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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

VBS Begins on Thursday Night!

After a one year hiatus, we are so excited to host what promises to be one of our best **Vacation Bible School/Community Enrichment Series** ever! For children ages birth through sixth grade we have **Cave Quest**, an "over the top/underground" adventure. Children will gain an understanding of what it means to follow Jesus and shine His light! For teens and adults, our Community Enrichment Series focuses on **Transformation of the Heart** and we have not one, but **two excellent guest speakers, Larry Mudd and LV Moses**.

Please invited someone! Invitation cards are available in our foyer.

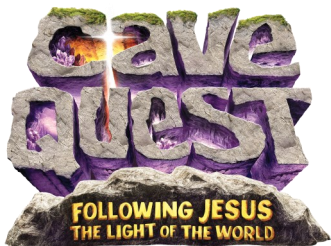
Our schedule is:

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 23rd - 25th: 6:30 - 9:00 pm (Light dinner served at 5:30 pm)

Sunday, June 26th: 9:00 -11:30 am

We want to be fully prepared for your children, so if you haven't registered them yet, please go to our webpage at www.pitmanroadcoc.com and click on **Vacation Bible School** for an online form, or go to our Information Center and fill out a paper form there.

We can't wait to see you here beginning 6:30 this Thursday night!



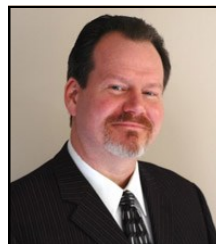
Vacation Bible School

**For Children Ages
Birth thru 6th Grade**

**Register NOW at
www.pitmanroadcoc.com
"click on"
Vacation Bible School
on the menu bar!**



TRANSFORMATION OF THE HEART



Thursday:
Larry Mudd

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT SERIES



Friday, Saturday, Sunday:
LV Moses



THIS Wednesday evening, from 7-8:00 pm, we will share a special time of fellowship with Greg and Linda Krinks! Linda has returned to NJ for a visit, so we want to take the opportunity to give the Krinks a proper send-off. While no formal program is planned, Greg and Linda have played such a pivotal role in our church over the last 35 years that we simply do not want them to get away without our having a time to share our love with them. Cake and ice cream will be served. No classes will meet that night. Teachers please adjust your schedules accordingly.

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

The Power of an Invitation to VBS!

One invitation to VBS has literally changed the course of history! Really! It happened! In fact, one of my modern day faith heroes, Dr. Harold Shank, is a Christian today because someone invited him to VBS! About 50 years ago, there was this nice lady from Western Pennsylvania, by the name of Mildred Stutzman, who invited these two little kids from an unchurched home to VBS.

Of course there is more to the story, but that is where it all started. Little Harold continued to attend Sunday School at that church in Western Pennsylvania even after VBS was done. Mildred Stutzman was once again his teacher. While his home did not emphasize God, Sunday School, and the Bible, Mrs. Stutzman did. So, when Harold became a teenager, he kept attending church. Once he finished high school, Harold went off to a Christian college, he married a fine Christian woman, and then he went to graduate school and attended a seminary. Eventually, he went on to finish his doctorate degree in the Old Testament. He went on to become a major advocate for children, a minister in a very large church, then a college professor, and even a university president. Today, Dr. Harold Shank is the president of Ohio Valley University. Why? An invitation to Vacation Bible School from a sweet lady.

So, who will you invite to our VBS this coming week?

-Dan the Inviting Preacherman



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

So,
who will
you invite
to our VBS
this coming
week?



**Merle (Glynn)
Durham
Visitation Minister**

...the father
was
wearing one
blue shoe
and one
green shoe.

A Few Moments with Merle

THE GOD OF THE UNMATCHED SHOES

I read this story recently, and thought it would be especially appropriate for today, Father's Day. Read it and know why I love the story of the Prodigal Son.

A man was commissioned to paint a picture of the Prodigal Son. He went into his work fervently, laboring to produce a picture worthy of telling the story. Finally, the day came when the picture was complete, and he unveiled the finished painting. The scene is set outside the father's house, and showed the open arms as they were about to meet and embrace. The man who commissioned the work was well pleased, and was prepared to pay the painter for his work when he suddenly noticed a detail that he had missed. Standing out in the painting above everything else in the scene, was the starkly apparent fact that the father was wearing one blue shoe and one green shoe. He was incredulous. How could this be, that the painter could make such an error? He asked the painter, and the man simply smiled and nodded, assuring the man, "Yes, this is a beautiful representation of the love of God for His children." "What do you mean?" he asked puzzled. "The father in this picture is not interested in being color coordinated or fashion conscious when he went out to meet his son. In fact, he was in such a hurry to show his love for his son, he simply reached and grabbed the nearest two shoes that he could find." He is the God of the Unmatched Shoes.

-Merle (Glynn) Durham

SERVE



Family Promise®

**It's time to sign up to volunteer for our
next Family Promise Host Week,
July 10th -17th.**

**Many slots are still open!
Sign up now in the foyer!**

Feeding the Hungry in Trenton

**Saturday, July 9th • 10 am-2 pm
Sign-up at the Information Center!**

**If you are willing to contribute to the \$500 cost
of the meal, note "Trenton Meal" on your check
and drop it in the collection plate or give it to Dottie.**

New Members!

Last Sunday morning we welcomed **Jim and Betty Davis** as our newest members. Due to declining health, and concerns for their future, Tim and Melody moved Tim's parents in with them several months ago. You can find their contact information in the Instant Church Directory app or website. **Welcome Jim and Betty!**



We Extend Our Sympathy

Our deep sympathy is expressed to **Vernell Fuller, Robin Brier's** adopted mother, in the sudden and totally unexpected death of one of her sons, **Chris**. Chris was only 54. Many of us have met Vernell when she's visited our church, or on one of our trips abroad. Chris suffered a massive heart attack, with no past history of cardiac issues. Funeral arrangements are pending at this point. Please keep the Briers and Vernell in prayer as they travel to Indianapolis in coming days. None of us is promised tomorrow!

Thank You!

Thank you to **Hope Hooley** for coordinating our Red Cross Blood Drive last week. We also thank all who gave the gift of life. We exceeded our goal by 2 units! Our next blood drive will be on December 9th.

In Two Weeks....

Monday, July 4th Pitman Road Independence Day Festivities!

In the morning! Once again the Coopers will be opening their front lawn to those who would like to watch the annual Pitman 4th of July Parade. There will be limited shade available under the tents. Coopers will supply cold drinks. Bring chairs or blankets to sit on, and sun-screen if you aren't able to sit in the shade. The parade begins at 10:00 am and gets to the Cooper's at approximately 11:00 am. It concludes at about noon.

Later that evening! We are opening our parking lot to the community to view the Alcyon Lake fireworks. The teens will once again be handing out hot dogs and water bottles to our guests. If you would like to join the fun, we suggest you arrive between 7-8:00 pm; fireworks begin about 9:00 pm. Be prepared for traffic. **This event is primarily an outreach to our community. Please come as ambassadors of our hospitality...**leave the best spots, water bottles, and hot dogs to be first come and first served for our guests!



This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: For the generosity of our members as we contributed towards "closing the gap!"

Prayers Requested:

Lynn Sbaraglia is now home from the hospital, but still having some breathing issues.

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 is delayed indefinitely.

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, December 3rd

REGARDING OUR PRAYER LISTS

We are a church that believes strongly in the power of prayer. Your prayer requests are invited and important! In an effort to keep our prayer lists current, please note the following:

- **We will run immediate and urgent prayer requests in the bulletin for 2 weeks.** Please update us after two weeks if you want the request to continue.
- **All ongoing prayer requests**, including engagements, pregnancies, military service, long term travel, and chronic illness, will now appear on the "Ongoing Prayer Requests" sheet, beginning July 1st, and which is updated monthly.
- If you are concerned that you or your loved one will not see the ongoing request, it is emailed each month and you can forward it if you like.
- **If you or your loved one is listed on the "Ongoing Prayer Request" list, please update us by next Wednesday, June 29th.** If we do not hear from you, we will take that as an indication that the request is no longer current and remove it.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation!

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	143
Worship	245
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	72
Contribution	\$13,621
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$528,000.00
Contribution YTD	\$523,087.00
Under Budget	(\$4,913.00)

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Elder on Call for May & June: Greg Krinks

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Cindy Holden
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	Horatio & Jackie Fenton
Greeters: Back Entrance	Steve & Jayne DePrince
Ushers	Waverly Hale & Corey Peoples
Information Center	Diana Hutchinson
Shepherd's Call	Dwight Thompson
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	Aaron Pearl



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Announcements

ATTENTION VBS VOLUNTEERS:

THIS WEEK: 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.

HELP WANTED!

We are in need of someone to clean our office wing, the main restrooms in the foyer, and the front half of the foyer. **Judi Campbell**, who has always done a wonderful job for us, will be retiring (again!) at the end of August. So, as of September 1st, this job will be open. Please contact Dottie Grillo if you are interested.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY! One of the acts of service that the Paracletes LIFE group performs 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

Camp Manatawny Volunteers Needed!

Manny Vander Vennen is looking for servant-hearted volunteers for Elementary 1 week at Camp Manatawny (August 6-13).

Elementary 1 is for the youngest group of campers, aged 7-8 years old. Having an opportunity to spend time with these excited and enthusiastic young campers as they enjoy camp and grow in their knowledge of Christ promises to be a highlight of your summer.

Currently, open positions include counselors (male and female), maintenance, photographer, and pots and pans. Please contact Manny if you are interested (home: 856-241-7757 or cell: 484-886-5349).

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

Bring Your Own Craft Day

Saturday, July 23rd
Noon to 5:00 PM
in the Family Life Center
Snacks are provided!
Hope to see you there!

