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## Today: WAR ROOM

If you are planning to join our group  
going to see  
**WAR ROOM**,  
this is what you'll need to know:

**Theater location:**

Regal Cross Keys Stadium 12  
151 American Blvd.  
Turnersville, NJ 08012

**Arrive:**

Between 2:00-2:15 PM

**Tickets:**

\$7 for members

Free for guests

(If you like, you can cover  
the cost of your guests' tickets.)

You can pay Dottie here, or pay Carlos at the  
movie theater this afternoon as he hands out  
tickets. (Exact change appreciated!)



This is a powerful movie that will reinforce our sermon series on prayer this month.

If you would like to go,  
but did not sign up,  
please feel free to join us!

## Send some Love at Thanksgiving!



Thanksgiving cards for our former members, missionaries, and continuing supporters are available today beginning today for our members to sign.

This is a tradition that is somewhat unique to the Pitman Road church. The recipients of cards are always so appreciative that we have taken time to remember them during this season of thanks.

Once again, a big thank you goes out to Janet Betts and her team for creating the cards.

Please take a moment to stop at the tables in the foyer and jot down a note of encouragement, thanks, and love to these special people!

### Our Vision

A place where God's love is experienced, known, and shared by all.

# From Daniel's Den

## Something New Just Started on Sunday Mornings

Our Vision: Becoming a place where God's love is experienced, known and shared by all.

We are always attempting to be sensitive to the needs of those who come forward expressing concerns during our traditional "invitation song." We want everyone, male and female, young and not-so-young, to experience God's love. With that sensitivity in mind, in addition to an elder or two coming to the front of the auditorium as we sing at the conclusion of the Sunday sermons (which we have done for years now), elders' wives will be available down front to meet, pray and counsel with any sisters who come forward. This decision has been made specifically to help us be more sensitive to women who respond to the invitation.

In addition, an elder and his wife will be available for private meetings and private, confidential prayer immediately after our Sunday morning assembly in two different locations. One elder and wife will be available in the **Conference Room** and one elder and wife will meet in the **Lavender Ladies Room** each Sunday, should you want to discuss and pray over issues of a more sensitive nature. They will be in each room for about ten to fifteen minutes each Sunday morning, following the final "Amen," should you chose to avail yourself of a time of prayer and sharing. Please feel free to take full advantage of this new opportunity extended by our elders and their wives.

We care! And during this month of renewed emphasis on prayer, the timing just seemed perfect. So, on any given Sunday morning, elders and elder's wives will be available to meet with you, to hear your concerns and to pray, on the spot, for and with you! One "problem with prayer" is that sometimes we just need to share our prayer concerns with someone of the same gender.

**Pray without ceasing, Dan**



Dan Cooper  
aka  
"Dan, Dan,  
the Preacherman"

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Dave Perine  
Elder

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## Shepherd's Voice

### A Powerful Little Word

**"I love you."** **"I am sorry."** **"I forgive you."** What do these three phrases have in common? The single letter word "I." How powerful this little word can be! If followed by words such as those above, the word "I" can be very positive. The Bible records words of Jesus that support these positive "I" statements. In John 13:34, Jesus says, "As I have loved you, so you must love one another." In Matthew 5:23-24, Jesus says, "If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother." And in Matthew 6:14, Jesus says, "If you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."

However, this little word can also be very powerful in a negative way. **"I hate you!"** **"I am great!"** **"I want things done my way."** The Bible clearly indicates hate, pride and selfishness are all sins. In 1 John 2:9, we are warned, "Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness." Proverbs 16:18 says, "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall." And with respect to selfishness, James 3:16-17 says, "Where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."

Use the word "I" very carefully. As the old saying goes, there is no "I" in the word "team". We are all part of one team – God's team, the body of Christ! Let us function as a team, not seeking our own desires. Remember what Paul says in 1 Corinthians: "I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved" (10:33) and "I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some" (9:22).

Dave

# Two Opportunities to Give TODAY!



## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Orphan Sunday, benefitting Orphan's Lifeline International.

One Sunday each fall we sponsor a special collection to address the needs of orphans around the world. One hundred percent of all designated contributions go to support orphans around the world. Your donation will provide food, shelter, clothes as well as education for the precious children.

**RUN Ministries** (Reaching Unreached Nations) is purchasing over-sized blankets for Christian,

Yazidi, and other minorities in northern Iraq. The winter is coming and these people are in desperate need of staying warm at night. RUN's goal is 160,000 blankets. Anything that you donate will be forwarded to help provide blankets, food, water and medical care as God's children and adults enter the winter season.



**Please make your checks payable to the Pitman Road Church of Christ and indicated on the memo line which of these (or both) worthy causes you are designating your donation to.**

## Pack the Pulpit



Also available, in the foyer, are the shopping list/bags for "Pack the Pulpit" Sunday, which will be held on November 22nd this year.

This is the day that we collect food for Thanksgiving dinner baskets for families in need. It's an opportunity to get children involved in giving by taking them with you to shop for items on the list. On "Pack the Pulpit" Sunday, we ask our members to leave their bagged groceries in a designated place in the foyer, and at the appropriate time the children of the church literally pack the pulpit with the groceries. After the worship service, the teens get to work sorting the food and packing up the 50 Thanksgiving baskets.

If you, or someone you know, is in need of food assistance for Thanksgiving dinner, please let Dottie know. If you would like to donate turkeys or pies for the baskets, please let Dottie know that as well. We will need at least 50 turkeys and 50 pies.

## Wednesday Night Benefit

The Pitman Road Youth Group will be preparing our Wednesday Night Meal this week. 100% of the proceeds will benefit our Food Pantry. Beginning around this time of year, through the winter months, our Food Pantry supplies food to many families in our surrounding communities more than any other time of year. So if you are so inclined, give a little extra over and above the usual cost of your Wednesday meal. Thank you to the teens for taking up this admirable task!

## Pitman Road Youth Group

The most recent newsletter from "**Hands of Compassion**" features our **TIME TEAM** mission trip to Rochester, MI this past summer. In case you have forgotten, this is a wonderful ministry coordinated by the church where Steve and Patti Sikes now labor, and it ministers to the families of those being cared for at Mayo Clinic. Be sure to check that out, posted on the Bulletin Board, across from the men's and women's restrooms in the foyer! **Way to go Tim, Melody and Teens! -Dan**

## Operation Christmas Child



It's that time of year again to bless a less fortunate child! The cardboard shoe boxes and other materials you'll need to begin packing your boxes are on the table in the foyer. Let's get packing!!

If you would rather donate money towards items to be put inside a box or help with the \$7.00 shipping fee that would also be very helpful to this cause. **Boxes due to on November 16th. See Tina Broyles for more info.**



Grateful for the Return of Wednesday Meals!

We want to commend **Harriet Wensel, Judi Campbell, and JoAnn Ruhland** for the wonderful job they did on our first Wednesday Night Meal this fall! These three ladies helped to revive our Wednesday Night Meal ministry, cooked a DELICIOUS meal of Shepherd's Pie, and decorated the Family Life Center to celebrate the return of the ministry!

If you are interested in volunteering to cook a meal, this awesome team of women are available to help you! **You will never have to cook alone!** Even if you don't need help cooking, Harriet will make sure that plates, utensils, and drinks are ready.

Sometime you don't appreciate something until it's gone. And that was true of the Wednesday meals.

Again, we want to thank Harriet for spearheading this effort, and her two valuable team players, Judi, and JoAnn, for stepping up to bring back the meals. We love your servant hearts!



We couldn't get a photo of the three busy cooks, so here's the seasonal decorating they provided last Wednesday!

Brianna Peoples will be appearing as "Lily Belle" in the Williamstown High School production of *The Curious Savage*. Performances are: Friday, November 20th at 7:00 PM & Saturday, November 21st at 2:00 PM.

**MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS** If you are going on the **Sight and Sound** bus trip to see the **Miracle of Christmas** please be at the church building by **7:45 AM on Saturday, November 14th.**

I will give out tickets at that time and we will leave the church by 8:00am. Contact **Brian Holden** if you need additional information. H (856)881-6792 C (856)759-2542

**Singles Over 40 Event!**  
**December 12th**  
**Potluck Lunch Party at Jay Schneider's house,**  
**Mullica Hill, Noon to 3:30!**

Then travel less than 2 miles to Mullica Gardens Assisted Living to sing Christmas songs for the residents and see Glinnie Elmore perform as *The Inn keeper at Bethlehem*.

**Bring Your Own Craft Day**  
 Got some Christmas gifts to finish?  
 Here's a great opportunity to do it!  
**Saturday, November 28th**  
**Noon to 5:00 PM**  
 in the Family Life Center  
 Snacks are provided!

*Hope to see you there!*

# Stepping Into Retirement!



On October 31st, **Mary Collier** celebrated as she stepped into retirement! Mary worked at and served the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Detroit, Oklahoma City, and finally Philadelphia for 37 years.

After so many years of service to the federal government, **Mary, your church family wishes you many years to enjoy life with Lee, your family, and friends!** God bless!

## New Baby!



Congratulations to **John and Kathy Ashton**! They welcomed grandson **Thomas Joseph McGrath IV ("TJ")** on Saturday, October

24, at 5:31 AM. He weighed in at 8 lbs.-10.5 oz. and 21 inches long. Erin and Tom are doing well, as is big sister Miley. Kathy and John say, "With some coaxing, Miley agreed not to leave him (her baby brother) in the hospital. She is a good helper."

## Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Mike Buchanan**, who was elected to the council in Berlin last Tuesday. He is serving as an independent. Mike, please remember that your church family is very proud of you. We pray that you will use your influence in a good and significant way. May God protect you and your family from the dangers so often associated with holding a political office. We are so proud of this accomplishment. Be faithful. -Dan

# Prayers Requested

**Gwen Philip** came forward last Sunday morning share with us that she has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer and began treatment. Gwen requested prayers not only for her healing and endurance, but also prayers for her husband **Anthony**, of whom she says, "He has been at my side every minute."

## This Week's Prayer Requests

### Prayers Requested:

**Scott Hoffer**, 23, friend of Mallory Perine, passed away on Saturday, October 31. Mallory thanks you for the prayers and asks for continued prayer for Scott's family.

**Debbie Contravo** requests prayers for her health, finances, and family.

**Prayers for the family of Michael A. McCrery**, 64, a friend of the Lazar's , who died last week from injuries sustained in a bicycle accident.

**Diane Vit**, close friend of Tony & Stephanie DeStefano and Steve Musso, will be having complicated hiatal hernia surgery at Jefferson University tomorrow. Also, **Diane's 17 year old grandson** was in a serious accident at work, and is now in Cooper Hospital recovering from surgery.

**April Sykes** sustained a concussion after a bad fall and is not able to work at this time.

**Alana Peterson**, Chemo treatment postpone from last week until tomorrow.

**Gladys Isaziga**, Carlos' mom, has been diagnosed with stage 1 breast cancer. Praise that the spot on her lung was only a shadow on the test images.

**Millie Moore** is recovering from surgery on her wrist to remove metal plates.

**Yvette Kenner**, severe back pain

**Lynne Sbaraglia**, recovering from an auto accident

Prayers for the **Tim Davis family and for Tim's parents** as they move to NJ.

**Trudy Michael**, stage 4 uterine cancer.

**Charles Busch**, still in the ICU.

**Nancy Calabro**, numerous health concerns.

**Laura Ann Lindsey**, Dave Lindsey's mother, hospice care.

### Military:

**Andrew Holden** at West Point.

**Doug Peterson III**, deployed with Air Force

### Expecting:

**Tim and Paige Holmes**, January

**Tyler and Katherine Steffy**, January

### Engaged:

**Sean Fenton & Rebekah Lucien**, April 16, 2016

### Traveling:

**Garth and Diana Hutchinson**, on a two week mission trip to France. They will work on building projects, deepen relationships with French Christians, encourage, and do extensive teaching while they are in Marseille.

## Our Ministers

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## Our Deacons

Bud Britton ..... Grounds Maintenance

Derrick Busch ..... Young Adults

Tim Davis ..... Teens

Tony DeStefano ..... Body Life & Fellowship

Matt Downing ..... Worship

Glynn Durham ..... LIFE Groups

Darren Fields ..... Greeters Ministry

Brian Holden ..... Special Activities; Body Life

Garth Hutchinson ..... Local Evangelism

Larry Kellum, Jr. ..... Caring & Sharing

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	144
Worship	226
LIFE Groups	143
Wednesday	82
Contribution	\$12,275.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$190,080.00
Contribution YTD	\$182,582.00
Under Budget	(\$7,498.00)

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Kathy Ashton
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Hall Monitor: Worship	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Greeters: Front Entrance	Steve & Jayne DePrince
Greeters: Back Entrance	Leonard & Mary Collier
Ushers	Corney Walker & John Steiner
Information Center	Rebekah Lazar
Shepherd's Call	Horatio Fenton
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	Joe Marshall

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

Group	Location	Contact
Brook Besor	Durhams, 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
Hammonton Group	War Room at 2PM	
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7PM	856-217-3956
Paracletes	Leaf raking at Savastano's	
Silver Linings	Lunch then War Room at 2PM	
Solid Gold	War Room at 2PM	
Teens	War Room at 2PM	
Vineland	War Room at 2PM	
Women in the Word	Church Bldg., Tues. at 9:45AM	856-589-1500
Young Adults	War Room at 2PM	



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## Elder on Call:

September/October: Dwight Thompson