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Special PRCOC Event!

RISEN

TWO Weeks from today:
Sunday, February 28, 2016

Immediately after worship we will share a pizza lunch in the Family Life Center
then depart in your own transportation and meet at

Regal Cross Keys Stadium 12 Theater, 151 American Blvd., Turnersville, NJ 08012.
12:45 PM Arrival Time—Film Begins at 1:00 PM

- Sign up NOW at the table in the foyer for your & your guests, pay for your tickets, and receive your vouchers. Thanks to our newest members Andy and Donna for coordinating the ticket sales today and next Sunday.
- Ticket voucher needed for a ticket at the theater and entrance to the movie.
- Tickets are \$10 for members, visitors are free. If possible, we ask members cover the cost tickets for their guests.
- This film is rated PG-13 and has a running time of 1hr. & 47min.

***RISEN** is the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius, a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aide, Lucius are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion, in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem.*



We want to be **a place where God's love is experienced, known, and shared by all.** So please take advantage of this great opportunity to invite a friend to church, lunch, and a movie, and to share the amazing story of the Resurrection of Jesus!

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

"They Turned the World Upside Down!"

What an accusation...or compliment! Paul and Silas were in the ancient city of Thessalonica and they caused a huge stir! (See Acts 17:1-9). To put this matter into everyday language, they caused a riot! What caused the riot? They declared "it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead." It was counterintuitive. It was countercultural! Wisdom of the day calculated that the Messiah should be crowned as the king, but this Messiah suffered and was killed. Paul and Silas went on to say, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ."

So, what was the response to their message? Some were "jealous" of the influence that Paul and Silas had and caused an "uproar!" But, many others were persuaded that Christ was the Messiah, including "a great number of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women." The spirit filled words of Paul and Silas led to this accusation: "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also..." They were an unstoppable force for Christ!

Ultimately, Paul and Silas escaped the city under the cover of darkness! (Acts 17:10-15) But, their narrow escape did not stop them from sharing. They simply went to the next city, Athens, and there they boldly proclaimed the truth about the "unknown God" (Acts 17:22). They were unstoppable!

That accusation, that they turned the world upside down...well, this is my proposal...in reality... they turned the world right side up! And that is what the church is really about...the church is designed by God to make things right. We are ministers of reconciliation. We help people experience, know and share God's love. We meet others where they are, and together, we are transformed into the image of Christ.

The Church, God's vehicle to turn the world right side up, **Dan the Preacherman**



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Mike Broyles
Elder

"Lord, I don't
want to be
discouraged.
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Help me!"

Shepherd's Voice

Transform: Choose Encouragement

How could Chuck Swindoll know exactly what I was feeling? The message on my car radio hit close to home. Pressures at work, changes at church, children at college, loved ones hurting, another New Year's resolution. I was discouraged. And there was a message I needed to hear.

Nehemiah chapter 4 tells of a people growing tired of their project and getting discouraged. If not addressed, discouragement is contagious. Ouch! I reflected long on that statement. I thought, "Lord, I don't want to be discouraged. I don't want to be a discourager. Help me!"

A lesson on the causes and cures for discouragement followed. Causes: loss of energy, being overworked; loss of vision, focusing on messy distractions; loss of confidence, feeling not capable; loss of heart, losing motivation; loss of security, being scared. *What a list!* That combination could discourage almost anyone.

But there was good news. Discouragement *can be* fixed. Cures: rest, spend time with family; direct attention to the Lord and His greatness, not the mess; maintain a balance, best accomplished when we each do our part; look for a rallying point with others; hang and partner with encouragers; serve, get involved in the lives of others. *What a list!* This combination could *encourage* almost anyone.

After this lesson I thought, "God knows just what I need and when I need it" and, "Which of those lists above is me?" That was the struggle for the Jews rebuilding the wall, and it is our struggle today. Alone, I fall into that first list. Walking with the Spirit, and this church family, I grab hold of the second. It's not by chance that our mission statement includes "...and together, be transformed..."

"God, help me live a life consistent with Philippians 4:4-8, 1 Thessalonians 5:11 and Hebrews 3:13. Help me to choose encouragement."

Blessings, **Mike Broyles**

Bread of Life Ministry



The **Bread of Life Ministry** is still in need of volunteers from our membership to cover the upcoming months for the rest of the year. Volunteer bakers are needed sign up for one month

each to bake bread, only six loaves for each Sunday in their month. Volunteers are also needed to sign up for one month each to pass out bread to our honored guests each Sunday of their month. Remember you only have to volunteer for one month of service for the year! Contact Mary Collier with questions or to volunteer.

Women's Movie Night!



Ladies Movie Night

Our featured movie is
MOM'S NIGHT OUT

Saturday, February 27th
in our auditorium

Admission: One Pantry Item

Sign up at Information Center.
A list of pantry items is available there.

Doors open at 6pm
Movie begins at 7pm

Dress Code:
Pajamas welcome!

Popcorn and Movie
Snacks will be
provided!

New Logo Shirts



Did you see the new logo shirts that Dan and Steve PJ wore last Sunday? Would you like to order one for yourself or a friend? They cost \$25 each, and come in sizes of S / M / L / XL / XXL.

If you would like to order one, please see Dottie in the church office. We will place an order in the next two weeks and shipment should be by the middle of March.

Brotherly, **Dan**

NEXT Sunday



Women's Ministry News



We have two more opportunities for women to get involved with ministry through our renewed Women's Ministry!

NEW! Prayer Quilt Ministry

Although we've been blessing people with prayer quilts for many years, the Women's Ministry is now making a more intentional effort to organize and grow this ministry! Here's an opportunity for you to get involved! Women are needed to fill these important roles:

- Contact person to work with Phyllis Walker to coordinate the creation of quilts.
- Women who will cut fabric for the quilts.
- Women who will serve as seamstresses to sew quilts.

There is a sign up sheet at the Information Center or contact **Brenda Peoples or Andrea Olley**.

Library Volunteers

Women are needed to staff our church's library. Contact **Lynn Sbaraglia** to volunteer.

Thank You!

Very special thanks go to Tony and **Stephanie DeStefano, Larry and Lisa Peterson, Harriet Wensel, and Cindy Holden** for coordinating our "Souper" Super Sunday Pre-game Party, as well as all those who brought food and pitched in to help. Many of us look forward to this annual event and we appreciate all of the work these individuals put in to make it a great event!

Thanks go to those families that hosted Super Bowl parties in their homes: the **Boyles, Coopers, Davises, Isazigas, and Walkers**. Thank you for showing hospitality!



Marriage Enrichment

Mike and Casey Buchanan have registered for, and invite you to attend, three hour marriage enrichment seminar for next Saturday, February 20th, 4:00- 7:00 PM at Hope United Methodist Church 700 Cooper Road, Voorhees, NJ 08043 Phone: 856-751-4673



Forever

It's the most important promise we make. Our relationship with our spouse can be both challenging and rewarding! Join us for a catered dinner as we laugh, discuss and grow into what it means to 'do marriage' with each other and God.

The \$35/couple cost includes seminar and dinner. Childcare is available at \$5/child (BYO kids meal) Register today on Hope's website: <http://www.meethope.org/forever-a-marriage-event/>

UNSTOPPABLE



The enemy has attempted to stop the movement of the church through the ages. Some might even feel like presently God's movement is being stopped. God's movement has never grown more than when it has been under pressure. Why? **The Holy Spirit is unstoppable, making you unstoppable.**

Last Sunday we began the our new sermon series UNSTOPPABLE. As we journey through the book of Acts, Carlos challenged us to:

- Make room for the Holy Spirit in your life.
- Read through the book of Acts between now and Easter.
- Help a stranger meet Jesus.
- Interact with us and share your journey through the book of Acts by joining the UNSTOPPABLE Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/UNSTOPPABLE.PRCOC/>

Support for Mission Trips



One of our most evangelistic and servant hearted members, is...very appropriately... our deacon over World Missions. Please pray for **Carl Steiner** as he leaves tomorrow for a mission trip to Haiti. He is not going alone, but will be joining up with a team of seven others. They will return on Feb. 23rd, God willing. Carl and the team

are very intentionally working to be about the great commission and to accomplish our mission of meeting others where they are and together being transformed into the image of Christ. **There is still need for financial support, and if you would like to make a donation you can write out your check to Pitman Road Church of Christ and on the memo section simply add: Haiti Mission Trip.**

My name is **Amanda I. Rodriguez**; I'm the daughter of **Rebecca Cruz**. I am currently a freshman at Eastern University. I will be taking part in the **2016 Bolivia Service-Learning Trip**.



The group leaves to Bolivia on May 9, 2016 and returns to the U.S. on May 23, 2016. We will be participating in and supporting the work of **A Breeze of Hope** and **MAP International in Bolivia**. A Breeze of Hope provides technical assistance to organizations that work with early childhood development and sexual violence, and assists them in resource development. They also have the only center in Bolivia that provides free legal, social, and psychological services to child victims of sexual violence. The center was started by Eastern graduate, Brisa De Angulo, and has offered free services to over 1,200 children and their families. MAP International takes a holistic approach to community development, especially early childhood development, and has been working in Bolivia for over 25 years to bring hope and health to oppressed communities.

This year, each of us needs to raise \$1,900 to go on the trip. **If you would like to support us financially, please write a check payable to A Breeze of Hope with "Bolivia" in the for/memo line and send it to A Breeze of Hope, P.O. Box 148 Essington, PA 19029. Please include with the check a note specifying that the support is for (Amanda I. Rodriguez). Also, please keep us in your prayers, because prayer is the greatest form of support.**

Thank you in advance for your prayers and support!
Sincerely, Amanda I. Rodriguez

This is condensed from Amanda's full letter to us. If you would like a copy with more details, you can get one at the Information Center.

More New Babies!



This past Tuesday afternoon, February 9th, **Alexa (Rinner) and Marshall Price** welcomed their daughter, **Wylee Rose**, into the world! Wylee weighed in at 7 lbs.-3oz. Mother and baby are doing well. The new family lives in Arkansas. Congratulations to Alexa and Marshall as well as **Uncle Tony and Aunt Stephanie DeStefano, Uncle Anthony and Aunt Hope DeStefano, Aunt Katelyn DeStefano, and Aunt Nicole**

AND less than 24 hours later, on Wednesday morning, February 10th, after more days of waiting than they expected, **Tyler and Kathryn Steffy** welcomed their son, **Truett Kent!** Truett is 8lbs.- 6oz.



and 21" long. Mother and son are doing well. Congratulations Tyler and Kathryn! We can't wait to meet Truett and welcome him into our Pitman Road family!

These events are coming up in March. Mark your calendars! More details to come.

Sunday, March 6:

REFUGE at 5:30-7:30 PM

Saturday March 12:

Senior Saints Dinner at 6:00-8:00 PM

Sunday, March 13:

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Kid's Egg Hunt at 12:00 PM

Button Club at 2:00 PM

Saturday, March 19:

Bring Your Own Craft Day at 12:00 PM-5:00 PM

Sunday, March 20:

SPRING BEGINS!

MED Meeting at 12:00-2:00 PM

Sunday, March 27:

Easter Sunday



Thank You for Your Support

To My Church Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful flowers at my mom's funeral. They provided comfort from afar. Thank you also for the cards, messages, and prayers provided generously during this time.

-Sherri Herndon

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praises: **Mary Collier** did not have a blood clot in her lung. Thanking God for that and for a change in her medication.

Praising God for two more healthy babies! (See left.)

Prayers Requested:

Charles Busch, his vital organs are shutting down, family has made the decision to end treatment. The Busch family asks for your continued prayer for Charles' freedom from pain and his dignity.

Glynn Durham, recovering at home, oncologist appointment on Wednesday.

Doug Murray, Florence's son and Dottie's brother has been diagnosed with kidney cancer. Due to his stroke treatment is complicated and undetermined at this time.

Connie Dinshah was released from her job, after 17 years. Obviously, she is hurt, upset and had no warning. Our prayers are requested as she adjusts to this abrupt change and makes plans for the future.

Gwen Phillip, chemo treatments complete, next steps are surgery and radiation. She's struggling with neuropathy in her hands and feet.

Rachel Stetser, recovering from mastectomy surgery.

Alana Peterson, radiation treatments.

Barbara Perry, simultaneous chemotherapy and radiation treatment.

Gladys Isaziga, Carlos' mom, chemotherapy.

Edward Gandolfi, biopsy results within next two weeks.

Steve Musso, in Health South Rehab in Vineland recovering from a brain bleed caused by a fall.

Anitra Rowe, possible stroke, multiple sclerosis

Greg DuBois, friend of Dawn Smith, serious car accident, moved from critical to stable condition.

Nancy Calabro, numerous health concerns.

Military:

Andrew Holden at West Point.

Doug Peterson III, deployed with Air Force

Engaged:

Sean Fenton & Rebekah Lucien, April 16, 2016

Mallory Perine & Brandon Keeks, September 17, 2016

Jonathan Hooley & Mary Bernadette McElroy

Traveling:

Paul Stanford

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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	145
Worship	262
LIFE Groups	93
Wednesday	62
Contribution	\$15,207
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$337,920.00
Contribution YTD	\$321,126.00
Under Budget	(\$16,794.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Becky Vander Vennen
Kids For Christ	Carla Clements
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	
Hall Monitor: Worship	
Greeters: Front Entrance	Anita O'Hara & Adam Cerquoni
Greeters: Back Entrance	Garth & Diana Hutchinson
Ushers	Jonathan Hooley & Kareem Lazurus
Information Center	Linda Prenger
Shepherd's Call	Horatio Fenton
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Brian Holden

L.I.F.E. Group Locations Today

Group	Location	Contact
Brook Besor	TBA	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	Not Meeting	
Marriage Mentoring	Buchanan's at 4PM	856-229-1558
Men's Bible Study	Winter Hiatus	
Paracletes	TBD - See Manny	484-886-5349
Silver Linings	Cooper's at Noon	856-881-2039
Solid Gold	Not Meeting	
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	Isaziga's at Noon	850-814-6632

Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: Harriet Wensel, Judi Campbell, JoAnn Ruland

Menu: Sandwiches

Elder on Call:

January/February: Mike Broyles



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