



Two for TODAY!



WELCOME TO Craig and Katie Young, who are here for their annual visit and mission report today! Craig will share the mission report during Bible class, and will also preach the sermon during worship.

All “veterans” of past France Mission Trips and those interested in the June 2019 trip are invited to attend a picnic at the Hutchinsons’ after worship. Veterans will share their experiences, and information for the upcoming mission trip will be shared.

If you have not signed up to attend the picnic, and still want to attend, please see Diana or Garth this morning to let them know you’ll be there and find out what you can bring.

Time to say
← *goodbye* →
to **BRANDON & MALLORY**

TODAY is Brandon and Mallory Keeks’ last Sunday to worship with us before they move to Austin, TX. Please join them for a time of informal fellowship and light refreshments in the Family Life Center, **immediately** following the worship service.

5 Ways to End Summer Well

Although we still have a couple of weeks left, summer is quickly coming to a close. There is plenty left to do, like shopping for back to school supplies, getting college aged kids settled in dorms, and making sure the kids have a new outfit for the first day of school. But aside from those important tasks, there are things we can do to ensure that as the summer comes to a close, we end on a good note and wrap up this summer season well:

1. **Don’t procrastinate.** Time goes by way too fast to waste it procrastinating. Make a list of tasks or obligations that you need to get done before school starts back and set a goal for what date you want to have them completed by. Commit to staying on track with your goals.

2. **Finish what you started.** When summer kicks off in June, it seems we have all the time in the world to get those special projects done around the house. But as the calendar ticks off the days, our free time gets crunched and we tell ourselves we can do it later, but later never comes. Set a day and time that you can make working on these projects a priority.

3. **Recharge your batteries.** For most of us, vacations have come and gone, and although the memories are sweet, it may seem like that vacation was a thousand days ago and our internal batteries may already feel drained again. Make a point to do something to help you recharge and gear up for the busy fall season. Set aside time to read a good book, relax outdoors, or spend some time in prayer. Take time to rejuvenate your spirit and so you feel refreshed.

4. **Spend time wisely during the remaining summer days.** Whatever makes you the most happy in life, arrange to make that happen before summer ends. For example, if spending quality time with your kids is what brings you the most joy, pick a day on the calendar where you can put aside everything else and focus on your family without distractions. If you need a day to yourself, take a day off work and focus on something you’d like to do. Think about what is most important to you and arrange for time to enjoy that pastime in the next few weeks.

5. **Keep the 3 R’s in mind: Relax, Rewind and Renew.**

RELAX: The end of summer is always busy, but it’s important to take time to relax. Whether it’s a long hot bath or a walk in the park, remember to take care of you, not only everyone else.

REWIND: Jot down all the things that you enjoyed about summer and some of the fun moments you experienced with friends, children, family, co-workers, etc. Take time to thank God for those blessings.

RENEW: While summer is winding down, we can wind up our faith so that we’re ready to face the challenges and busyness that lie ahead. Get up each morning and enjoy some quiet time with God, asking Him to keep your soul quiet when life gets loud.

-Tracie Miles (adapted)

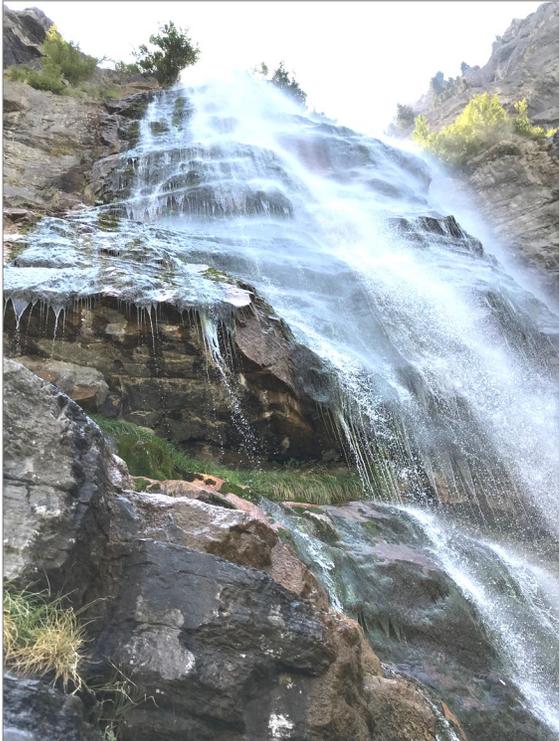
Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

In Living Color

The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows his handiwork! -Psalms 19:1



Our time in Utah has treated us to a part of God's creation that we rarely see. It is beautiful here! New Jersey is beautiful in its own way, and Utah is beautiful in its own way.

To really capture the beauty of these photos, you need to look at them in color. How?

Did you know that you can read our church bulletin online every week? You can read it even before you get to church on Sunday mornings.

Typically, Annette posts our church bulletin each week on Thursday afternoon. Go to our church website, www.pitmanroadcoc.com and click on the bulletin icon on the lower left of your screen. You can read our current bulletin, and past church bulletins in living color! -Dan



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"



Derrick Busch
Minister

What happens when the novelty wears off in our Christian lives?

We're All A Mess

Excited About the Christian Life Again! -Part 1

Think with me of a time in your life when you desired something so intensely, that you found yourself making mental statements, and sometimes even verbal statements such as, "I'm going to die if I don't have...!" Or, "I can't imagine my life without...!" One thing that we can all amen, is that whatever the longings of our hearts may be, it won't be long, if we're not careful, before we're making this next statement about our longings, "The novelty has worn off!" Have you ever been in this place before? The very real reality of the novelty wearing off is absolutely fine when it comes to things like new clothing, a new pair of sneakers, or gym shoes, depending on where you're from, a new car, jewelry, and the like. But, what happens when the novelty wears off as it relates to spiritual things? More directly, what happens when the novelty wears off in our Christian lives?

What does this drift look like? Meditative text: **Hebrews 2:1-3.** **When** our relationship with Jesus Christ simply becomes the same-old-same-old rituals with the ever gradual drift towards irrelevance, it's a danger sign! **When** our relationship with Jesus Christ simply become the ritual of showing up for worship physically, but there is really no engagement of the heart and surrender to what we hear, it's a danger sign! **When** we repeatedly neglect reading the Word of God because we're "too busy," it's danger sign! What are some others that come to your mind as danger signs?

Now, before you and I awaken our internal defense attorney to convince ourselves and those around us that we're just as fervent and excited about our Christian lives as we have always been, just sit in the question reflectively and honestly. I am sitting with you to be sure! Meditative verse: **Romans 12:11.**

Stay tuned for Part 2.

Be encouraged, "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus **Philippians 1:6.**

-Derrick

Coming Up!

As summer winds down, please take note of the following dates!

NEXT Sunday, August 26

LIFE Group Sunday: Andy Mychajlowycz will share a sermon message about LIFE Groups. The listing of 2018-2019 Life Groups will be announced, LIFE Group leaders will be available to give information and answer questions about their groups, and everyone will have an opportunity to sign up for a LIFE Group!

September 2

New Sunday Fall Quarter classes will begin! New Pitman Road classes will begin for adults. Children

will "move up" to their new grade level classes. (See next week's bulletin for class listing.)

September 5

New Wednesday Fall Quarter classes begin!

September 9

Munchkin Ministry resumes!

Kids for Christ and Jr. Worship resume during the worship service.

2018-2019 LIFE Groups begin! (Groups and meeting locations/dates/times to be announced.)

September 22

Bring Your Own Craft Day, noon to 5:00 pm

Another Great Summer at Camp Manatawny

Every summer, the Pitman Road church places special emphasis on Camp Manatawny. There are seven summer camping weeks for various age levels, as well as Family Camp in May, and Camp Sonshine for campers with special needs in June. Rarely will any of those camp sessions go by without any staff and/or campers present who are from our congregation. Both Jr. High 1 week and Elementary 1 week are directed by and primarily staffed by members of our church.

Additionally, we make sure that children who want to go to camp get to go to camp! This year, we sponsored six children for camp, some who are part of the church family, and some who our members request sponsorships for. Every year, our members contribute to the cost of these sponsorships so that the money never comes out of our general funds. Right now, **there is still a balance of \$359 towards sponsorships that need to be covered.** If you would like to contribute to cover all or part of that balance, please write your check to Pitman Road Church of Christ and note "camp sponsorship" on memo line; drop it in the collection plate or give it to Dottie.

Enjoy some of the wonderful memories that were made at Camp Manatawny this year!



Campers Joel Irizarry and Adam Cerquoni make a new friend at JH1 week.



JH1 counselors Mallory Keeks and Jade Adams are very proud of their perfect cabin inspection score!

Adam Cerquoni spent another summer working maintenance at camp, but takes time to enjoy shenanigans from time to time, this time with E1 nurse Jenn Pearl. Nice hat Adam!



First time counselor Mark Frock teams with seasoned veteran Carl Steiner at E1 week. Shane Frock was a first time camper!



Tammy Cerquoni pulled double duty, counseling both JH1 and E1 weeks this year! First time counselor Mandy Mansdoerfer and first time camper Libby Mansdoerfer join in the fun!



Kathy Ashton, a veteran Bible teacher for JH1 week, is pictured with the week's Best Bible Student winners, including Mikayla Kellum.

Our Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship

Wednesday

7:00 pm Bible Classes

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Last Week

Bible Class	87
Worship	NC
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	40

This Week's Prayer Requests

Sandy Sheehan, awaiting liver biopsy results. Prayers for conclusive results are requested.

Ray Carpiack - accident.

John Schofield is recovering at home.

Je'Ani Lyles continues her recovery in Baltimore. Cards can be sent to: Bloomberg 10 South, 1800 Orlean St., Baltimore, MD 21287

Kareem Rutledge, Jr. continues rehabilitation from traumatic brain injury at Magee in Philadelphia.

Van Edwards radiation treatments for breast cancer.

Linda Prenger, radiation and chemo treatment. Please pray for her complete healing and emotional wellbeing.

Larry Kellum, Sr., experimental drug treatment for MDS. He will begin treatment soon.

Dwight Thompson, treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma. He tolerated the last chemo treatment much better.

Stephanie DeStefano, diverticulitis.

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Elder on Call for August: Garth Hutchinson

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Karelle Pierre-Jacques
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	Larry Peterson & Pat Monteleone
Greeters: Back Entrance	Derrick & Brenda Busch
Information Center	Mary Collier
Ushers	Andy Mychajlowycz & Justin Guy
Shepherd's Call	Mike Broyles
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	TBA

Thank You!

Dear Pitman Road Family,

Larry and I would like to express our sincere thanks for all the beautiful 50th Wedding Anniversary card we received on our special day. Fifty years of marriage is a long time, milestone; but eternity is what we are shooting for.

With much love and appreciation, **Larry and Bert Kellum**

We recently received the following note from a Parke Place resident:

I want to thank you for the lovely Christmas gift bag that you gave to me. Even though I appreciate the gift bag, I appreciate more you coming to the Terraces each Sunday. I read my "Upper Room" each day and also a devotional that a friend gave to me. It is still you coming each Sunday that starts my week. You let your light shine each Sunday. Thank you again and God bless you.
In Christian love, **Betty Gonos**

Request

If anyone has a baby monitor they no longer need, please email Cordelia Holmes: raycorky@hotmail.com.

Coming Soon!



Area Wide Women's Event

Overbrook Park Church of Christ is hosting "I Am Light" L.I.F.T. Celebration of Sisterhood on September 8, 2018, 9 am to 2 pm.

Join L.I.F.T. Ministry for prayer, fellowship, tea time, workshops, lunch, and a very special presentation by "For Christian Girls."

See the event information on the bulletin board next to the library or go to

www.celebrationofsisterhoodconference.eventbrite.com

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