

# **PITMAN** ROAD

# CHURCH OF CHRIST

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With Carlos and Dan beginning a month long series on sermons on prayer called "The Problem with Prayer," how can I spice up my prayer life? Can I add something fresh and different to my prayer life?

Why not start by changing the way you begin your prayer?

You can still start, "Our Father which are in heaven..."

Or... you can begin by addressing the father with one of the names used in the book of Psalms...



2:4	One Enthroned in Heaven	46:4	Most High	80:1	Shepherd of Israel
3:3	Shield	46:7	God of Jacob	80:4	Lord God Almighty
5:2	King	46:7	Fortress	82:8	Judge of the Earth
7:10	God Most High	47:2	Lord Most High	89:26	Father
7:11	Righteous Judge	47:2	King Over All the Earth	95:6	Maker
9:9	Refuge	47:9	God of Abraham	97:9	Most High Over All the
9:9	Stronghold	48:2	Great King		Earth
10:14	Helper of the Fatherless	48:14	Our Guide	106:20	Glory
18:1	Strength	50:1	Might One	113:5	One Enthroned On High
18:2	Rock	59:5	Lord God Almighty	118:7	My Helper
18:2	Deliverer	59:5	God of Israel	118:14	My Strength
18:2	Horn of My Salvation	59:10	Loving God	118:14	My Song
18:2	Stronghold	62:7	Mighty Rock	118:21	My Salvation
18:118	Support	65:5	Savior	119:114	My Refuge
22:3	The Holy One	65:5	The Hope of All the Earth	119:114	My Shield
22:3	Praise of Israel	68:5	Father to the Fatherless	121:4	He Who Watches Over
23:1	Shepherd	68:5	Defender of the Widows		Israel
27:1	Light	68:8	One of Sinai	124:8	Maker of Heaven and
27:1	Salvation	68:20	Sovereign Lord		Earth
28:8	Fortress of Salvation	71:5	Норе	132:5	Mighty One of Jacob
29:10	King Forever	71:5	My Confidence	140:7	Strong Deliver
32:7	Hiding Place	71:7	Strong Refuge	144:10	One Who Gives Victory
43:4	My Joy and My Delight	71:16	Sovereign Lord	146:6	Maker of Heaven and
46:1	Strength	71:22	Holy One of Israel		Earth
46:1	Ever-Present Help	76:11	The One to be Feared		

# From Daniel's Den

#### A Very Personal Question...How's Your Prayer Life?

Today we begin a series of lessons called, "The Problem with Prayer." How are you doing in the arena of prayer? Are you hot and cold? On again, off again? Consistent, then erratic? During this series of sermons we will be very personal and direct! Prayer is a problem!

What are one or two prayers that you know for certain God has answered in your life? Are you sure? What is a recent prayer of yours that God has answered? Who have you told about your answered prayers? Is there a prayer that God answered, and you now wish He hadn't answered?

The only tutorial the apostles ever requested was on prayer! They said, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). And, if the closest followers of Jesus needed direction with their prayer life, we certainly do, too! Lord, teach me to pray better prayers, to be more consistent in my prayer life! How do I start? Where do I start? Check out the front page for some good starting places.

Someone was recently asked, "What is the most common prayer in the Bible?" Their answer, "Lord, have mercy." Mercy for those who suffer. Mercy for those who sin. Mercy for those who suffer because of sin! We all need mercy. We pray for mercy. More than once I heard Steve Sikes simply pray, "Mercy, Lord, we just ask for mercy." Mercy when facing the terminal illness of a loved one? Mercy when facing the death of a loved one! Mercy when marriage is on the rocks. Mercy when our kids are hurting or in turmoil. Mercy, mercy, mercy!

This past week, my "Uncle Don" died suddenly while eating lunch at Perkin's. I pray for that God's mercy is showered upon his wife, his children and grandchildren. Mercy! Join me in prayer! Mercy for Millie. Mercy for Stephanie. Mercy for Steve. God, we pray for your tender mercy!

Holy God, be merciful to me, a sinner; Dan the Preacherman



Dan Cooper aka "Dan, Dan, the Preacherman"

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# Carlos' Corner

### Four Keys to Engaging Millennials God's Kingdom Vision

in Church Life, Word on the Street /by Burlap

Focusing on a survey about obtaining the "American Dream," millennials are described as optimistic and confident while concurrently seeking security in a world full of never-ending crises.

Where there is no room or discussion of God or faith, it is easy to point fingers at this self-centered mindset and label it as selfish and shallow, seeking meaningless experiences and treasures that won't last.

Upon further reflection, we see a large portion of the population looking for a "why" greater than themselves. In most cases, when the imagination is engaged and ignited, the heart will follow.

ziga "America is the best Babylon on the face of the earth, but it is still Babylon," says storyteller and author Tony Campolo. The mission of the church is to spread the good news of the kingdom of God, being a

people who together live out the love of Jesus through the power of the Spirit for the good of the world every single day.

To invite Millennials to seek first God's Great dream (Matt. 6.33) instead of the American Dream, which is steep with empire, the church needs to communicate our security in Christ in an ever-changing world through a lens of hope, not fear. Security, as you know, is not genuinely found in bank statements or retirement accounts – not even to a generation struggling to pay off school loans. Our security is grounded in the One who walks with us through the struggles and uncertainties of the daily grind.

Think about the courageous lives of the first followers of Jesus after the resurrection. Their security was not found in creature comforts but in proclaiming the radical good news of the coming kingdom for all people. Their security was found in their relationship with Christ and the hope that, no matter how bad things appeared, he was always with them.

In what ways can your church challenge the self-centered narrative of the American Dream with the meta-narrative of God's kingdom dream for all people? Here are some ideas...

- 1. Serve your community.
- 2. Give globally.
- 3. Encourage cooperation before competition.
- Don't be afraid.

The church needs to be creative in finding ways to share stories and engage new friends in the community with the vision of God's Great Dream. When the church quits dreaming, we forget Whose Story we're called to live.

Adapted - Article from: http://www.thinkburlap.com/four-keys-to-engaging-millennials-gods-kingdom-



### **PACK THE PULPIT** SUNDAY is NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>!

**TODAY!** The shopping list/bags are available in the fover.

Pack the Pulpit is our annual food drive for Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need at this time of the year.

Fill up your bag with the items on the list and bring it back for the worship service on the 22nd.

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 a turkey or pie for the baskets, please let Dottie know that as well. We want to meet or beat last years number of baskets so we will need at least 50 turkeys and pies.

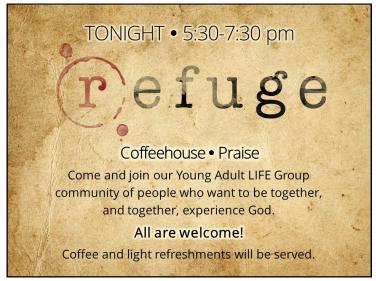
#### **BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY** would love

your participation! If you are willing to assist with this important outreach to visitors, please contact Mary Collier

at mpburrell766@gmail.com



grief and loss to prepare for the approaching holidays.





Sign up now at the Information Center to reserve your ticket for WAR ROOM.

**NEXT** Sunday, November 8th, at the Regal Cross Keys Stadium 12 theater 151 American Blvd. Turnersville, NJ 08012

Arrive at the theater between 2-2:15 PM.

The church has reserved a limited number of tickets for this showing, so sign up!

Tickets: \$7 for members.

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

Please sign up so you can be assured that you will have a ticket waiting for you at the theater when you arrive.

# Two Opportunities to Give Next Sunday, November 8th



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. We already help to support Timothy Hill Children's Ranch, a home for neglected and troubled boys and girls each month, but this is something extra that we do. 100% of all designated contributions on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 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 at \$12 per blanket 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. The numbers and the suffering is staggering. Over 20,000 Iraqis are in or near refugee camps in northern Iraq and have very specific and urgent needs. 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.

# MIRACLE

If you are going on the OF CHRISTMAS 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.

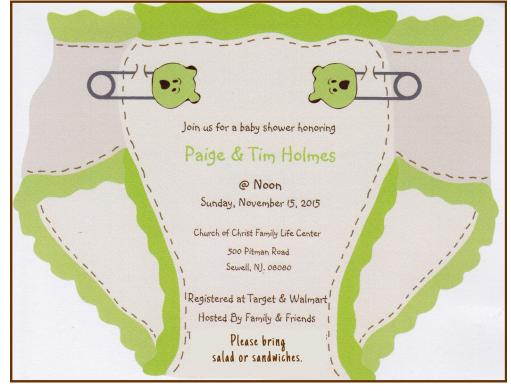
will give out tickets at that time and we will leave the church by 8:00am. Contact Brian **Holden** if you need additional information. H (856)881-6792 C (856)759-2542

# 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.





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.

# **HIStory**

We want to thank **Diana Hutchinson** and all of the other adults and young people who put in so much time and effort to put on a wonderful production of **HIStory** last Sunday! We don't have any photos to publish at this time, but we did want to acknowledge all those who participated.

# Trunk or Treat

In spite of the weather, we had a fun and well attended "indoor" Trunk or Treat last Wednesday! Once again Jenn and Aaron Pearl did an outstanding job of coordinating the meal, event, and activities! Aaron was able to have a bounce house/challenge course in our FLC again this year. Thanks to all of the adults who passed out treats, dressed up, and decorated. Some went all out! Although initially disappointed be indoors this year, many people said they liked this arrangement better! I certainly did not limit anyone's creativity! You can go to our Facebook page at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pitmanroadchurchofchrist">www.facebook.com/pitmanroadchurchofchrist</a> to view photos taken and shared with us by Gina Isaziga.



Young Pup **Bryson Spaeth** quickly got the hang of Trick or Treating as he carefully made his selection from Super Hero **Marlon Bundridge's** candy bowl!

# Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to **Carolyn Dargan** on the passing of her father on October 20th. Card can of condolence can be sent to the Dargan's address in the church directory. Please continue to pray for Carolyn's brother, Elijah, Jr.

# **Funeral Arrangements**

Funeral arrangement for **Calvin Holmes**, brother or **Cookie Holmes-Rowe** are as follows:

Friday, November 6th at Emmanuel Baptist Church 300 Higgins Dr., Glassboro

Viewing: 9-11:00 AM Funeral Service: 11:00 AM

# This Week's Prayer Requests

#### Praise:

We are thankful for a wonderful production of HIStory last Sunday and a well attended and fun Trunk or Treat last Wednesday!

#### **Prayers Requested:**

**Scott Hoffer,** 23, friend of Mallory Perine, fighting for his life after complication from a rare blood disorder and non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

April Sykes sustained a concussion after a bad fall.

Yvette Kenner, severe back pain

Lynne Sbaraglia, recovering from an auto accident

**Alana Peterson**, last chemo treatment on Monday.

**Millie Moore** will be having surgery on October to remove the plates that supported her wrist.

**Gladys Isaziga,** Carlos' mom, has been diagnosed with stage 1 breast cancer. There is also a suspicious spot on her lung.

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

Trudy Michael, stage 4 uterine cancer.

**Charles Busch,** as of this writing is 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:**

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

Tim and Paige Holmes, January

**Tyler and Katherine Steffy,** January

#### **Engaged:**

Sean Fenton & Rebekah Lucien, April 16, 2016

<u>Traveling:</u> About 20 of our member who are vacationing together on a cruise. Bon Voyage!

### **Our Ministers**

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Bua Briπon	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					

## Elder on Call:

November/December: Larry Point

#### 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 128 Worship 243 NA LIFE Groups Wednesday NA Contribution \$10,035.00 Fiscal YTD Goal \$179,520.00 Contribution YTD \$170,307.00 **Under Budget** (\$9,213.00)

# Serving Us Today

Nursery Kelly Spencer Kids For Christ Manny Vander Vennen Jr. Worship Brian Mansdoerfer Hall Monitor: Bible Class **Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed** Hall Monitor: Worship Greeters: Front Entrance Linda Kuznetzoff & Jerri Manfre Greeters: Back Entrance Glynn & Debby Durham Ushers Steve DePrince & Devon Wescott Information Center Kristy Romeo Shepherd's Call Dave Perine Song Leader Dwight Thompson Communion Larry Kellum, Jr.

# 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	TBA	
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7PM	856-217-3956
Paracletes	TBA	
Silver Linings	Cooper's at Noon	856-881-2039
Solid Gold	Britton's at 6PM	609-682-4502
Teens	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	Hale's at 6PM	856-839-0015
Women in the Word	Church Bldg., Tues.at 9:45AM	856-589-1500
Young Adults	REFUGE 5:30 PM	850-814-6632







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