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# PITMAN ROAD

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Honor to Whom Honor is Due



How does an elder go about retiring after 22 years of faithful service? There is no method clearly laid out in scripture, so this is how we did it last Sunday.

Larry Point stood before the congregation and announced that while he still loves the church deeply, and while he does not plan to move or attend elsewhere, due to health issues and reduced energy he feels a need to step down from his role as a shepherd. "This is a decision," Larry said, "that Fran and I have come to after much prayer."

I went back into the archives of *The Proclaimer*, and read the front page description of what had happened on January 5, 1994. On that date, also being the first Sunday of the year twenty two years ago, Larry Point, Tom Toy, and Greg Krinks were appointed as elders over this flock. (They joined the four elders already serving, Dwight Thompson, Jim Daniel, Frank Rizzuto, and John Rucker.) The bulletin article was captioned as follows: "Marvelous...Spectacular." On that day, fourteen prayers were offered; "there was a sense of reverence that was both exciting and sobering." Also on that day, Mike Broyles, Bill Mulligan, Tony De Stefano, Norm Prenger, and Gabe Vicks were appointed to serve as deacons to our church. Three of those men have since moved away. Two of them are still with us, serving faithfully in their respective areas of ministry.

This past Sunday, Larry Point completed twenty two years of official service as a shepherd to our church. Out of deep appreciation, the congregation gave Larry and Fran a standing ovation. The Apostle Paul said to extend "honor to whom honor is due" (Rom. 13:7), and in some small way, we all did that last Sunday. Please continue to look for ways to express your gratitude and appreciation, and to demonstrated your support to Larry and Fran as they deal with his Parkinson's disease diagnosis. **-Dan Cooper**



### **PLEASE-**

**Before you call the church office for information, check our bulletin, church emails, or the online version of the bulletin or event calendar on our website at [www.pitmanroadcoc.com](http://www.pitmanroadcoc.com).**

**Thank you for your cooperation! -Dan Cooper**

### **Our Vision**

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

# From Daniel's Den

## "Doctrinal Purity"

There are many reasons that I will miss Larry Point's presence in our Wednesday night elder's meetings. But, one of the primary things I will miss is his "bull dog" emphasis on doctrinal purity.

For those of you who do not know, Larry was not raised in the Churches of Christ. From birth until he was in law school, he was raised in a denominational church more typical of those found on "Main Street" in thousands of boroughs, villages, and towns across America today.

While in law school, he left his "hometown" church to become a member of the Churches of Christ. Years later, Larry told me that a relative, knowing he was returning to his hometown to practice law, asked him why he would leave the influential church in which he was raised to become a member of the little known Church of Christ. His response was classic. He simply said, "Doctrinal Purity." Why did he leave the church of his birth? Doctrinal purity. It is one of the things that sets us apart from the hundreds of others. Doctrine is very important. Larry was always careful to remind us of this fact: doctrine matters.

As shared elsewhere in the bulletin Larry and Fran have made the decision that it is time for him to retire. In characteristic Larry style, his comments were brief. In his extemporaneous comments last Sunday he announced that he is retiring because of health concerns. His retirement is effective as of 1/1/16. He continued by saying that he has complete trust in elders, ministers and office staff. Finally he said that he has complete faith in the congregation as he has from 1968 to present, because it has always had God as its #1 priority and followed Eph. 4:1-8 better than any group I knew or could imagine. Thanks to all for their help and trust.

My heartfelt response is, Larry, we thank you for all of your help and trust. Because of Jesus, we are one!  
- Dan the Preacherman



**Dan Cooper**  
*aka*  
**"Dan, Dan,**  
**the Preacherman"**

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**Dwight Thompson**  
*Elder*

We are  
grateful  
even though  
we all are  
imperfect and  
sinners...  
saved by the  
Grace of God.

## Shepherd's Voice

### COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Mary Lea and I have just returned from a trip which took us to Miami, FL (on business) and then on to see family (pleasure). On trips such as these I have time to gaze on the beauty of God's creation. I am so blessed. It reminds me of the old hymn, "Count Your Blessings, Name Them One by One." When I do this, I am always surprised and ask the question, "Why am I so blessed?"

We rented a car in Miami and drove to Panama City, FL, to be with our son and his family. They had no idea we were coming. We were able to surprise them by dropping in on them. It was our lovely daughter-in-law's birthday, Dec. 30. What a blessing. From there we travelled on to Nashville, TN and spent New Year's Eve with all of our daughter's family. (They knew we were coming.) Finally, leaving TN Sunday and driving home safely to NJ in our rented car and relaxing, thinking--HOW BLESSED WE WERE. We were with wonderful, healthy, talented family, all whom love the Lord. We shared time, prayer, laughter and food. We are grateful even though we all are imperfect and sinners, but sinners saved by the Grace of God. WE ARE SO BLESSED. I counted several blessings on that trip but could not name them all, one by one.

When thoughts come into our heads, we need to begin COUNTING. I know I need to dwell on Phil. 4:8 and let that be my controlling mind process. Check it out and see if you don't agree.

Missed all of you and so blessed to be home again. You are a special body of believers!!!!

Dwight

# Women's Ministry Meeting

**Sunday, January 24th**



**Ladies, mark your calendars and plan to attend this very important meeting immediately after the worship service!**

If you desire an active Women's Ministry that includes **greater spiritual growth, deeper fellowship, more social activities, and opportunities to serve each other and our community** we need you! Please plan to attend the scheduled meeting on Sunday, January 24, immediately after worship service. Lunch will be provided - a "baked potato bar" - at 11:45 am and we plan to end by 1:30 pm. Your attendance is **re-requested and needed** for this very important "kickoff" to the new Women's Ministry. Please sign the RSVP list in the Information Center - we need a count for lunch by Sunday, 1/17.

Please Note: In order to fully support the Women's Ministry, LIFE Groups will not meet on Sunday, 1/24. Men, if you have small children, please make plans to support your wife and encourage her attendance at this meeting. Childcare service is not planned, but if care is needed, please contact **Brenda Peoples** (856-728-0307) so that we can help facilitate your attendance. **We need you!**

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

**Katheryn Steffy's**

**Baby Shower**

AS WE WELCOME

**Truett Kent Steffy**

**TODAY AT NOON**

AT THE HOME OF  
GINA ISAZIGA

476 SALTER COURT  
GLASSBORO, NJ 08028

PLEASE BRING FINGER FOODS

REGISTERED AT:  
TARGET AND BABY'S-R-US

**TODAY, TORCH Missions** will be available before and after services to answer any questions about the **Honduras trip, July 2-14, 2016**. A brief video presentation will be shown in the auditorium prior to the worship service.

On **January 24th**, all TORCH Missions participants and anyone else who is interested in participating in the Honduras trip in July 2016 **are asked to attend a meeting** in the Young Adult classroom at 9:45am. Please contact **Tyler Steffy** with any questions.



**Family Promise Host Week begins NEXT SUNDAY January 17th-24th.**

WE NEED OUR MEMBERS TO HELP MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL WEEK FOR OUR GUESTS!

**VOLUNTEER POSITIONS ARE OPEN!**

Please see the clipboards in the foyer to sign up for open slots.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Collier at 215-888-0646.

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

***Souper Super Sunday Pre-Game Party!***

**Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> in the Family Life Center**  
*immediately following the worship service.*

**All of our members and guests are invited to attend our annual "Souper" Sunday Pre-Game Party!**

It doesn't matter whether your team made it to the big game or not... there will be food, fun, & fellowship for all!

Members are asked to bring, soup, chili, or sandwiches, enough for your family and to share.

**Please bring all hot food pre-heated!**

Beverages will be provided.

Desserts will be provided by ministers', elders', and deacons' wives.

Questions? Please see Tony or Stephanie DeStefano



## Memorial and Honor Gifts



**Looking for a great way honor or memorialize a friend?** When we began planning and praying about our building project ten years ago, we designated "The Expansion

Fund" as a way for members and friends to make special monetary gifts towards our new property and building, with the opportunity to honor or memorialize loved ones and friends. After we moved into our building, we continued to offer this program. Recently, we have changed the designation of the fund from the Expansion Fund to the Capital Fund, but it serves the same purpose. The fund allows us to take on special or unplanned projects around the building that have not been included in our annual budget.

Find enclosed today the listing of those who have been honored or remembered in 2015. If you feel inclined to help us get our list started for 2016, this would be a great time to begin! Simply write your check to the Pitman Road Church of Christ, and on the memo section of your check you can add "Capital Fund" or "Expansion Fund" and list the name(s) of the people you want to recognize. To make sure those individuals are notified of your gift, forms are strategically placed in the foyer, allowing you to provide their contact information. **To God be the Glory, -Dan**

### Bring Your Own Craft Day

Saturday, January 23rd

Noon to 5:00 PM

in the Family Life Center

Snacks are provided!

Hope to see you there!



## Mike Buchanan Sworn In

As his children hold his Bible, and his faithful wife, **Casey**, stands by his side, **Mike Buchanan** is sworn in as an Independent Member of Council in Berlin this past week. God willing, he will serve a three year term. Mike, we will all be praying for you, as we do for all of our local, county, state and federal officials. God's word instructs us to pray for our leaders (1 Tim. 2:1-2 and Romans 13:1-7).

**To God be the Glory,  
-Dan**



## Attention Secret Sisters



### Getting Ready for 2016!

**I need to know a couple of important things right now to help me prepare.**

- 1.) If you are NOT continuing with Secret Sisters, please let me know right away.
- 2.) If you are not a Secret Sister and would like to join, or if you need to update your information, please see me for a questionnaire.

### Party Information:

**Date:** Saturday, February 13th **Time:** 1:00pm

**Location:** The home of Sandy Sheehan,  
4 Parker Lane, Williamstown, NJ 08094

**What to bring?** Your favorite finger food and your "revealing" gift for your Secret Sister.

**Please note:** If you are not able to attend the party please be sure to give your gift for your Secret Sister to Sandy or me. It is no fun for any person to be left out.

**Thank you so much for your support of the Secret Sister Program. -Dottie**

Northeast Baltimore Bible Institute and College  
is sponsoring **Ladies of Virtue**

*Continuing the Journey: A Woman After Christ's Heart*  
March 4-5, 2016

For information and registration go to

[www.VirtueinChrist.org](http://www.VirtueinChrist.org)

## New Birth



**Kathlynn Lamorgia** was baptized this past Wednesday afternoon. Kathlynn, who is from Williamstown, completed two correspondence courses with the Madison church in Alabama, who then connected her with the Pitman Road church. Glynn had several Bible studies with Kathlynn, and

after that, she chose to be obedient to the gospel and was immersed into Christ! Her baptism was witnessed by several of us who were in the building, as well as Kathlynn's son Mark. We hope you will get an opportunity to know Kat (as she likes to be called).

Congratulations Kat and welcome to the family of God!

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to **Shango and Stephanie McDuffy** on the untimely death of their son, **Jared**, 25. Shango is the son of the late Louis and Ruth McDuffy, who were faithful members here. Many years ago, while Lewis was still living and serving as one of our deacons, Lewis and Ruth frequently brought their grandson, Jared, to church with them.

Services were held yesterday. If you would like to send a card of condolence, you may send it to:  
Shango and Stephanie McDuffy, 136 Queen Ave.,  
Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097.

## Responses to the Invitation

**David Darrah** came forward requesting prayers for **Sandra Marti and her family**, a member of the Clayton church whose husband passed away tragically.

**Julie Church** requested prayers for her daughter who has been hospitalized in serious condition for an extended period of time. Among other things, she has a collapsed lung, and at the time of Julie's request, the doctors had been unable to reinflate it.

**Karrelle Pierre-Jacques** requested prayers as she deals with "life crushing" pressures she is facing.

## This Week's Prayer Requests

### Praises:

Thanking God that our year has begun with a new birth! (See left.)

### Prayers Requested:

**Rachel Stetser**, mastectomy surgery on January 29th.

**Glynn Durham**, surgery for stomach cancer, date TBD.

**Barbara Perry**, simultaneous chemotherapy and radiation treatment.

**Dorice E. Mitchell**, Katherine Cooper's dad, congestive heart failure and progressively weakening heart.

**Alana Peterson**, recovering well from surgery.

**Gwen Phillip**, chemotherapy for breast cancer.

**Monet Darisow**, Lucy Fair's granddaughter, severe case of lupus.

**JoAnne Darrah** requests our continued prayers for her recovery. She is improving slowly.

**Marty Harrison**, Linda Prenger's sister, diagnosed with cancer.

**Gladys Isaziga**, Carlos' mom, chemotherapy

**Nancy Calabro**, numerous health concerns.

### Military:

**Andrew Holden** at West Point.

**Doug Peterson III**, deployed with Air Force

### Expecting:

**Tim and Paige Holmes**, January

**Tyler and Katherine Steffy**, February 2, 2016

### Engaged:

**Sean Fenton & Rebekah Lucien**, April 16, 2016

**Mallory Perine & Brandon Keeks**, September 17, 2016

**Jonathan Hooley & Mary Bernadette McElroy**

### Traveling:

**Paul Stanford**

## ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING

As a nonprofit organization, recognized by the state of New Jersey as a tax exempt corporation, the state of NJ mandates that we meet annually. That being the case, our elders have selected the first Sunday of each February as the date for our annual meeting. Please consider this your written notification of our church's annual meeting, traditionally held on Super Bowl Sunday each year. If you are an active member of the Pitman Road Church of Christ, and in good standing, please consider yourself informed and invited of the **Pitman Church of Christ's annual corporate meeting, this year on Feb. 7, immediately after morning worship assembly.**

## Our Ministers

### Evangelist

**Dan Cooper**.....dcooper@coChrist.org

### Minister

**Carlos Isaziga** .....cisaziga@coChrist.org

### Visitation Minister

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## Office Staff

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## Our Elders

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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

5:30-6:30 PM Meal

7:00-7:45 PM Bible Classes

7:45 PM Fellowship

## Last Week

Bible Class	134
Worship	224
LIFE Groups	67
Wednesday	83
Contribution	\$9,453.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$285,120.00
Contribution YTD	\$272,277.00
Under Budget	(\$12,843.00)

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Diana Hutchinson
Kids For Christ	Robin Steward
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Hall Monitor: Worship	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Greeters: Front Entrance	Ron Dargan & Mike Lazar
Greeters: Back Entrance	Denise Rulli & Mandy Mansdoerfer
Ushers	John Peoples & Anthony Phillip
Information Center	Mary Lea Thompson
Shepherd's Call	Dave Perine
Song Leader	Matt Downing
Communion	Cory Peoples

## 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	Not Meeting	
Hammonton Group	TBA	
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7PM	856-217-3956
Paracletes	Church Building at Noon	484-886-5349
Silver Linings	Women-Baby Shower/Men-Nick's	
Solid Gold	Hightower's at 6PM	856-769-2789
Teens	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6PM	856-839-0015
Women in the Word	Church Bldg., Tues. at 9:45AM	856-589-1500
Young Adults	Women-Baby Shower/Men- B-2	850-814-6632

## Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: Dan Cooper

Menu: Shepherd's Pie

## Elder on Call:

January/February: Mike Broyles



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