

# PITMAN ROAD

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Today, Dan and Carlos begin  
a new sermon series!  
**ALL ACCESS - Opening up Ephesians** will run  
for six Sundays now through August 21st.

**Dan and Carlos' objectives for this sermon series are:**

- Demonstrate how Jesus in our lives provides us "all access" to many spiritual things.
- Examine more closely what it looks like to be in Jesus.
- Draw a common, practical thread through each individual chapter.
- Fire up and encourage the followers of Jesus.
- Help non-followers to meet Jesus.



**The sermon topics are:**

- Ephesians 1 - All Access: **Belonging**
- Ephesians 2 - All Access: **Life**
- Ephesians 3 - All Access: **Presence**
- Ephesians 4 - All Access: **Ability**
- Ephesians 5 - All Access: **Clarity**
- Ephesians 6 - All Access: **Winning**

**What can you do to prepare?**

- Read the book of Ephesians once each week, preferably reading from a different translation each week.
- Bring your Bible with you each Sunday morning, and follow along as they dive into the text!
- Bring a friend with you who wants to understand the Bible better.
- Pray for Dan and Carlos as they deliver this series of sermons.
- Pray for yourself, that the Holy Spirit will help you see things you may have never seen before.

## Thank You for Answering the Call!

Last week we requested contributions to cover the cost of May and July's meals in Trenton to feed the hungry. We have received the funds needed to close May's shortfall, as well as pay for the entire meal this month! Thank you to those who contributed!

**This week we are hosting  
Family Promise.**



***Please be considerate of  
the privacy of our guests.***

***Thank you to all who have  
volunteered to serve this  
week.***

## Fireworks in the Rain!

Yes, the firework show did go on in Pitman on July 4! It rained hard both before and after the fireworks, but from about 8:55 till 9:20 the rain let up just enough. **Tim and Melody Davis and their devoted crew** were once again grilling hot dogs and handing out bottled water to all those in our parking lot. Numbers were down, due to the nasty weather, but our crew of faithful volunteers was here helping people to experience God's love! Thanks to teens and adults for helping, even though you got soaked, unless you brought your umbrella, like Emma and Donovan!



## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## God Cares about Fairness and Justice...

... **Because that is the ultimate realization of Christ's Kingdom Rule.** The greatest prophet, whom Isaiah predicted was coming, came to establish justice and righteousness. In that regard, a couple of verses that need to be read in July as well as during the Christmas season were penned by Isaiah...

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
**to establish it and to uphold it**  
**with justice and with righteousness...** Isa. 9:6-7 (ESV)

If our church is to genuinely demonstrate concern about social justice, where do we start? As I said last Sunday, if we are to address social justice issues, it must involve our **calendar**, our **check-book** and most of all it must involve our **heart**. We start with the heart! We start with humble submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. The fact that we cannot repair all social issues does not excuse us from addressing what we can address.

Hear the words of Isaiah. And I beg you to answer the question that Derrick posed last Sunday: "Has our personal comfort, security, self-righteousness, religiosity, and personal accomplishments caused our hearts to become callous?"

God does care about fairness and justice, **Dan the Preacherman**



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

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**Merle (Glynn) Durham**  
**Visitation Minister**

## A Few Moments with Merle

### ARE YOU AFRAID TO DIE?

As some of you know, I worked as a hospice chaplain for almost 7 years. During the first year, a nurse that saw some of my patients shared with me, "Glynn, I think Donnie is afraid to die." A few days later I went to see this thirty-two year old AIDS patient, and I just asked him, "Donnie, the nurse told me she thinks you are afraid to die. Is that true?" He replied quickly without reservation, "Yes, it is true."

I probed further, "Donnie, which are you more afraid of: to die and know you are going to stand before the Lord? Or are you more afraid of the process of death, not knowing how much you are going to have to suffer before you die?" "The second, for sure," Donnie answered. He continued, "I made peace with God several years ago. But I just don't know about how much I am going to have to suffer before I die. That makes me be afraid." Over the next several months the nurse and I talked with Donnie, and I can say that when he died, he was not afraid. I helped him to understand there are things worse than death for the believer in Jesus. The nurse helped him understand what he should expect about his disease progression.

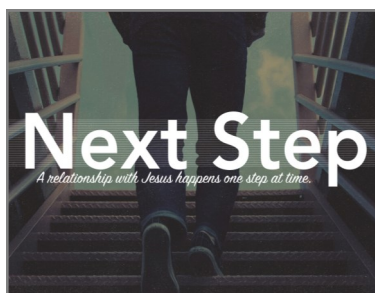
The Bible says, **"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."** (Philippians 1:21) I don't know what all of that means. However, I do know I do not have to be afraid to die. It is better on the other side of death. I know I do not want to suffer before I die because I am a coward when it comes to pain. However, I am confident the LORD will walk with me through that, through the valley, to paradise on the other side where Jesus and glory are.

**-Merle (Glynn) Durham**

I helped him to understand there are things worse than death for the believer in Jesus.



## Next Step: Move Into Community



Once you have “met Jesus,” where do you go next? After you’ve met Jesus, the next logical step is to “move into community” with other believers. How does that community grow? Where do you start? What do you have to do to fit in? That is what

Dan is going to be talking about in a luncheon following Sunday morning worship assembly on **July 24th**. We will meet off site in a private room at Timberline Shopping Center (only 3 miles from our building) as we address what it means to be a part of this community of believers. We want you with us. You belong here! There is a place for you. We want you to be more than an attender. We want you to be more than a baptized believer. We want you to find your niche. We want your spiritual and emotional needs addressed through this community of believers. There is no charge for this luncheon. Child care will be provided, and the cost of the luncheon is on us. Please sign up on the designated clipboard at the Information Center so that we know how many to plan on. This luncheon is designed specifically for our newest members. Call Dan if you have any questions.

**Elementary 1 week (Aug 6-13) at Camp Manatawny urgently needs 3 more male and 3 more female counselors.** If there is any possibility that you could help, would you please call or text me at 484-886-5349.  
In Christ, Manny

### Bring Your Own Craft Day

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



Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> • 5:30-7:30 PM

## refuge

Alana Peterson shares  
*My Journey With God In My Defeat of Cancer*

coffeehouse • fellowship • praise  
**EVERYONE IS INVITED AND WELCOME!**  
Coffee and light refreshments served  
Young Adult LIFE Group

### ATTENTION GARDENERS!

Roseann Savastano has daylilies and irises she is giving away. If you would like some, please contact her.

## This Week's Prayer Requests

**Please remember to see the current list of Ongoing Prayer Requests, available in the foyer, and pray for those who have requested our prayers on an ongoing basis.**

**Praise:** Camp Manatawny is impacting children and teens for Christ this summer.

### **Prayers Requested:**

**Charles Ward**, Sue Ward's father, is hospitalized with pneumonia and fluid around the lungs. He is not eating or drinking much.

**Jim Edwards**, friend of the Points, has taken a turn for the worse. Please continue to pray for him.

**Remy Ziegler**, infant great-nephew of Melody Davis, recovering from procedure to repair a heart valve.

**Ed Stetser** recently fractured 4 of 5 bones across the top of his foot. He is in a non weight bearing cast and in rehab at the Atrium Post Acute Care facility in Woodbury, 467 Cooper Street, room 204. Calls or visits are welcome. His cell phone is 857-466-9878.

**Chris McConnell**, internal bleeding due to an inflamed esophagus, undergoing testing.

**TJ Bowen**, friend of Lea Ann Kellum. She is in her 90's and was found unresponsive after a possible stroke. TJ has been living on her own and enjoys her life and serving God.

**Michelle**, Frank Sheehan's niece, regained consciousness, moved to rehab hospital. Doctors expect her to make a full recovery! Frank very is thankful for our prayers!

### **Missions:**

**Diana Hutchinson** serving in Marseille, France. **Garth** returns tomorrow. **Diana, Lucas, and Claire Hutchinson** serving at Camp Harmonie Bible Camp in France (July 13-27), returning to the US on August 2.

**TORCH Missions Honduras team**, July 2-14.

**Please remember to see the current list of Ongoing Prayer Requests, available in the foyer, and pray for those with long-term health and personal concerns.**

### Ladies Movie Night

Friday, August 5th  
in our auditorium  
Doors open at 7:00 pm  
Movie begins at 7:30 pm

### Ladies Movie Night Returns!

Our featured movie is  
**MIRACLES  
from  
HEAVEN**

Sign up at Information Center  
will be available next week.

## 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	106
Worship	193
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	44
Contribution	\$10,266.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	NA
Contribution YTD	NA
Under Budget	NA

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## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Brenda Peoples
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	Corny & Phyllis Walker
Greeters: Back Entrance	Dimitri & April Sykes
Ushers	Mary Collier
Information Center	Steve De Prince & Devon Westcott
Shepherd's Call	Garth Hutchinson
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Joe Marshall



## What's happening at Pitman Road this summer?

It's a quiet summer here at Pitman Road. But we don't want you to miss what IS happening, so here are some dates you may want to take note of:

**Today, July 10, through next Sunday, July 17 - Family Promise Host Week.**

**Thursday, July 14 - Our Honduras Mission Team members return home.**

**Sunday, July 17 - Refuge. All are invited!**

**Saturday, July 23 - Bring Your Own Craft Day**, Noon - 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Bring a craft to work on and share the afternoon with other crafty people! Snacks are provided.

**Saturday, July 23 - Saturday, July 30th - Junior High 1 week at Camp Manatawny**, directed by Aaron Pearl. You may notice a sharp drop in church attendance this week as between 50-60 of our members are volunteering or attending camp that week!

**Sunday, July 24 - Our first "Moving Into Community" meeting**, facilitated by Dan. See the article on page 3 for more information.

**Friday, August 5 - Ladies Movie Night Returns!** In our auditorium. Doors open at 7 pm, movie begins at 7:30 pm.

**Saturday, August 6 - Saturday, August 13 - Elementary 1 week at Camp Manatawny**, directed by Manny Vander Venen. Again, you may notice a drop in attendance that Sunday as another 30-40 of our members (some repeats from Aaron's week!) volunteer and attend camp that week!

**Sunday, August 7 - Starting Point meeting**, facilitated by Carlos for those who would like to learn more about our congregation and what being a member is all about. It will be at 11:45 am in the Young Adult classroom. Lunch and childcare will be available.

**Sunday, August 7 - Refuge. All are invited!**

**Sunday, August 14 - Craig and Katie Young will make their annual visit and mission report.** Craig will speak during the Bible class hour. After worship, **there will be a picnic at the Hutchinson's home honoring the Youngs. All are invited**, more details to come.

**Saturday, August 20 - LIFE Group Leaders brunch** in the Family Life Center. This meeting is for current leaders, and those interested in hosting or leading a group this fall. More details to come.

**Sunday, August 21 - Ministers, Elders, & Deacons (MED) meeting** at noon in the Family Life Center. Lunch will be provided.

**Sunday, August 28 - LIFE Group "Sign Up Sunday"** and sermon. More details to come.



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