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All New Wednesday Night Schedule **Starting in September**

Check out this cool new schedule for Wednesday nights, starting Sept. 7th!

- An opportunity for individuals involved in our "ministry areas," committees, or special purpose groups to meet, hence reducing extra meeting times!**
- A strategy to enhance our Sunday morning worship experience**
- A congregational commitment to prayer**
- Participation in "whole group" and age-specific activities**
- An opportunity to eat together at 5:30**

Pray for our church family as we approach this dramatic new approach to our Wednesday Night Meeting Times! One Textual Bible Class offered every Wednesday (except 1st & 5th Wednesday nights monthly)

1st Wednesday of Each Month: Praise Night

Purpose: Learn songs to enhance our Sunday worship services & provide training opportunities.

The entire church family will meet from 7:00-7:45 to participate in a praise service. A major focus of this time will be to learn new songs; especially more contemporary songs. Additionally, the night will provide opportunities for training in prayer, song leading and even brief devotional thoughts. Individuals can also be trained to operate our audio/visual equipment. The nursery will be open.

2nd and 4th Wednesdays: Activity Night

Purpose: Allow our long-established Wednesday night schedule to be an opportunity for ministry-specific activities, committee coordination, and special purpose gatherings

The church family will meet from 7:00- 7:45 for a variety of activities. Ministry leaders will be asked to conduct team meetings during this time, as opposed to earlier on Wednesday nights and Sunday after services. Members might meet with Shepherds as needed. Special purpose groups/committees will meet (i.e. Barnabas Ministry, Tech crew etc.). The kids will participate in activities that make use of the FLC (basketball/volleyball etc, WOW) and the children's wing. The nursery will be open.

3rd Wednesday: Prayer Warrior Night

Purpose: Provide an opportunity for sustained and targeted prayer. The entire church family will meet from 7:00- 7:45.

We will start in the auditorium for updates and instructions. The rest of the evening will be devoted to prayer. We can participate in one long Vesper service, or in smaller groups meeting in pre-arranged locations throughout the building. There can be smaller personal prayer meetings as needed. There will be a prayer opportunity for any person who is able to sit through such an activity; even our youngest. The nursery will be open.

5th Wednesday: Choice Night

Purpose: Provide an opportunity for church members and families to do something that meets a need or interest. No Meal

The church will not officially meet as a large group on this night. This will occur 4 or 5 times per year. It will be a time for members to do different things. Options could be: Shepherds/ministers and their families meet together; families enjoy a night of being together at home or elsewhere without guilt of not being at church, and maybe getting some much needed rest; encouragement to go use the time to visit with some of our church family who don't get out or are going through difficult times; Get together with other church family, find opportunities to serve in the community.

O u r M i s s i o n

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

From Daniel's Den

Your Legacy...What will it be? (# 2)

The definition of **legacy** is "anything handed down from, or as from, an ancestor." Earlier this month, Katherine and I (and 3 of our 4 adult kids) attended a family reunion at Center Hill Lake Retreat Center, an hour east of Nashville. It turned out to be an absolutely wonderful family time! Thirty members of our Cooper family spent at least some time there that week. One of the reasons for our gathering was to honor my father, Lee Cooper, now 87 years old. Several times during the week he would say, **"I'm just so proud of you kids. Your mom would be proud, too."** Likewise, we let him know how grateful we are for his impact for good on us. Mom passed away nearly four years ago, after 62 years of marriage.

As I reflected on our reunion and my parents' lives, I started thinking about their **legacy**. Dad was a gospel preacher, and Mom his loyal co-laborer. Together they brought many people to Jesus and raised a family of Christ followers. They served churches in Montana, Colorado, Vermont, Indiana, Nazareth, Israel; and Virginia. (So, if I'm weird - it's because I moved so much as a kid!) They never had much of this world's goods and they were not particularly famous or well known. But, they kept the faith and shared it profusely. They passed on their faith to us kids. What a legacy!

What are the three greatest parts of their **legacy**? I would use a phrase used often in scripture, they gave us "faith, hope and love." Last week I emphasized their legacy of faith! This week, I move to their legacy of "hope."

My parents helped us grow in **hope** by continually encouraging us to do the right things since God would reward those "who diligently seek Him." We would talk about the beauty of Heaven and how wonderful it will be to all be together one day with each other and with God. I know that is the main reason that I did "not grieve like the rest who have not hope" when my Mother died. I will see her again and in much better shape than when she left this world. Thank God for a heavenly **hope**, given us through the resurrection of Jesus. Thank God for my parents who passed this **hope** on to us.

May we as a church, and as parents, leave a legacy of **faith, hope and love**. (More next week.)

Dan the Preacherman (I have borrowed many of these thoughts from my brother, John)



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Kings.

Carlos' Corner

There's Nothing Like It

My powers of persuasion rarely work on my kids. But I'm hoping for better results today. I'll be straight with you - I want to talk you into doing something.

I'm hoping to convince you to read the Bible every day this week. 7 days in a row. Here are three reasons I think you should:

1. **There's interesting stuff in the Bible.** Don't ever let someone tell you the Bible is boring. If someone says that, they aren't reading it right. Noah's Ark, David and Goliath, Samson and Delilah, wars and conquest, love and marriage, Peter cutting off a soldier's ear, a dead man coming back to life...I could go on and on. There are some incredible stories in the Bible.

2. **The Bible is unlike any other book.** This might surprise you, but the Bible isn't really a book at all. It's a collection of 66 small books or letters. It was written by 40 different authors across a couple of continents and in three languages. It's been collected. Organized and preserved for us.

3. **The Bible has influenced the world like no other book.** The Bible has shaped more than preachers - it's influenced Presidents and Kings. I know it's overwhelming, but did you know if you read just 15 minutes a day, you can read the whole Bible in about a year. If you read God's Word for just 15 minutes a day, I think you will benefit.

SO, WHERE DO I START?

You can start at the beginning if you'd like. If I were you, I would start with the New Testament, specifically the Gospel of John. It's all about the life of Jesus, and it was written by one of his best friends. So what do you say? Will you give it a try?

P.S. If you want to read online, here's a great website. You can follow a reading plan or just dive in to the Book of John. Go to www.youversion.com

Grace & truth, Carlos

France Missions:

France needs God now more than ever!

Maybe, just maybe, they will even be more receptive to the “**Prince of Peace**” following the recent senseless acts of terrorism.

Would you like to support the missionaries there, and learn more about what they are doing?

Join us in the Auditorium on Sunday, Aug. 14th, as Craig and Katie Young will give a full report on their work in Marseille.

Join us at the Hutchinson’s Home for a picnic honoring the Young’s immediately after worship on that Sunday. If you would like to volunteer to bring something for the picnic, please call or e-mail Diana in the next 10 days.

Join us for an informational meeting at the Hutchinson’s Home, immediately following the Picnic. If you think you might be interested, we will have a **BIG DOSE** of information and specific details about our next Mission Trip to France, June 23-July 2, 2017. What we think we know right now is that the dates are “set in stone”, the cost will be about \$2,100, and we will limit our team size this year to 25 participants.

Camp Manatawny Men’s Retreat

While Camp Manatawny is very busy with kids over the next few weeks, all of the excitement dies down as the Summer ends and kids head back to school.

Just around the corner is the Camp Manatawny Men’s Retreat and Women’s Retreat.

Dan is coordinating the guys from our church who are heading both to the Camp Manatawny Men’s Retreat, hosted by the King of Prussia Church of Christ, and the golf outing, sponsored/hosted by OVU!

See Dan if you are interested in either!

Cost for the full retreat is \$40 if you register and pay before 9/2 but a \$25 late fee after 9/2. Cost for guys 12 and under is only \$20 (See the Bulletin Board for Full Details!)

OVU Golf Outing is a scramble and tees off on Saturday morning, 9/9 @ Blackwood Country Club @ 10:00

Let Dan know if you’d like to join him in a foursome

We will play “Best Ball” scramble format.

Cost will be \$40 per person which includes lunch.

We will have prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams.

Prizes for long drive, long putt and closest to the hole.

Checks can be made to “Ohio Valley University”.

Reservations need to be made by Thursday, Sept. 7.

Manatawny Men’s Retreat begins with Registration at 5:00

Register at www.manatawny.org

Dinner at Camp at 6:00 PM.

Everything concludes at Camp on Saturday @ 2:30 PM

This Week’s Prayer Requests

Praise: Great week at camp with the count for Aaron’s week up 40% over last year. Thanks that all our campers and staff are home today!

Prayers Requested:

Tony DeStefano’s co-worker, **Frank Andjel**, has a rash over most of his body that is not really responding to the usual treatments. He is in Jefferson Hospital undergoing testing. We ask for prayers that test results are negative for any serious syndromes or conditions and that whatever virus or allergic reaction is causing this rash, subsides quickly.

Charles Ward, Sue Ward’s father, is now back in assisted living facility and has entered hospice.

Joe Schneider, Jay’s dad, follow up x-ray shows his broken arm is healing!

Mary Schneider, Jay’s mom, recovering from carotid artery surgery this past Friday. She’s had some recent strokes, diagnosed with atrial fibrillation.

Harold Pearl will be having another heart catherization and additional stent. Date TBA.

Gwen Phillip, Praise that she had completed radiation, but prayers needed for severe burns.

Missions/Travel:

Diana, Lucas, and Claire Hutchinson will be traveling home this week, due to arrive back in NJ on Tuesday.



If you would like to make Pitman Road church your church, or simply find out more about our Vision, Mission, Beliefs,

and Values, then we would love for you to join us at our next Starting Point meeting. Starting Point is an informational meeting for anyone interested in being part of the Pitman Road church. Starting Point lasts 2 hours and provides a great opportunity to meet some of our leaders, ask questions, and discover ways in which you can move into our church in a deeper way. We also will provide lunch & childcare for these 2 hours. You can sign up to attend Starting Point in the lobby at our Information Center. Our Starting Point meeting occurs on the 1st Sunday of every month. **Our next meeting is on August 7th at 11:45 am in room B-2. Hope to see you there!**



LIFE Group Vision and Planning Meeting

Who: All who are interested in hosting or leading a LIFE Group this fall.

What: A brunch meeting is planned. Discussions will center around our vision for LIFE Groups, planning, and training for leaders.

When: Saturday, August 20th, 9:00-11:00 am

Where: Family Life Center

RSVP to Glynn Durham or the church office .

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	85
Worship	180
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	NC
Contribution	\$7,670.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	NA
Contribution YTD	NA
Under Budget	NA

THIS Friday!

Ladies
*M*ovie 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 the
Information Center!

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Elder on Call for July and August: Mike Lazar

Popcorn and Snacks • Fun for all! • Bring a friend!

Pajamas welcome!

ADMISSION TO MOVIE:

Bring one or more of the following Food Pantry items:

peanut butter • jelly • canned tuna • saltines
mac & cheese • canned pasta • 1lb box of sugar
donations of money also accepted

Sign up at the Information Center!

NEXT Sunday!

Sunday, August 7th
5:30-7:30 pm

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coffeehouse • fellowship • praise
young adult LIFE group • everyone is welcome!

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Robin Steward
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	Frank & Sandy Sheehan
Greeters: Back Entrance	Hope Hooley & Jonathan Hooley
Ushers	Dawnna Hale
Information Center	Waverly Hale & Austin Hale
Shepherd's Call	Nate Haden
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Carl Steiner

NATIONAL
BACK TO CHURCH
SUNDAY

8 OUT OF 10 PEOPLE SAY
THEY WOULD CONSIDER COMING
TO CHURCH IF INVITED

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Back to Church Sunday is coming up on September 18th. We're having a special service specifically designed to welcome people back to church, so now is a good time to start praying about who you will invite. Eight out of ten people say they are open to visiting church if invited, That's powerful! Imagine how our community can be transformed if everyone here invited at least one person to come to church.

We are also planning a fellowship meal here immediately following the worship service, to give our guests more time to get to know us, and for us to get to know them. More details will be available soon.

This is the perfect opportunity to share God's love with your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers! We are preparing conveniently sized invitations for you to hand out and we will let you know when they are available.

Mark your calendar and start praying now!



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