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Special Bible Class **NEXT** Sunday, March 6th



Next Sunday, **Rabbi Jordan (Jordi) Gendra**, of Congregation B'Nai Tikvah-Beth Israel will return to share his knowledge and teaching expertise with us once again!

- **Rabbi Jordi will discuss the origins of the Passover meal from the Bible, how the Seder Service is observed today, and how it has evolved.**
- **He will have matzah, a form of unleavened bread, to share.**
- **He will also have a handout for all present, enlightening us on the Jewish tradition of "grace" after the meal.**

Join us for Munchkin Ministry at 8:30 AM for bagels, munchkins, coffee, tea, and juice. Combined teen and adult class will begin promptly at 9:00 AM and conclude at 9:45 AM.

See inside on page 3 for information about today's RISEN event schedule!

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Unstoppable...BUT...“Houston, We’ve Had a Problem!”

Our Sunday morning sermon series is highlighting the unstoppable nature of the first century church! Still, in those earliest decades, Christians felt anything but unstoppable. They felt vulnerable. They were at risk! They were mocked! They were persecuted! They were going against the flow! They were minimized and attacked by the Roman government. They were minimized and attacked by the religious leaders within Judaism. And finally, they were minimized and attacked by both the academic community and by the pagan / idolatrous philosophers around them.

After a very exciting birth (Acts 1 & 2), and staggering church growth in the first decade or two, many Christians were likely asking the same question as those three astronauts on Apollo 13 were asking themselves on Saturday, April 11, 1970---46 years ago! Are we going to make it? What is going to happen next? Are we going to die? Those first century Christians were not only being marginalized, they were being persecuted! None the less, they kept spreading the word about this crucified, but “Risen” Christ.

In spite of their life and death struggle, Christianity flourished throughout the first century and into the second and third centuries! Why did it flourish? The Risen Christ attracted believers! Changed lives, lives that had been impacted by this “Risen” Messiah, attracted others to follow Him. A changed life is hard to argue with! When a man or woman has been transformed from who they were to Christ follower, that is downright attractive! A resurrected Christ without a repentant believer is repulsive! Disgusting hypocrisy! A transformed life is like a magnet! God now “commands all men everywhere to repent” (Acts 17:30)!

When we live a penitent / transformed life, we become the 67th book of the Bible. And, the 67th book of the Bible is the only book of the Bible that most of your non-Christian friends read!

I am the 67th book of the Bible, *Dan the Preacherman*



Dan Cooper
aka
“Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman”

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Chuck Olley
Deacon, Teen Ministry

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preparing ourselves to meet our Father in Heaven, and preparing others to do the same.

A Servant Speaks

A note from the Captain: “What’s my purpose here on this earth?”

We don’t always see the purpose of what we’re going thru, but GOD has one.

For those of you reading this who don’t know me, I am a tugboat captain. I spend a lot of time away from my family, including my church family. I travel up and down the eastern seaboard doing different marine jobs; there are periods of down time that allow me to think about life. I remember a tow I made from NY to Texas. As I made my way across the middle of the Gulf of Mexico I happened to look at the depth finder. It wasn’t reading the bottom at its deepest setting. I looked at our position on the chart and realized we were traveling in water over 2 miles deep. Wow! Talk about feeling small. It’s times like that you really think about your purpose in life.

Just after that trip I read Rick Warren’s book ***A Purpose Driven Life***. Day 3 of the book is titled “What Drives Your Life.” This chapter talks about 5 benefits to Purpose Driven Living.

Knowing your purpose:

1. gives meaning to your life.
2. simplifies your life.
3. focuses your life
4. motivates your life.
5. prepares you for eternity.

In the years that have passed since that trip, I’ve seen God’s hand at work over and over again showing me glimpses of my purpose. Those glimpses encourage me to INTENTIONALLY have a Purpose Driven Life. Our purpose on this earth should be this: preparing ourselves to meet our Father in Heaven, and preparing others to do the same.

God could ask us a couple questions when we meet Him:

1. What did you do with my Son, Jesus Christ? In your Purpose Driven Living did you share HIM?
2. What did you do with what I gave you? (Your relationships, talents, gifts, and resources God gave you.)

Think about these questions the next time you’re wondering what your purpose is in life. Ask yourself “Am I Living a Purpose Driven Life?”
Proverbs 19:21

-Chuck Olley



TODAY!

First, join us first for a Pizza Luncheon in the Family Life Center - **Pizza will be served 11:15 AM-12 Noon**, then depart the building via 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**

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



Invite a friend to join us for worship on
Easter Sunday, 3.27.2016

EASTER
Celebrate The Resurrection

Bring a Friend this Easter!

Please invite a friend, family member, neighbor, or coworker to join us for worship on Easter Sunday this year!

Use this important opportunity to share Jesus with someone who may not know Him yet.

Next week we will have invitation cards for you to hand out. It will be a "guest friendly" morning of worship! A new sermon series, *There's More to Life*, begins that day, giving your guests an opportunity to visit at the start of a series, and then hopefully return for the rest of the messages.

**Remember.. Easter Sunday is
March 27th!**



Did you enjoy it last Sunday....
Did you miss it last Sunday...
...then come back NEXT Sunday.

SUNDAY . MARCH 6TH
5:30-7:30 PM

coffeehouse • fellowship • praise
ALL are welcome and encouraged to attend!
coffee and light refreshments served

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More Events and Activities Coming Up in March!

Senior Saints DINNER

Saturday, March 12th

6:00 – 8:00 PM

in the Family Life Center

**Anyone 55+ is
welcome to attend!**

**Please sign up at the
Information Center.**



Bring Your Own Craft Day

Saturday, March 12th

Noon to 5:00 PM

in the Family Life Center

Snacks are provided!

Hope to see you there!



TALE of the THREE TREES

Calling all young actors and actresses!

Youth in 1st through 12th grade are invited
to participate in a musical rendition of...

The Tale of Three Trees

Date of performance: Sunday, April 24th, 4:00 PM

Wednesday rehearsals: 7 Wednesday rehearsals
on Wednesday, March 9th through Wednesday,
April 20th at 6:00 - 7:45 PM.

Dress rehearsals: Friday, April 22nd at 7:00 PM and
Saturday, April 23rd at 9:00 AM

Please contact **Diana Hutchinson** at 856-381-9095
or drh13013@gmail.com ASAP if your child/
children would like to participate. Rehearsals
begin soon! **Thank you!**

You're Invited to the Pitman Road Church of Christ

Easter Egg Hunt

Join The Fun!

Sunday, March 13th • For Children 0-12 years

Family Fun! Please plan to accompany your child/children.

More details and invitations for friends available soon!



**You are invited to the
PRCOC Button Club Meeting
Sunday, March 13th
at 2PM in our Library, Rm. B-5
Questions: See Anita**

M.E.D. MEETING

Attention all Pitman Road Ministers, Elders, and Deacons,
Please mark your calendar and plan to attend a quarterly
M.E.D. meeting on **Sunday, March 20th**, immediately af-
ter worship in the Family Life Center. Lunch will be served.
More details to follow.

Thank You for Your Support

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, your many cards, your thoughts, your visits, your phone calls and texts, and most importantly for your faithfulness to God as you committed yourselves to ministering to our family during this difficult time. You rejoiced with us as Dad would make improvements, and without hesitation you sustained us with prayers when Dad's health regressed. Because of your love, our family experienced daily God's faithfulness! Because of your outpouring of love in action, the Busch family can proclaim the faithfulness of God!

Our God is Faithful,
Busch Family

EQUIP: Women's Ministry



Attention women of the church:

Would you make a three month commitment (April, May, June) to ...

- Pray with one other woman?
- Pray with a small group of women?
- Join with another woman as "accountability partners" to keep each other faithful?

If any of these are your desire, please join us on **Sunday, March 13th** immediately after service for a 40-minute meeting in which we will discuss the organization of prayer partners, accountability partners, and small prayer groups among our women. Please come with ideas concerning the times, location, frequency, and other logistics that work best for you. Questions? Ideas? See **Brenda Busch** (646-258-5031; bhall727@optonline.net) or **Diana Hutchinson** (856-381-9095;

MORE WOMEN'S MINISTRY... There are many more opportunities to participate and serve in our Women's Ministry. There is a table in the foyer with more information and sign-up sheets for various branch ministry events and activities!

If you would like to know more about our Women's Ministry, share your ideas, and find out how YOU can get involved, please pick up a brochure and contact the Women's Ministry Advisors or any of the Ministry Branch Coordinators. We need all of our women to make our renewed Women's Ministry a success!

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praises: **Johnny Reimels**, Joyce's son, heart catheterization showed his arteries are clear. The family thanks you for all of your prayers.

Prayers Requested:

Mason Steward, unexplained hearing loss, doctors are being consulted.

Jos Ransdorp, former member here, surgery on Wednesday to remove a mass from his spine.

Cindy Holden recovering from knee surgery.

John Schofield, Jayne's Please pray for his recovery from surgery and that he make necessary lifestyle changes.

Glynn Durham, will be starting chemo soon.

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. Pray for her to find suitable employment quickly.

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, Annette's dad, prostate cancer will need radiation treatment. The family is thankful that treatment will not have to be invasive. Thank you for your past and continued prayers!

Steve Musso, now home continuing his recovery.

Anitra Rowe, possible stroke, multiple sclerosis

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

March 13th: Two weeks from today!
On Saturday, March 12th, set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed!

DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS
**TIME
BEGINS**



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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	107
Worship	203
LIFE Groups	125
Wednesday	60
Contribution	\$8,500
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$359,040.00
Contribution YTD	\$338,438.00
Under Budget	(\$20,602.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Tina Broyles
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	Casey Buchanan
Hall Monitor: Worship	Jessica Foreman
Greeters: Front Entrance	Justin Guy & Rebecca Rodriguez
Greeters: Back Entrance	Derrick & Brenda Busch
Ushers	Glynn Durham & Nafeez Kleineweber
Information Center	Debby Durham
Shepherd's Call	Greg Krinks
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	Mike Buchanan

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	RISEN movie	
Hammonton Group	RISEN movie	
Marriage Mentoring	RISEN movie	
Men's Bible Study	Winter Hiatus	
Paracletes	RISEN movie	
Silver Linings	RISEN movie	
Solid Gold	RISEN movie	
Teens	RISEN movie	
Vineland	RISEN movie	
Women in the Word	Church Bldg., Tues.at 9:45AM	856-589-1500
Young Adults	RISEN movie	

Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: Jenn Pearl

Menu: Soup Night

Elder on Call:

March/April: Horatio Fenton



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