, **Tim and Melody**"*



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX UPDATE

I just want to give an update on our collection of Operation Christmas Child boxes. Last week I was able to drop off a total of **91 boxes** to be delivered to many needy children. Thanks for your giving hearts and for another successful collection of items and toys that will put a big smile on a child's face! - Tina B." Thank you, Tina (and Mike) for always making this a success!

PACK THE PULPIT/THANKSGIVING BASKETS

This year, when our church "packed the pulpit" and donated turkeys and pies, **43 families** received Thanksgiving dinner baskets! Thank you to all who contributed turkeys, pies, and groceries. Thank you to all who helped gather, organized, pack, and distribute the boxes. A special thanks to Dottie Grillo for contacting the families and coordinating the collection and distribution of the dinner baskets.



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