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Children's Ministry Meeting Sunday, October 11th

immediately following the worship service

There are some great plans for our
Children's Ministry this fall, but we need

YOUR involvement to make them happen!

If you are looking to plug into a ministry, there
is a place in the Children's Ministry for **YOU!**

If you are a teacher or volunteer, if you've
been a teacher or volunteer in the past, if you
are a young adult, senior saint, or somewhere

in between, this meeting is for **YOU!**

Lunch will be provided in the Young Adult
classroom and then we will move into the
Chapel for our meeting.

Please contact the church office if you plan to attend
so that we can plan lunch for everyone.

Coffeehouse Fellowship
Praise and Worship Experience

refuge

Sunday, October 4th
5:30-7:30 pm

You've heard about it...
now come and join the
Young Adult LIFE Group
and experience for yourself
an evening of relaxed
fellowship and praise!

All are welcome!

Coffee and light refreshments
will be served.

Our Vision

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

A Servant Speaks

Worship

During my 35 year teaching career, I was sometimes told by well-meaning parents how to do my job. This is understandable, given that everyone has gone to high school and therefore knows how it should be done.

As deacon of worship, I find myself in much the same position. I frequently entertain comments like, "I didn't know any of the songs; At our congregation back home, we did it this way; The Lord's Table is going too long; We need to get the preacher to the pulpit sooner; I love the singing during communion; I hate the singing during communion!"

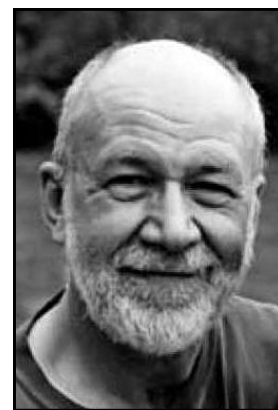
Susie and I first met on a boat. She and her mom were on a two-week cruise of the Galapagos Islands and I was their naturalist guide. We talked about many things on that trip but I remember Susie (18 at the time) telling me that her church "worshiped like they did in the first century." Being a non-practicing Catholic at the time, I was intrigued. I soon realized that wasn't the case. But the question remained: What does true worship look like?

Is it deeply reverent and quiet? Are we, like Moses, on holy ground? Should we bow prostrate as devout Muslims do? Is our attire important? Should we raise our hands and voices in loud shouts of praise? What is the purpose of our singing? Our communing around the Lord's Table? Our preaching?

Worship is about the grace of God being given to all of us through Jesus. His sacrifice puts all humans on equal terms. Recall that Jesus ate with sinners and healed the unclean. He called upon the religious leaders of his day to consider that God's grace was more important than their traditions. He fostered a new way of thinking about what it meant to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

This week, I ask you to reflect upon our worship together. Think about what it means to worship God and offer thanks and praise for the grace we receive through Jesus' sacrifice. And most importantly remember that as Matthew 22:37-40 suggests, it's not about us.

-Matt Downing



Matt Downing
Deacon over Worship

What does
true worship
look like?



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Carlos' Corner



Next week you will have a great opportunity. For a little over a year the young adults have enjoyed Refuge. It has been a wonderful time for renewing friendships and deepening our relationship with God. Up until now, Refuge has been an event directly geared towards young adults, but now we are excited to say that we would love for all of our members and friends to come and join us. Whether you are teenager, young adult, or any age adult, Refuge is for you. We also want you to know that we encourage you to invite neighbors, friends & family.

When you come to Refuge you can expect to experience great conversation with others, inspirational music, and the heart of God. And of course there will be great coffee! We hope to see you at Refuge next Sunday night.

Grace & Truth,
Carlos



Community Yard Sale

The Pitman Road church held a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, September 19. There were 18 vendors ; the proceeds from the fees for the table spaces were to be donated to help fund our costs for Family Promise host weeks. A total of \$300 was collected! Thank you to all who participated and to those who came out to support it. We are planning to do another yard sale in the spring of 2016! *-Jenn Pearl*

- *We also want to thank Jenn Pearl and all those who assisted her in making the yard sale a success!*

Thank You for Serving!



Trent and Troy Spencer working the barbeque grill last Sunday.

Thanks to all who worked to make our Annual Picnic a success last Sunday. About 150 members and guests attended and enjoyed great fellowship and food. Special thanks go to **Tony DeStefano, Harriet Wensel, JoAnn Ruhland, Ray Holmes,**

Larry and Lisa Peterson, Troy Spencer, and Dave Perine, for set up and clean up, cooking, and serving.

New Website is LIVE



Visit our NEW website!

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Our new website is LIVE now! Check it out! We have an up to date events calendar, bulletin postings, both audio and video versions of Sunday morning's messages, and you will be able to connect to our live stream of the worship service here each Sunday morning. Visitors can get to know who we are as a church better before they even arrive! Coming soon: e-giving and our Pitman Road Church app! And check out our mobile site; you can easily access our events calendar, bulletin, audio and video messages and live stream easily and quickly right from your phone.

You're Invited

to a musical production of



Please mark your calendars!

October 25th at 4:00 pm

Performance will be followed by a finger food reception.

Please invite your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers!

Printed invitations will be available soon!

See You at the Pole

We thank **Tim and Melody Davis** for coordinating the **See You At The Pole** prayer service last Wednesday night. It was a meaningful evening of prayer for our students, schools, teachers, and administrators. Thank you to all who participated in the time of prayer . You were a blessing to our students.



A chain of prayers and love was created for our students!



The elders pray over our students last Wednesday evening.

Family Promise Volunteers Needed



Our next **Family Promise** host week is October 4th-11th.

There are still many openings for volunteers! Please sign up **TODAY** in the foyer.

Contact Mary Collier if you need more information or have any questions.



Pitman Road Church of Christ
Monday Night Men's Bible Study
7:00 -8:00 PM in the Family Life Center
Coffee, fruit and snacks will be served.
The study of 2 Corinthians continues.

Bible Study

Come and Experience the Living Word



Miracle of Christmas at Sight and Sound

The money for the **Sight and Sound** bus trip to see **The Miracle of Christmas** is due by Sunday, September 19th. The date of the show is Saturday, November 14th. The cost is \$97 for adults, \$79 for teens (13-17) and \$56 for children (3-12). The cost includes bus, show and dinner at Shady Maple restaurant. **If you signed up for the show but are no longer interested please contact Brian Holden as soon as possible because there are people on the standby list.**

Brian Holden: email: bcholden94@hotmail.com
Cell: (856) 759-2542 Home: (856) 881-6792

Please Join Us For The Fun Fall Festival!

Saturday, October 17th

3:00—5:00 PM



Rain or Shine!



Games and activities for children ages 2—12!

This is a family event, so please plan to accompany your children through the activities and enjoy the afternoon together!

Please invite family, friends, and neighbors. Invitations are available at the Information Center.

Please Join Us For TRUNK OR TREAT!

Wednesday, October 28th

6:15—7:00 PM

Rain or Shine!

A safe, traffic free environment for your children to Trick or Treat!

Please accompany your children through the parking lot while they Trick or Treat.

Please invite family, friends, and neighbors. Invitations are available at the Information Center.



Our Sincere Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the **DeStefano** and **Musso** families on the passing of **Dreama Musso** last Sunday morning, September 20th. Dreama was Stephanie DeStefano's mom and Steve Musso's wife. Steve and Dreama were baptized here last April after a long and loving relationship with our church family.

Dreama's obituary tribute says, in part:

"Prior to her retirement, Dreama had been employed at Cumberland County Day Care for the State of New Jersey for 16 years and had worked caring for the developmentally disabled for over 20 years in total. She worshiped with her church family at the Church of Christ in Pitman and the Wellspring Church in Egg Harbor Township. In her free time, Dreama loved spending time outside gardening and feeding and watching the local birds especially, cardinals and hummingbirds. She loved to spend time with friends and family as well as spoiling her grandchildren. She always looked forward to her yearly vacation to Ocean City with her husband and family. In recent days, Dreama had gained a love of studying the bible and doing daily devotions with her family."

The funeral service was held this past Friday in Bridgeton with a luncheon here at the building. You may send card of condolence and care to:

Steve Musso, P.O. Box 57, Rosenhayn, NJ 08352 and Stephanie and Tony DeStefano, 415 Wilbur Ave., Hammononton, NJ 08037

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: For the great weather, food, and fellowship we enjoyed last Sunday at our annual picnic!

Prayers Requested:

Laura Ann Lindsey, Dave Lindsey's 92 year old mother, in hospice care. Prayers that she will take her rest in the arms of Jesus.

Sandy Blanchard, Robin Steward's mother, has completely lost her sight. We know that God can heal the blind. If that is not His will, please pray that Sandy can continue to live a faithful and active life.

Elizabeth Lazar requests prayers for the family of a 7th grade student how passed away, and for the students at the school who are coping with the loss.

Susan Morales, a mass under her sternum causing fluid build up in her chest.

Mila, young mother of 3, recovering from breast cancer surgery.

Albert Booker, Cordelia Holmes' brother, at home.

Jake Maurer, Debbie Maurer's son and the Britton's grandson, who is autistic, is in need prayers as he struggles to handle high school.

Charles Busch, tracheotomy

Anita O'Hara will be having gallbladder surgery on September 28th.

Alana Peterson, breast cancer treatment. Alana's last 2 chemo treatments have been rescheduled for Monday, Oct. 12 and Monday, Nov. 2.

Melody Schools, multiple health concerns.

Nancy Calabro, numerous serious health concerns.

Military:

Andrew Holden at West Point.

Doug Peterson III, deployed with Air Force

Expecting:

Brianne (Gelsinger) and Tom Lodado, October

Erin and Tommy McGrath, October. It's a boy!

Tim and Paige Holmes, January

NEW! Tyler and Katherine Steffe, January

Engaged:

Sean Fenton & Rebekah Lucien, April 16, 2016

Hope for the Holidays

*For those who are grieving
the loss of a loved one.*

Saturday, November 7, 2014

9:00 - 11:00 AM

Presented by Glynn and Debby Durham

Coffee and Donuts served at 8:30 AM

There is no cost to attend this seminar.

Registration is preferred, but not required.

**Please register by calling
the church office at 856-589-1500.**

Flyers are available at the Information Center.



CRUISIN' WITH A CAUSE

West Atco Youth in Action Inc.

invites you to attend our

1st Annual FUNdraiser

The Ben Franklin Yacht

Saturday, October 17th, 2015

Tickets: \$70.00/pp

For more information see the flyer insert or pick one up at the Information Center.

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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

7:00-7:45 PM Bible Classes

7:45 PM Fellowship

Last Week

Bible Class	129
Worship	232
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	63
Contribution	\$10,511.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$126,720.00
Contribution YTD	\$122,242.00
Under Budget	(\$4,478.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Brenda Peoples
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	Judi Campbell
Hall Monitor: Worship	Volunteer Needed
Greeters: Front Entrance	Anthony & Gwen Phillip
Greeters: Back Entrance	Derrick & Brenda Busch
Ushers	Waverly Hale & George Rowe
Information Desk	Linda Prenger
Shepherd's Call	Greg Krinks
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Carl Steiner

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	Broyles' at 5PM	609-561-8532
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7PM	856-217-3956
Paracletes	Church Bldg. Rm B1 at Noon	856-589-1500
Silver Linings	Krinks' at Noon	856-881-2039
Solid Gold	Lazar's at 6PM	856-223-1699
Teens	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
The Flock	Buchanan's at 5PM	856-229-1558
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6PM	856-839-0015
Women in the Word	Begins Oct. 6	
Young Adults	Captive Movie	850-814-6632

Elder on Call:

September/October: Dwight Thompson



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