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# PITMAN ROAD POST

**Our Mission**

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



# THERE IS NO SENSE TO WHY THIS HAPPENED...

## FROM DANIEL'S DEN

Kobe Bryant, his daughter, Gigi, along with seven others tragically perished in a helicopter accident on Sunday morning. While the names of all the others were not household names, we all recognize the name of Kobe, a basketball superstar. One of the greatest athletes in America, ever! His life cut short at the age of 41 - gone too soon. The lives of all nine people that died in that crash mattered. They were loved deeply by family and friends. Three young girls and the people that would protect them at all cost snatched from this life so quickly. It seems unreasonable that something so horrific could happen in a matter of minutes. Pretty certain that not one of them had this thought when they rolled out of bed on Sunday morning, "Today will be my last day to be alive." (I certainly did not have that thought this morning. Did you?) A practicing Catholic, Kobe and his daughter are reported to have gone to mass earlier in the day.



He had retired from his phenomenal basketball career, but his accomplishments as an entrepreneur/philanthropist were just as astonishing. He was still larger than life. He was not perfect, but he was a devoted husband, dad, coach, and encourager. He was making a positive difference in the lives of so many people. This heartbreaking accident has brought us all together. Black and white, rich and poor, young and not-so-young, sports fans and nerds, brick layers and scientists, devout believers and skeptics...we are united in our shock and grief. This sad misfortune is a sobering reminder of the truthfulness of the scripture that I had shared at a funeral less than 24 hours earlier.

"Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"—yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes." (James 4:13-14)

The last two funerals I was asked to officiate are fresh in my mind. One young woman was 29 and had two small children when she passed. The other was a man my age, with four grown children and 10 grandchildren who called him "Pop-Pop." Death is not reserved for only people in their 80's and 90's.

Tomorrow is not promised. Even finishing this day is not promised! If today were your last day, what would you want to be sure you did?

- 1) I'd want to be sure I started my day talking to God.
- 2) I'd want to be sure I started my day listening to God.
- 3) I'd want to be sure I kissed my wife before I left the house (even if she was still asleep).
- 4) I'd want to be sure I spread the love of Jesus by doing good. (A smile, an encouraging word, or a cup of coffee for the person behind me. I certainly would not want it to be a political post!)
- 5) And, if I died on a Sunday, I'd want to be sure I'd gone to church on Sunday morning.

John Gray Writer just said, "There is no sense to why this happened, but we can find purpose in the loss." Find purpose in this shocking loss, by joining me in committing to be a better person.

- **Dan the Connections Man**

*In Loving Memory of Those Loved and Lost*



Kobe and  
Gianna Bryant

John and Keri  
Altobelli

Alyssa  
Altobelli

Christina  
Mauser

Sarah and  
Payton Chester

Ara  
Zobayan

# REMEMBER, EDUCATE, CELEBRATE.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH



### "SOUPER" SUNDAY PARTY


#### TODAY After Worship in the Family Life Center

All of our members and visitors are invited to attend our annual "Souper" Sunday Pre-Game Party! You are also welcome to attend a Super Bowl House Party to watch the game tonight. If you're interested in either of these, check the Welcome Center for more information!



Thank you to all who volunteered for Family Promise this past January.

Our next host week will be April 5 – April 12.





## REFUGE

**Sunday, February 16**

Light Refreshments at **6:00 pm**  
 Refuge Begins at **7:00 pm**

*Here at Pitman Road*

**ALL ARE WELCOME. COME AS YOU ARE.**

### BOOK CLUB

The next Women's Book Club will be meeting in March! The book that they will be discussing is **Becoming Mrs. Lewis** by **Patti Callahan**. Get your book or eBook (Amazon, Barnes and Noble, etc.) and start reading today!

### WINTERFEST 2020

Anyone interested in sponsoring or partially sponsoring a teen for Winterfest, please see **Tim Davis**. A full sponsorship is **\$185.00**, and they will leave on **Thursday February 13**.

Thank you for your support of this spiritual weekend as well as the youth ministry!

Will you be  
joining us or  
continuing as a

## Secret Sister?

If you are interested in becoming a Secret Sister this year, or if you are already one but would like to edit or add to your S.S. form, **PLEASE see Dottie ASAP!**

*See Welcome Center for More Information*

### CAMP MANATAWNY



Summer Session Early Bird  
 Registration - Deadline #1  
**Saturday, February 29, 2020**

Register by this date for Summer Sessions to get **\$26 off** plus a **free t-shirt!**

### STOP BY THE WELCOME CENTER

**Make sure to stop by the Welcome Center counter every Sunday to stay up to date!**

There you will find the monthly calendar, LIFE Group information, the Family Promise Host Week schedule, the monthly Ghana report, more information on upcoming scheduled events, important announcements, and MORE!



## BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW TEXT

**(Genesis 1:26-27)** All human beings are equally created in the image and likeness of God.

**(John 3:16)** ALL ethnic groups.

**(Deuteronomy 10:17; Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11; Ephesians 6:9)**  
God does not show partiality or favoritism.

**(James 2:4)** Those who discriminate...instead, love our neighbors as ourselves. **(James 2:8)**

**(Ephesians 2:14)** Dividing wall of hostility...destroyed!

**(John 13:34)**...love one another as He loves us.

**(Ephesians 4:32)** Be kind and compassionate to one another.

**\*(Galatians 3:28)**...for you are all one in Christ Jesus

Interesting Reading: "He's My Brother" By: John Perkins & Thomas A. Tarrants, III 3.8



## ONE IN CHRIST

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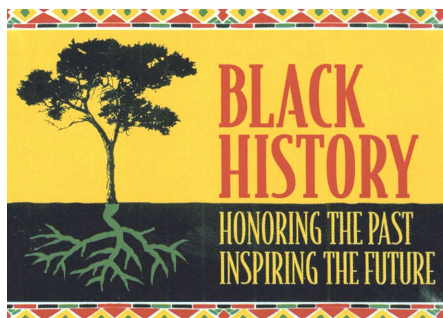
It is my understanding that in 1926 in the United States, Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced the second week of February to be "Negro History Week."

Following this monumental event, the leaders of the Black United Students at Kent State University in

February of 1969 proposed the expansion of Black History Week to Black History Month. In 1976, the United States Bicentennial, the expansion of Negro History Week to Black History Month was recognized by the U.S. government. President Gerald Ford urged Americans to take this opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans throughout our history. Giving honor to whom honor is due (Romans 13:7).

What comes to mind when you contemplate the significance of Black History Month? Do the adjectives resilient, courageous, and unjust come to mind? Perhaps racism, prejudice, and discrimination come to mind? Have we as the body of Christ developed and accepted a biblical worldview that confronts present and past racism, prejudice, injustice and discrimination? Does this topic bother you...honestly? Let me be very clear, it is not my attempt to cover all of the dynamics and factors that contribute to the magnitude of this topic and its impact on the church. Here's the question, "Have we concluded as the body of Christ that racism, prejudice, discrimination and injustice have been resolved?" Have the above mentioned monumental acts of 1926, 1969 and the like created God's equality? Just think with me... have you asked an African American brother or sister, a Black brother or sister the significance of Barak Obama's rise to the Presidency? Mind you, his belief system and values are another issue.

Has satan surrendered his device of creating racial divides that have been effectively perpetuating disunity among God's people? When God's people at large seek to worship multi-culturally, as intended by God and reflective of His Kingdom, God is glorified! Do we resurrect satan's racial device by accepting the world's terminology when referring to ourselves by terms other than "the Church"? Are we still using the phrase "white church", or "black church" to describe the Church? Are we still using the term "normal" to describe or denote what's "right" or comfortable in church when our ethnic group is dominant numerically? Beware! What is "right" or "normal" can be merely a social construct. As Christians, we are called to view other Christians, and the Church, through God's eyes. - **Derrick Busch**



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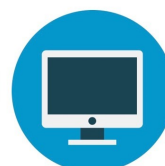
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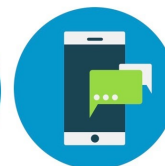
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