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## Three New Elders Appointed Today - Who Are They?

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**Garth and Diana Hutchinson** and their three children, **Sarah, Lucas, and Clare**, returned to the U.S.A. from Marseilles, France, in August of 2008, after serving faithfully as missionaries there for twenty years. Their motive for returning not only to the U.S., but specifically to New Jersey, was to care for Diana's parents, Franklin and Sarah Rhodes, during their "golden years." This was a promise Diana and her sister, Katie Young, made when they became missionaries in France. It was important to them to move into an area with a strong church; launching out in faith, they chose Pitman, first living with the Cooper's until they found a home of their own. Their transition back to life in the USA, after serving on the foreign field went amazingly well. God gets the credit for that. They quickly became involved in kingdom work, in opening their home for hospitality and for outreach. Fittingly, Garth has served as a deacon over Local Evangelism at Pitman Road since June of 2012. All three of their children have completed, or are currently completing, a one-year spiritual internship program, Christians On Mission (CEM) with the church in Marseille, France; they are also current students / alumni of Pepperdine University. The love of Christ radiantly beams through both Garth and Diana.

**Brian and Cindy Holden** began attending our congregation as a dating couple in August, 1993, became engaged in October, 1993; and were married in our old building in February, 1994. They originally sought us out as they were leaving the International Church of Christ. Cindy was born and raised in a conservative Mennonite family in Lancaster County, PA. Brian and Cindy were blessed with a son, **Andrew**. From birth, the congregation has been delighted by his many talents, and joyfully watched as he has excelled scholastically, spiritually, athletically, musically, and in theater. Andrew is a student/cadet at West Point, having just completed his sophomore year. Brian has served as a deacon over Body Life and Fellowship since October of 1998. There is no one who can run a charter bus trips like Brian does! Our bus trips are a wonderful way to assimilate visitors into our fellowship, and a delightful way to go and see things many of us would never do on our own. Working behind the scenes, Brian and Cindy have diligently handled the set up for Munchkin Ministry and served at Fellowship Meals and Picnics for many years. The love of Christ radiantly beams through Brian and Cindy.

**John and Brenda Peoples** and their two delightful children, **Corey and Brianna**, began attending our congregation in November, 2004. They came to us from the Laurelwood congregation, and when they joined us here, they jumped into involvement with our church with both feet. Both of them are true servants, and if you've ever had a need, one or both of them were likely offering to help. Their devotion as parents is legendary. Corey, currently a student at Rowan College at Gloucester County, has grown into an articulate and entertaining speaker. Brianna, a high school student at Williamstown High School, has delighted us with her acting and singing talents since she arrived here as a child! Both of them are great encouragers to all generations of our members. John and Brenda were pivotal leaders in our "Reaching Out in Faith" campaign that helped us to secure this building, generating great enthusiasm for that daunting task. John has served as a deacon over New Member Involvement since June of 2007. He has likely offered you a Grace Gifts Inventory and/or New Member Involvement Questionnaire! LIFE Groups has been another of the many ministries that have been impacted by the leadership that John and Brenda provide. The love of Christ radiantly beams through John and Brenda.

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## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## Amazing and Generous Response to "Closing the Gap"

God is so good! He is still working through you! A huge thank you to Him...and to you! Some of us dropped an extra check into the collection plate this past Sunday! Some of us wrote a significantly larger check than usual this past Sunday. Some gave electronically via one of our e-giving programs this past Sunday. Some gave just exactly what they always give, because they were simply not able to do anything extra. Others said, I was not prepared to give extra last Sunday, but I'm going to give extra today. And, God used all of us! The bottom line is that over \$27,011 was given or pledged this past Sunday. And, many others promised to do something "above and beyond" to help us close the gap this week.

Once again this church has demonstrated what large hearts we have! Everywhere I go I brag about you. I do not take lightly, now will I ever forget, that during our "Reaching Out in Faith" campaign you first pledged \$1 million dollars... then came the 2008 market crash! Even with that, when all was said and done, how much did we ultimately give? We gave \$1.1 million. At the same time we gave \$1.1 million, we maintained our regular weekly giving! Amazing!

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." - Jesus (Acts 20:35)

"We are never more like God than we are when we give," **Dan the Preacherman**



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

God is so  
good!

He is still  
working  
through you!



**Dave Perine**  
Elder

I am  
continually  
amazed by  
the generosity  
of this  
congregation!

## Shepherd's Voice

### The "B" Word

It's that time of year again. Although I don't like to talk about it much, the word "budget" is not a bad or scary word. Rather, budgeting is quite important and prudent, whether it is a personal budget, a budget for your job, or the church budget. In fact, it is scriptural! Jesus said, *"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?"* (Luke 14:28) In Proverbs 6:6-8, the writer tells us, *"Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest."*

The past few years have certainly been challenging from a budgeting perspective. The economy has been slow to recover, and many within our congregation continue to struggle and needs seem to be increasing. We want to do more for the community. We want to get our name out. And the reality is that all of this takes money. But as I have said over and over again, I am continually amazed by the generosity of this congregation! You proved it once again this past week by your response to "Close the Gap Sunday." Thank, you, thank you, thank you! And above all, to God be the glory!

I want to thank Ray Holmes, Dottie, our deacons, and ministry leaders for their roles in the budget process. Please be prayerful as the leadership finalizes the budget for this coming fiscal year. Please consider carefully what you will contribute. *"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

-Dave

## HOW YOU CAN GIVE



In Person at our services



Via Easytithes Mobile App



On our website at [pitmanroadcoc.com](http://pitmanroadcoc.com)



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Text amount to 856.209.6212

# Thank You!

On Thursday, June 2nd, the Women's Embark Ministry, along with Abbie & Krystal's Angels, (an organization founded by one of our members, **Natale Verrecchio**) went to Camden to distribute 64 "Bags of Love" to the homeless and drug addicted. As believers we have two main responsibilities: love God and love others. At times that may require stepping out of our comfort zone. I believe I speak for all who participated when I say it was an experience that opened our eyes and hearts to this plight.

I wish to thank **Tina Broyles, Melody Davis, Darren & Dee Fields, Natale Verrecchio, her friend Heather and daughter Makaylee**. They passed out bags, said prayers, and provided a listening ear. A special thanks to Natale for her dedication to helping the drug addicted, to my church family who supplied the bags, and to Derek Davis for driving us around the streets of Camden.

Stay tuned. There's more to come from Embark Ministry  
-**Leza Davis**, Embark Branch Coordinator

# Announcements

**ATTENTION VBS VOLUNTEERS: TODAY** there will be a VBS Workday this afternoon in the Family Life Center, at 1:00-5:00 pm. **ON MON. - WED., JUNE 20, 21, 22, there will be ALL DAY VBS workdays for all volunteers. We will be working all day through the evening, so please come when you can, and stay as long as you can.**

**Junior Worship and Kids for Christ will be taking a break for the summer!** Thank you to all who have served in these ministries throughout the year! TODAY is the last Sunday for both Junior Worship and Kids for Christ until next September.

**MATTRESSES DONATED!** Thank you to those who quickly answered the call for two twin beds for a family in need.

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!** One of the acts of service that the Paracletes life group had been doing is visiting Greenfields Assisted Living community (near Glassboro). They lead a time of worship at 2:00 PM on the first Sunday of each month. About a dozen residents and staff attend. If you would consider taking part in this ministry on Sunday July 3rd, August 7th and/or September 4th, please leave me a message.  
-**Jay Schneider** 610-591-7152

**Sign up now to volunteer during our upcoming Family Promise Host Week!** Look for the banner in the lobby, and there you will find clipboards with all the available volunteer slots. Questions? Contact **John Ashton** at 609-561-8371 or [jashton834@comcast.net](mailto:jashton834@comcast.net).

**Peru Mission Trip** - Welcome home to **John and Kathy Ashton**, who are just returning from a one week medical mission trip to Peru. This is an annual trip for them. If you are interested in going next June, please contact Kathy. She will be happy to give you information and answer questions.

# This Week's Prayer Requests

**Praise:** We are thankful for the three men, and their wives, who are being appointed as elders today! **Jessica Broyles** passed her nursing exam and is now a licensed BSN, RN!

## Prayers Requested:

**Sandy Blanchard**, Robin Steward's mom, hospitalized with pneumonia. She is very weak physically, but remains faithful and joyful spiritually. Please pray for strength and comfort for Sandy, and Jerry, Robin's dad.

**Glynn Durham**, recovering from chemo treatment.

**Anita O'Hara** is back at home!

**Pat Schuehler** now at home recovering from surgery.

**Barbara Perry** is recovering at home.

**Roseann Savastano's** surgery will be rescheduled.

**Nilda Cruz**, Rebecca Cruz's mother, recovering at home from burns resulting from cooking accident.

**Gwen Phillip**, radiation treatments continue.

**Barby Jo Crema** continues cancer treatment.

**Nancy Calabro**, numerous health concerns.

## Military:

**Andrew Holden** at West Point.

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

**David Spaeth**, deployed with the Reserves

## Engaged:

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

**Rebecca Cruz & Justin Guy**, November 6, 2016

**Jonathan Hooley & Mary Bernadette McElroy**, June 2017

## Expecting:

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

**Kareem and Sarah Lazarus**



Last Sunday our graduating high school seniors were honored at the annual Graduation Luncheon. Thank you once again to **Tim and Melody Davis** for coordinating the wonderful meal and festivities! Pictured here along with Tim and Melody are six of our eleven graduates: (from left) **Chris Jones, Brady Kellum, Dominick Hernandez, Stephanie Pierre-Jacques, Brittany Brier, and Amber Zoppel**. Unable to attend, but present in thought and prayer were **Brianna Busch, Christian Steward, Cheyanne Smith, Kylee Betts, and Makayla Clements**.



## Our Schedule

### Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes  
10:00 am Worship

### Wednesday

7:00 pm Bible Classes  
7:45 pm Fellowship

### Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

## Last Week

Bible Class	149
Worship	275
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	NC
Contribution	<b>PRAISE!</b> \$27,116
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$517,440.00
Contribution YTD	\$506,908.00
Under Budget	(\$10,532.00)

## Ministers

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**Elder on Call for May & June: Greg Krinks**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Gina & Isabella Isaziga
Kids For Christ	Tina Broyles
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Mary & Lee Collier
Greeters: Back Entrance	Darren & Dee Fields
Ushers	Corny Walker & Justin Guy
Information Center	Rebecca Cruz
Shepherd's Call	Horatio Fenton
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	George Kenner

## Events



### Outdoor Work Day Saturday, June 18th at 9:00 am

We want to spruce up our building so it's looking it's best for our upcoming VBS. Bud Britton is looking for some hard working folks to help with weeding and spreading a truck load of mulch. He hopes to have everything finished up by early afternoon. Show up at 9 am and there will be bagels!

### "Women's Day Out" to Lancaster County on Saturday, June 18 for fun and shopping!

We will leave from the church building at 8:00 am and plan to return by 7:00 pm. A sign up sheet is located at the Information Center. **Please sign up by Sunday, June 12** so we will be able to arrange transportation. Cindy Holden says, **"Let's go enjoy the day together in one of my favorite places in the country!"**

Go to "Events" on our website for the day's schedule. [www.pitmanroadcoc.com](http://www.pitmanroadcoc.com)

**The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will have a short series this summer.** If you are available on Tuesday mornings, we invite you to join us! By request, we will be studying the Holy Spirit. After class, some of us enjoy lunch together at Nick's in Glassboro; everyone is welcome!

TOPIC: The Holy Spirit  
DATES: June 28, July 5, July 19, July 26  
(Note: No class on July 12)  
TIME: 10:00-11:30 am  
TEACHER: Katherine Cooper  
LOCATION: Room B4

**TODAY! You are invited to a Graduation Open House for 2016 graduates Makayla Clements, Sharnice Jones & Christopher Jones, Jr.** Sunday June 12 at 5:00pm - 8:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Swedesboro, 1 Pureland Dr., Swedesboro, NJ. Please RSVP 856-371-9678

**Graduation Open House in honor of Stephanie Pierre-Jacques-** Williamstown High School Saturday, June 18, 2016 12-4pm  
755 Sherwood Drive Williamstown, NJ 08094. R.S.V.P by June 12, 2016. text or call 856-237-7434



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