



Fall Quarter Adult Bible Classes Begin NEXT Sunday, September 3!



Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am

Genesis Part 1: What Were We Put in the World to Do? (Pitman Road University class) - Garth Hutchinson - Family Life Center

It is far too easy to read the first chapters of Genesis with the questions of our time: "Were the days of creation 24 hours long?" "How long ago did this happen?" "Is this history or myth?" "How does this square with modern views of science and evolution?" Of course, these are important questions and we can probably learn some things from Genesis 1-11 that are relevant to them.

But we don't learn very much from a text if we ask questions that it was not written to answer. Genesis is, frankly, about deeper issues than biological origins. It answers questions such as: "What are human beings?" "Why are we here?" "What is our relationship to the nature and the world?" Essentially, Genesis is not about the "How" of creation but rather about the "Why". That is, ultimately, far more important.

Love (and Everything in Between) - Young Adult Class - Toria Davis & Nate Haden, Brandon & Mallory Keeks - Cornerstone Room B2

This class is about understanding God's love for us, how to love others, and how to love yourself. We will do this through open discussions based on scripture that is focused on love.

The Art Of Marriage - Derek & Leza Davis, Justin & Rebecca Guy - Chapel/Room B3

Learn what thousands of others have discovered – happier, healthier marriages start with God's flawless design. Come and explore God's purpose for marriage. Learn to overcome isolation, fulfill our responsibilities, and have better communication.

Walking an Uncertain Future: Living Well in a Culture at Odds with Christ - Andy Mychajlowycz - Room B4

Do you ever get concerned about the future? You're not sure which way our world is going or what it means for you and your family as you follow Christ? We live in a society that seems to be not only non-Christian, but more and more anti-Christian. What does it mean to live in such a society, whose values and belief systems are so opposed to your own? How are we to raise healthy, faithful families in this environment? Bottom line: What does it mean to live the life Christ has called us to in our world? This series seeks to investigate these and other questions.

Parke Place Worship - Jay Schneider - at Parke Place

Join a worship assembly each Sunday morning at Parke Place on Delsea Drive (near our old Church building). If you would like to support or help lead this time of worship, your participation would be welcome. We are thankful for our faithful saints who have supported this outreach for years, and we'd love more participation from our church family.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm

Survey of Hebrews - Mike Grove - Chapel/B3

The book of Hebrews examines Christ's nature as fully God and fully man. As such, He is superior to the Mosaic law and its priestly sacrificial system, while himself being able to serve as both the sacrifice and mediating high priest for a better covenant. Given this understanding, we are called to faithfulness and endurance.

God Will Make A Way - What To do When You Don't Know What To Do - Derrick Busch - Room B4

Based on the book *God Will Make a Way* by Dr. Henry Cloud, Dr. John Townsend. There are times in our lives when we've felt lost or hurt and find ourselves asking, "Where is God in all of this?" When the road gets rough, and we don't know which way to run, it can feel like God is distant. Yet, that's exactly when He can step in and move as we've never seen Him do before. Come and join us as we confront life's difficulties with the inerrant Word of God! LET GOD SPEAK... This class connects to the "Life Challenges" LIFE Group.

Barnabas Group - Donna Lazar and Fran Point - Room B1

Barnabas of the New Testament was an encourager. The goal of our Barnabas Group is to spread encouragement! The group accomplishes this goal through cards to our members, their family and friends, and our guests. Birthdays, illness, anniversary, etc., you'll probably hear from our Barnabas Group! Join us as we share God's love.

Our Mission

Meet others where they are and together be transformed into the image of Christ.

From Daniel's Den

A Prayer for Students and Teachers

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the opportunity of another school year, a new beginning, a clean page, a fresh start. Give our students and teachers the will, courage and grace to do well as they aim for excellence. Help them to make the most of each opportunity presented, and to put their best foot forward no matter the circumstance. When things get difficult, grant them a spirit of perseverance to push through and not give up. May their faith not fail in times of trial, but grow stronger. May they know that You are their God, their very present help in times of trouble.

Cover our students and teachers in the precious blood of Jesus. Shield them from harm and danger; send Your angels to encamp around them and guard them. Help them not to be deceived by any doctrine, philosophy, or trend that tries to exalt itself above the truth of Your Word. Let the truth of Your Word reign in their innermost being.

Help our students and teachers to work in an atmosphere of unity and cooperation. Should disagreement or conflict arise, empower peacemakers and ministers of reconciliation to restore peace, harmony, and order. May there be no room for violence or abuse on any level.

Strengthen and comfort those students and teachers who are coming from homes or personal situations filled with strife and trauma. Strengthen and comfort those who are secretly hurting and broken within, but still have to show up, focus, and do their duties. Touch these students and teachers like only You can. By Your grace, enable them to work well in spite of their situations. Minister to their needs seen and unseen. Let them know Your love and presence in a special way.

Father, remind each student and teacher of their responsibility to represent You well. Let Your power rest upon them, making them distinct and different, demonstrating godly character and principles. Remind them that they are salt and light in their places of learning. May lives be changed, hearts transformed and Your plans and purposes established as they obey Your will.

In the precious name of Jesus, amen.

-adapted from *Unwalled* by Kim Sweeting



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Tony DeStefano
Deacon:
Body Life & Fellowship

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A Servant Speaks

Man Marries His Cell Phone!

We were out to dinner when my new Nigerian in-laws, Ory and Zik, showed me a story of a man who married his smartphone last June in a Las Vegas chapel. Ory, in particular, was incredulous and stated that we in this country enjoy a level of comfort and safety that allows for such frivolous things as marrying one's smartphone. Nigeria for example, does not have the quality roads, outdoor lighting, or just safe travel in general that we take for granted. She went on to say that if we lived in the conditions of their country and many other countries, we would be more focused on prayer!

While I am grateful that my family lives in this safe country, I was again reminded of Luke 18:25. ***For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of the needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.*** While smartphones can be a great resource and even provide a "study Bible in your pocket," the fact that the man felt that the phone was the thing that made him the happiest is a sad display of our changing focus. We can each be overwhelmed by daily responsibilities and distracted by worldly interests that keep us from spending time with God and His people. I am speaking for myself first and foremost. If you think that life will get slower and simpler as you near retirement age, think again!

The leadership here at Pitman places a great emphasis on providing opportunities for Christian fellowship, prayer, Bible learning, evangelism, community service, and just plain fun with our brothers and sisters. These things help to keep us focused on our God and Savior and connected with his people. We should all try to take advantage of these opportunities. We will be counting on our relationship with Jesus, not our smartphones, as we stand before the judgement seat.

Brotherly, **Tony DeStefano**

Backpacks Are Still Needed!

Last year our church family donated hundreds of dollars worth of school supplies; thank you again for your generosity! You blessed many children last year. We distributed some of the supplies to several different schools, but most went to Derek and Leza Davis for their students at the West Atco Youth In Action Center. The good news is that due to your generosity last year, Derek and Leza do not need more school supplies this year! **But, they are in need of 15 backpacks for this school year. Will you donate a new, sturdy, backpack for a child in need? Please bring in the backpacks and put them on the table in the center of the lobby by THIS WEDNESDAY, August 30. Thank you!**



Important Information You Need to Know!

TODAY:

Pitman Road University:

See Garth and Diana Hutchinson in lobby today for information on the new Pitman Road University adult education program. They have brochures that include the description of each of the twelve courses in the program. Also available for a nominal charge are binders to collect the materials from all twelve classes.

LIFE Groups:

Andy Mychajlowycz will deliver the annual LIFE Group message during this morning's worship service. You can find out more about the specific LIFE Groups and sign up for a group beginning this morning at the Welcome Center.



NEXT Sunday, September 3:

New Sunday Fall Quarter Bible Classes begin!

Wednesday, September 6:

New Wednesday Fall Quarter Bible Classes begin!

Sunday, September 10:

Munchkin Ministry resumes, and will continue to be held in the lobby between Bible classes and the worship service.

Kids for Christ and Jr. Worship resume. Children may exit the auditorium after the communion service.

LIFE Groups begin meeting.

Monday, September 11:

Monday Night Men's Bible Study/LIFE Group resumes and will meet in the FLC at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday, September 19:

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Class/Women in the Word LIFE Group resumes and will meet in Room B4 at 9:45 am.

There will be no Wednesday Night Meal Ministry. There WILL be tables set up for those who would like to bring their own meal to eat at the building.

Wedding Bells!



Tony and Stephanie DeStefano joyfully announce the marriage of their daughter **Katelyn to ChuChu Ikeorha**, son of **Zik and Ory Ikeorha**. The couple was married in a small, intimate ceremony on Sunday, August 20, in Searcy, Arkansas where they will reside.



Do you have extra clothing or accessories clogging up your closets and dressers? Clean out your closets and bring your clothes, shoes, accessories, and children's clothing to trade with old and new friends! Bring it all to the...

Second Annual Pitman Road Clothing and Accessory Swap!

Saturday, September 9,

10 am - 12 noon, in the Family Life Center

Bring: Gently used clothing, shoes, accessories, and children's clothes

How it works: As people arrive with their items, areas will be designated by category: dresses, tops, jackets, pants, jeans, kids clothes, shoes, jewelry, hats & scarves, etc. While items are being organized everyone can mingle, enjoy light refreshments, and browse the treasures coming in. Then we will start the swap! Any leftover, unwanted items will be donated to Angels of God Clothing Closet in Pitman.

Our Schedule	
Sunday	
9:00 am Bible Classes	
10:00 am Worship	
Wednesday	
7:00 pm Bible Classes	
Office Hours	
Tuesday - Friday	
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	

Last Week	
Bible Class	96
Worship	166
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	43
Contribution	\$8,713.00
Weekly Goal	\$9868.00

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: For the beautiful weather!
Prayers Requested:
Harry Steward was sent to the ER with a possible back injury on Thursday afternoon.
Zack Rizzuto, son of Jerry and Donna Rizzuto, grandson of Frank and Mickey, awaiting the results of a brain biopsy.
Dianne Perales, undergoing testing to discover the reason for her health concerns. Please pray for answers.
Brenda Busch, continued prayers for stable blood pressure.
Mary Jetton, continuing prayers would be deeply appreciated.
Frank Sheehan, pain is now managed! Physical therapy continues.
Pat Schuehler: Prayers that she's able to have throat surgery.
Ted Schuehler: Testing for some health concerns.
Jayne Schofield, in WV, taking care of a family member.

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Elder on Call for July and August: Garth Hutchinson	

College Student Contact Information

Contact information for **Matthew Hernandez**, who is beginning his freshman year at Harding University:
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Praying for Peace

The Pitman Council of Churches invites the community to the "Eclipse the Hatred" series of prayer meetings on Monday nights. The meetings focus on prayers for reconciliation, peace, unity, and an end to violence. Tomorrow night the prayer meeting will be hosted by the First Baptist Church in Pitman at 6:30 pm. (Located directly across the street from the Pitman Post Office on N/ Broadway.)

Serving Us Today	
Nursery	Kelly Spencer
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	Frank & Sandy Sheehan
Greeters: Back Entrance	Larry Peterson & Mike Lazar
Information Center	Jackie Fenton
Ushers	Horatio Fenton & Harold Pearl
Shepherd's Call	Dave Perine
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	Harry Ake

The Children's Ministry Needs You!



Back to school means back to Bible class! Children have opportunities to learn, fellowship and have fun on Sundays at 9:00 am, Wednesdays at 7:00 pm and during

Sunday's sermon. Bring your children, grandchildren and neighbors! Volunteer to teach, play with the young ones in nursery, lead activities during the sermon time, decorate the children's wing or perform in the puppet ministry. See Robin Steward in the foyer after worship or call her at 856-264-9003 to volunteer to serve. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6,

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Please join us for the **Pitman Road Church of Christ Women's Brunch Fellowship "Hidden Treasure"**

Saturday, September 30, 2017
 9:00 am to Noon
 in the Family Life Center

Please invite your friends!
 RSVP by text to
 Diana Hutchinson - 856-381-9095
 Brenda Busch - 646-258-5031

MISSING DRILL - If you borrowed a drill from the closet in the FLC, please return it to the office. It belongs to Will Menendez. Thank you!