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Making A Difference...

...in the lives of children: two opportunities to star the school year off right!

It's that time already and **Angels of God Clothing Closet** in Pitman is in need of **sneakers**, **socks and even underwear for kids in need**.

Many children start the school year without these basic needs and we can help. Sales are going on everywhere right now so why not pick up one or more of these items (one for male and one for female) and put a smile on a child's face. Place your items in the box labeled *Embark Ministry* at the Information Center by August 31st. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your support and generosity. *-Leza Davis*

"Back to School" Supply Drive: We are collecting the following items. Please drop them in the bin at the Information Center by August 21st.

- backpacks / book bags
- pencils and pens / erasers / pencil cases
- · crayons and colored pencils
- pencil sharpeners (that hold the shavings)
- highlighters and markers
- folders / composition books / notebooks
- binders and loose leaf paper
- graph paper / index cards/flash cards
- scissors/rulers/calculators
- "Book Soxs"

...in the lives of missionaries! "Picnic Honoring the Youngs"

Garth and Diana Hutchinson will be hosting a picnic at their home next Sunday, August 14 at 12:00 - 2:00 pm, honoring **Craig and Katie Young and their family**, missionaries in Marseilles, France.

Please sign up at the Information Center to bring one of the items with you:

(or you can email Diana at drh13013@gmail.com)

- hamburgers / hot dogs
- hamburger buns / hotdog buns
- veggieburgers
- condiments: ketchup, mustard, pickle relish, pickles
- sliced tomatoes and lettuce
- · deviled eggs
- raw vegetables and dip
- salads: potato salad, macaroni salad, green salad,3-bean salad, fruit salad, egg salad, etc.
- baked beans / mac and cheese
- beverages: soda, water, ice tea, lemonade, fruit juices
- Watermelon and other summer fruits
- desserts: cakes, cookies, brownies, etc.
- Other (Anything else people want to bring!)

...and in the lives of those who need to meet Jesus!

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY... Invite someone!



Our Mission

From Daniel's Den

Your Legacy...What will it be? -Part 3

The definition of **legacy** is "anything handed down from, or as from, an ancestor."

Earlier this month, Katherine and I attended the Cooper family reunion. Thirty members of our Cooper family attended. One reason 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 my parents' lives, I thought 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 five states and Israel. 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? They gave us "faith, hope and love." Last week I emphasized their legacy of hope! Finally this week, I move to "love."

My parents helped us grow in love by loving God, us, and others. I will never forget my Dad inviting a stranger from the alley behind our house into our kitchen for breakfast; he had been going through our trash looking for food. I was nine years old then, but I remember it vividly. I also remember my dad inviting a man to stay in our home, and mom insisted on hiding all the kitchen knives, because she knew of his past history. Similarly, though at the time I found it less than enjoyable, I remember them taking us to nursing homes to sing hymns of faith, hope and love to the elderly. I now realize the love shown in this act of service.

May we as a church, and as parents, leave a legacy of **faith**, **hope** and **love**.

-Dan the Preacherman (Thoughts borrowed from my brother, John.)



Dan Cooper aka "Dan, Dan, the Preacherman"

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Carlos Isaziga twitter@carlosisaziga

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Carlos' Corner

Why You Should Invite Someone To Church

When we ask people how they first came to our church do you know what they tell us?

It's not direct mail or Facebook. It's not the yellow pages or our website. It's not because of the awesome ministry staff. The number one reason people become part of the Pitman Road Church is because someone invited them. Here are three reasons you should invite someone:

1. They might make a friend.

Some of my closest friends in the world are here. Friendship is one of life's great treasures, and church is a great place to make friends. How cool would it be if you invited someone to church and they made a lifelong friend? Do you know anyone that needs a friend? Invite them to church.

2. They might be encouraged.

It's said that only 20% of an iceberg is visible above the water, the rest is below the surface. I think people's struggles are like that, too. You never really know what they are going through. They might look happy on the outside, but they are really in need of hope or encouragement. A simple invitation to church might be a spark of hope for someone. Do you know anyone that needs encouragement? Invite them to church.

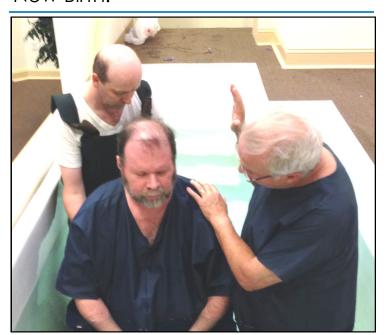
3. They might meet Jesus.

In the book of Acts, you can read about a guy named Andrew who brought his brother to meet Jesus. Andrew's brother was Peter, who became a great apostle. (He's got massive churches named after Him!) By far, the best reason to invite someone to church is they might meet Jesus. Eternity can be altered because of a simple invitation.

So what do you say? Who can you invite to the Pitman Road Church this week?

P.S. If you bring someone, please introduce them to me. I'd love to say hi.

Grace & Truth, Carlos



After completing a Bible correspondence course from a church in Alabama, and a series of Bible studies conducted by Glynn Durham, **Chris Fitzpatrick** was baptized this past Wednesday. Chris' contact information is: 56 Glenwood Ave., Mantua, NJ 08051 609-509-6404

Notes of Thanks!

Thank you so much for the generous donation toward our flood recovery. You have no idea how much it helped. We are slow getting our home back together. We now have walls and subflooring. We are taking it one day at a time and we will recover!

Again, thank you so much, *Lee and Peggy Bastic*

To the Pitman Road Church,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and flowers during our recent loss.

My mother, Vernell, was very touched by the outpouring of love she received. We appreciate how much you let us know that you care.

Sincerely, *The Brier Family*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the Bible you have given me, and thank you for everything you have done for me throughout my life. I don't know where I'd be without you and your love and guidance. Thank you!

Love, **Dominick Hernandez**

My father's broken arm is making good progress in healing. He has begun physical therapy. My mother was able to leave the hospital Sunday July 31st and she is happy to be at home recovering with family members taking turns being with her. I thank you for your prayers. *-Jay Schneider*

TODAY!



For those wanting to know more about our church!
11:45 in room B-2.
Lunch and childcare will be provided.

Responses

Four of our members responded to the invitation last Sunday:

Ron Dargan expressed his deep appreciation to our church family for all the love and all the cards they have received on their 36th Anniversary.

Harriet Wensel asked for prayers for her family. Her grandson Josh was hospitalized again; the only antibiotic still available to treat his infection can damage his only functioning kidney. Grandson David was also admitted with pneumonia. Their mother Nancy is also in poor health.

Delores Macri had oral surgery this past Wednesday. Heart issues could complicated the procedure.

Pat Schuehler expressed her praise for all God has blessed her with.

This Week's Prayer Requests

<u>Praise:</u> Praise and prayers for all those who are currently volunteering at Camp Manatawny Elementary 1 week with Manny!

Prayers Requested:

Bud Britton is awaiting test results to try to diagnose the reason for his poor health.

Harold Pearl had another stent inserted this past Thursday.

Frank Andjel, coworker of Tony DeStefano, update: The rash was a mild case of Stevens-Johnson Syndrome, caused by a reaction from an unknown virus. Praising God that it did not cause blistered nasal passages, or go into his organs. He has gone back to work.

Charles Ward, Sue Ward's father, hospice.

Please contact John Ashton no later than August 20 (jashton834@comcast.net, 609 561 8371) if you are interesting in attending a training session for Family Promise.

The following dates were inadvertently left off the church calendar this month:

Hannah Rodriquez - Birthday - August 4 Rebecca Cruz - Birthday - August 24 Ed & Rachel Stetser - Anniversary - August 30 3

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 128 Worship 195 LIFE Groups NA Wednesday 85 Contribution \$8,932.00 Fiscal YTD Goal \$52,060.00 Contribution YTD \$44,215.00 Under Budget (\$7,845.00)

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Elder on Call for July and August: Mike Lazar

Serving Us Today

Nurserv Brittany Spaeth Kids For Christ Summer Break Summer Break Jr. Worship

Greeters: Front Entrance Mandy Mansdoerfer & TBA

Larry Peterson & Mike Lazar Greeters: Back Entrance

Ushers Jackie Fenton

Information Center Harold Pearl & Jonathan Hooley

Horatio Fenton Shepherd's Call

Song Leader Mike Broyles Communion Derek Davis





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TONIGHT!





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.



All Ministers, Elders, and Deacons are asked to plan to attend the next M.E.D. Meeting. Important agenda items to be discussed:

- The new Wednesday night format.
- More about the 2016-2017 budget.

Harriet and Judi are planning lunch, so please RSVP to Dan or Dottie by Wednesday, August 21st.

Please mark you calendar and plan to be there!

A Formal Ball and Fundraiser In Support of Finding a Cure for Pancreatic Cancer. In Loving Memory of Michael Langston (La'Verne Daniels' brother)

September 10, 2016 - 6-10 pm at the Comfort Suiets 5409 Plummer Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23435 Tickets - In Advance - \$40 adults, \$25 children Call Fave at 757-581-7355 for more information.

