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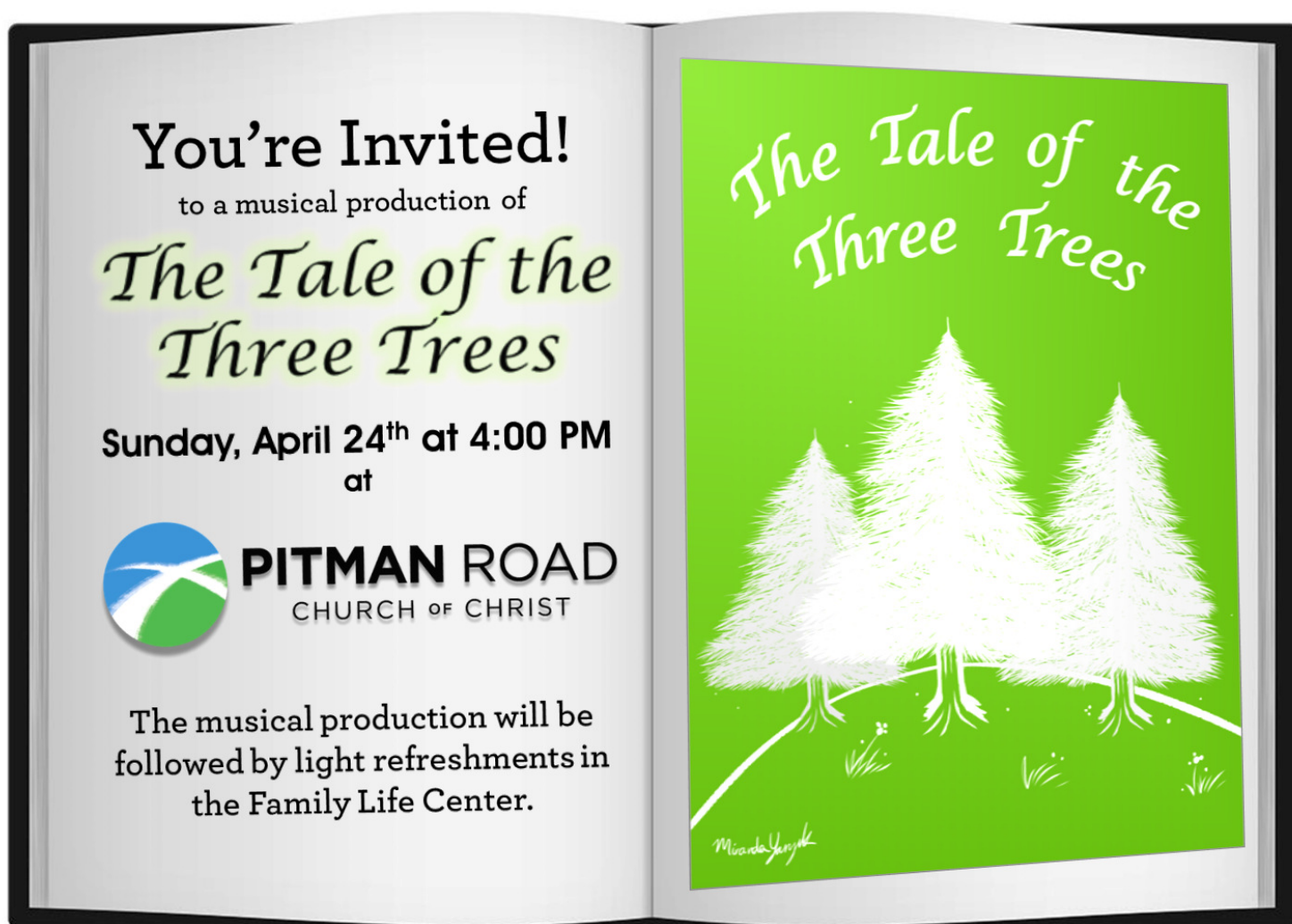
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Next Sunday!



Please invite family, friends, coworkers, & neighbors!
Invitations for you to hand out
are available at the Information Center.

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

You Ever Been to a Fashion Show?

I have never been to one, but from the clips I've seen on TV, you take a man or a woman and the way they normally appear, and dress them up to look like something or someone other than who they normally are. You change them. That's what spiritual transformation does to us... it takes us from who we normally are, and makes us into something or someone other than who we normally are. Spiritual transformation takes us from our normal human self, and makes us into Christlikeness. Those of us who are serious about growing as Christians are in this life-long journey...a sometimes painful journey designed to help us look, think and act more and more like Jesus.

Transformation Again...Transformation Still...Transformation Always!

Metamorphosis = Caterpillar to Butterfly...Tadpole to Frog...Frog to Prince...

Self-centered person to Others-centered Christian...

Can it still happen? Does it still happen? When did you last see it happen?

What I am learning about transformation. It always involve change! It frequently involves pain! It frequently involves trauma! Our initial impulse is to resist the change! But, with the help of God's spirit, we can be transformed. Paul, in fact, calls us to be "fashioned anew." And somehow, hearing how that others have been transformed gives me the confidence that I, too, can be transformed. Join our Wednesday night class in the chapel!

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
²¹ who will transform (fashion anew) our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. - Phil. 3:20-21

Still being Fashioned Anew, Dan



Dan Cooper
 aka
 "Dan, Dan,
 the Preacherman"

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Merle (Glynn) Durham
 Visitation Minister

A Few Moments with Merle

THE ANNOINTING

The Situation: No one wants to hear the words my oncologist said to me, "You have stomach cancer, stage 4." The doctor continued, "There is no cure for your kind of cancer. The best I can hope for is for it to go into remission. Some of my patients have lived several years in remission."

The Counselor: Wise words of counsel as to how to address this problem comes from a man known as "Old Camel Knees" because he spent so much time on his knees praying to God. Knots had formed on his knees, hence his nickname. The man's name is James, and he gives this plan in James 5:13-20.

The Plan: James says three things are to be done:

1. The sick person is to summon the elders of the church.
2. The elders are to come and pray over the sick person. The instrument for raising up the sick person is not his own prayer, but the prayer of the elders, not his faith but the faith of the elders. The power is not the elders' power or faith; It is the Lord's direct intervention.
3. The elders are to anoint the sick person with oil in the name of the Lord. Oil was widely believed to have medical value in biblical times.

The Application: On Sunday before my first infusion chemo treatment on Wednesday our elders met with me in the front of our auditorium. (Mike Broyles, on behalf of the elders anointed me with oil. Horatio Fenton prayed for me as the other elders lay their hands on me.)

Why did I feel so strongly that this happen? Because of what God has taught me through His Word. I am so grateful for our godly elders agreeing to follow this divine plan for one who is sick. This was a powerful and emotional experience for me and for many who witnessed it.

Makes me wonder why we don't do this more? Could it be that one of the reasons is that our expectations of what God can and will do are too low?! --Merle (Glynn) Durham

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SYMPATHY: Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Sue Ward** and her family as her mother, Peggy, passed away this past Monday.

Services will take place on Monday, April 18. Visitation 10-11 and mass is 11am at St. Joseph, 480 Manor Ave., Downingtown, PA. 19335. Burial will be at St. Peter & St. Paul Cemetery, Springfield, PA

Luncheon to follow

Dan will be driving the church van, room for 8 more. Leave from the church building at 8am. Staying for the service, burial and luncheon. If you ride up in the van, plan for this to be a full day. Sign up today!



Appreciation luncheon for Linda Krinks!

Next Tuesday, April 19, the Tuesday morning women's class will be expressing appreciation

to Linda Krinks for her work with this group for 15 years. We will have Bible study from 9:45 through 11:30; the luncheon will begin promptly at 11:30 in the multipurpose room at the church building. Feel free to attend the luncheon even if you cannot attend the Bible study.

If you would like to attend, please contact Katherine; she will let you know what food/drink we still need for the luncheon. All women who have ever attended the Tuesday morning class, in the past or recently, are invited to attend!

Linda will be moving to Nashville the week after our luncheon, so please take advantage of this opportunity to spend time with her before she leaves.

RSVP: Katherine @ 856-981-9754



If you are going on the Bus Trip to see "Samson" at Sight & Sound Theater on Saturday, May 7th, please be at the church building at 8:00am. I will give out tickets at that time and we will leave the church at 8:15am.

We will go to Sight and Sound to see the 11:00am show and afterward there will be time for shopping at the Rockvale Square Outlets. We will leave Rockvale Square at 4:15pm and go to Shady Maple Restaurant where we have a 5:00pm reservation. We should arrive back at the church building at approximately 8:45pm. Please contact me if you need additional information.

Brian Holden: Home: 856-881-6792 Cell: 856-759-2542



EMBARK MINISTRY

Abbie & Krystal's Angels was formed out of the loving memory of two beautiful girls taken away too soon at the young age of 20 because of an addiction to heroin. One of

these young ladies was the daughter of **Natalie Verricchio**, our newly baptized sister in Christ. She now works endlessly to educate and provide support to addicts and their families. Several times a year, her group distributes "bags of love" to those on the streets in need of food, water, and those little necessities we take for granted. They also provide assistance to get them the help they need.

We each can help by donating a "bag of love." Simply fill a gallon size zip lock bag with the items listed below. A minimum of 50 bags are needed so feel free to fill more than one bag. The items are inexpensive and most can be purchased at a dollar store. Think of partnering with someone to split the cost. Ask friends and co-workers to get involved.

There will be a container in the foyer labeled "Embark" to place them in. Please drop off your bag(s) no later than Sunday, May 15th. We plan to distribute them May 21st.

Embark Ministry would like to thank you for your support.
Leza Davis & Erin Downing, Coordinators

Bags of Love items:

Hand sanitizer

Travel size tooth brush, tooth paste, mouthwash

Travel size shampoo, conditioner

Travel size lotion

Socks (male & female)

Band aids

Wipes

Feminine products

Roll of toilet paper (small)

Bottles of water, juice, or juice boxes

Snacks such as peanut butter crackers, fruit snacks, chips, cookies, Little Debbie snacks, etc. (3 min)

Hand written note of encouragement (optional)

TORCH Missions Honduras



TORCH Missions participants, please plan to attend a meeting in the Young Adults classroom immediately following services on April 24th.

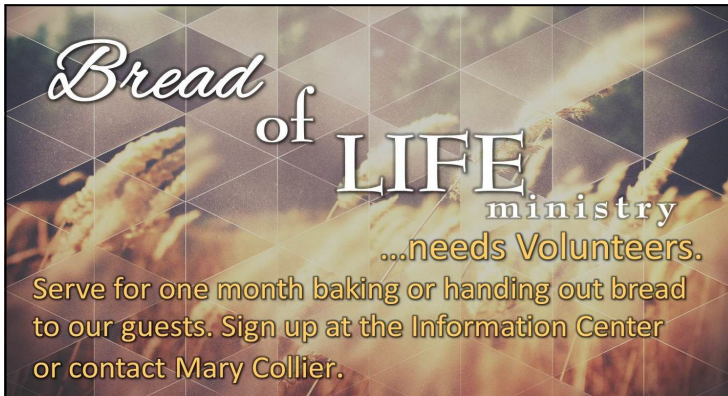
Not going on the trip but want to help?

Not everyone can go to Honduras this summer with TORCH Missions... But everyone can help the team that is going! The follow items are needed:

toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene products, gallon ziplock bags, work gloves, safety glasses, coloring books and crayons, small toys (such as tic tac toe, bouncy balls, clown noses, bubbles, bracelets, stickers, fake tattoos)

What not to donate: anything that is used or already open, candy, large toiletry items.

There is a box at the Information Center for you to deposit your items. Questions? See Tyler Steffy.



Under Construction!



You will be seeing some activity in our foyer/lobby in the coming weeks.... there's going to be some sprucing up going

on! We are excited about getting some new décor and furniture and we hope you are too! Please be patient during the transition period; this will happen gradually over the next few weeks, so don't be concerned if you see things that look incomplete... they probably are.

JUST FYI - These improvements are not being funded out of our regular budget, but are coming out of our Capital Improvement Fund.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments about the project, please see Carlos.

Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday Night Meals are a total delight, if you enjoy rich fellowship and good food! So grateful that they are back, after that brief time out!

Thanks again to Harriet and her crew, as well as Bud and Ray, for all of the behind the scenes work they do in setting up for the meals and cleaning up after the meals.

But...how to say this delicately...

"WE HAVE A PROBLEM HOUSTON! "

We have a problem with a lack of consideration and thoughtfulness on the part of a few. A few of us chronically forget to sign up for the meals on Sunday mornings, but we still show up to eat on Wednesday evenings.

It is a real problem when people show up for the meals when they did not sign up. It happened last Wednesday night. 40 people signed up for the meal, and the meal preparer prepared for 60 people. Somewhere between 60 and 70 people showed up to eat! That means somewhere between 20 and 30 people showed up to eat, and they had not signed up.

Simply put, that means people who signed up for the meal, and showed up, at the end of our serving time were left without food because someone who did not sign up showed up for the meal, and ate a meal that was prepared for someone who had signed up. And this is not an isolated problem! It has gotten worse lately.

Please, please, please sign up if you plan to attend the Wednesday night meal. It is common courtesy! Be considerate of those preparing the meal. Be transformed into the likeness of Christ. That means, be thoughtful!

Thank you in advance for your consideration, from this point forward. Please fill out that salmon colored sign-up sheet on Sunday morning or call the church office before noon on Tuesday.



Three International Trips Coming Up / Mark

Your Calendars: (Might one of these trips interest you? Each trip will include a large delegation from the Pitman Road Church). Dan

This Year

Honduras Mission Trip/ July 2-14th:

Tyler and Kathryn Steffy are coordinating the trip this Summer. They are veterans at leading this trip. This year they will be even bringing along the newest addition to their family! We currently have about a dozen from our church signed up, but there is room for more. There is an organizational meeting in the Adult Classroom (B-2) next Sunday for everyone interested in more information. Depending on the cost of airline tickets, cost is \$1,500 to \$2,000 per person. Tyler Steffy is the contact person. Contact him for more details. **Make no mistake, this is most definitely a work trip! Your hands will get dirty.**

Italy / Sept 19-29th: Dan and Katherine are leading their bi-annual Spiritual Pilgrimage, this year to Italy, emphasizing the Roman World and Rome, the city that the Apostle Paul and the early Christians knew well. (Cooper's typically lead such trips on even numbered years: 2010 / Israel and Egypt; 2012 / Israel and Jordan; and 2014 / Greece) The book of Romans was written by Paul to Christians living in Rome. Highlights of this trip will include Rome, Assisi, Venice, Florence, Cinque Terre, Pompeii and more. This trip will include various Biblical sites, as well as locations of cultural, and educational interest. We currently have twenty registered. Cost for this trip is about \$4,500, which includes basically everything (even tipping), but may decrease, depending upon the number of participants. **This is most definitely NOT a work trip and you will not get your hands dirty.** ☺

NEXT YEAR - 2017

France Mission Trip / June 23-July 2, 2017: Our bi-annual mission trip to France is currently scheduled for June 23-July 2nd. This will be our seventh trip to help with renovations of Centre Bonnefoi, a Christian camp facility near the French Alps. Not only do we work at the camp site, we also visit with and encourage the missionaries and the church family in Marseille, the congregation that Garth and Diana Hutchinson helped to plant over two decades ago. This church has been welcoming refugees coming in from Syria in recent months. We have a special need for folks with construction type of skills, though we will find a job for everyone that wants to do manual labor. Cost for this trip is likely to be \$2,100 to \$2,300, once again depending on the cost for airline tickets. This year we will limit our group size to 25. **Make no mistake, this is most definitely a work trip! Your hands will get dirty.**

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praises: Sean and Rebekah become "Mr. and Mrs."

yesterday. Glynn Durham came home from the hospital with his white cells back to normal range.

Prayers Requested:

Gwen Phillip, recovering from surgery.

Ed Cerquoni, hernia surgery on April 28th. Prayer for Ed, Tammy, and Adam are appreciated.

Brian Perino, friend of Charlie Peterson, recovering from liver transplant.

Kelly Evans, Alana Peterson's cousin, doctors removed abscess from her brain. Waiting on biopsy reports to see if it has anything to do with the fungal infection on her lungs. Her recovery will be at least six weeks, with anti seizure meds for 6 months and lots of follow up.

Dottie Chew, neighbor of Cindy Holden, hospitalized with pneumonia.

Glynn Durham, was hospitalized because of side effects of chemo

Barbara Perry, is at Manor Care, 378 Fries Mill Rd., Sewell, NJ 08080. She says she would love visitors.

Alana Peterson, still recovering from breast cancer.

Barby Jo Crema, next treatments for uveal/ocular melanoma which has spread to the liver on April 21st.

Pat Schuehler, possible throat surgery.

Sue Martin's mother Dottie, cancer has spread throughout her body; it's very aggressive.

Richard Sussman, Teresa Point Sussman's father-in-law, biopsy, please pray for good results.

Ruth Bergman, Manny Vander Vennen's mom, hospitalized due to severe weakness related to chemotherapy treatments for Multiple Myeloma.

John Schofield, Jayne Schofield's husband, bronchitis.

Cheattiqui Sweitzer, Jayne Schofield's cousin, battling multiple cancers.

Jayne Schofield asks for prayers for her strength.

Nancy Calabro, numerous health concerns.

Military:

Andrew Holden at West Point.

Doug Peterson III, deployed with Air Force

Engaged:

Kristy Romeo and Will Mendez, May 15, 2016

Mallory Perine & Brandon Keeks, September 17, 2016

Rebecca Cruz & Justin Guy, November 6, 2016

Jonathan Hooley & Mary Bernadette McElroy, May 2017

Expecting:

David and Ryoko Marshall, a girl, July 29th.

Traveling: Paul Stanford

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Tim DavisTeens

Tony DeStefanoBody Life & Fellowship

Glynn Durham LIFE Groups

Darren Fields..... Greeters Ministry

Brian Holden Special Activities; Body Life

Garth HutchinsonLocal Evangelism

Larry Kellum, Jr. Caring &Sharing

Brian Mansdoerfer .Building Maintenance; Jr. Worship

Chuck OlleyTeens

Aaron PearlYouth

John PeoplesNew 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	152
Worship	268
LIFE Groups	134
Wednesday	n/c
Contribution	\$13,,295.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$432,960.00
Contribution YTD	\$410,400.00
Under Budget	(\$22,560.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Diana Hutchinson
Kids For Christ	Jenn Pearl
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	Volunteers Needed!
Hall Monitor: Worship	Volunteers Needed!
Greeters: Front Entrance	Larry & Lea Ann Kellum
Greeters: Back Entrance	Brian & Cindy Holden
Ushers	Horatio Fenton & Dave Perine
Information Center	Diana Hutchinson
Shepherd's Call	Dwight Thompson
Song Leader	Matt Downing
Communion	John Peoples

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	Broyles at 5PM	609-561-8532
Marriage Mentoring	Contact Buchanans for sched.	856-229-1558
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7PM	856-217-3956
Paracletes	Parke Place at 12:45PM	484-886-5349
Silver Linings	Cooper's at Noon	856-589-4197
Solid Gold	Hightower's at 5PM	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	Isaziga's at Noon	850-814-6632

Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: Annette Perine/Young Adults

Menu: Chicken Patty Parm Sandwiches

Elder on Call:

March/April: Horatio Fenton



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