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We extend a very warm welcome to our guests today. We are honored to have you worship with us!

Please enjoy your visit with us! All we ask is that you fill out the visitors card in the Welcome Packet you received upon your arrival. Didn't get a Welcome Packet? Please visit our Welcome Center or ask any usher or greeter and they will assist you.

Please join us for lunch in the Family Life Center (directly across the hall from the auditorium) immediately after the worship service. We would love to have an opportunity to visit with you and get to know you more!

This Wednesday - Prayer Focus



All Meet in the Auditorium at 7:00pm - then move to stations.

Prayer Stations for This Wednesday Night as we Move Deeper Into Community

1. Confession & Surrender
2. Growing in the knowledge of God's will (Colossians 1:9-12).
3. Grieving & Hurting (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)
4. Setting an example / Specifically for our teens (1 Timothy 4:12)
5. Jesus is Calling / Children & Pre-teens (Matthew 19:14)

Two other options for this Wednesday Night /

"Barnabas Ministry" in B-1

"Studies in James" in Chapel B-3

Next Wednesday - Activity Night



**SPECIAL PRAYER
EVENT**

SEE YOU
at the
POLE

**WEDNESDAY,
SEPT. 28 AT 7PM**

Please join us in prayer for our students, teachers, administrators, and schools at our annual **See You at the Pole** prayer event. Each year, Tim and Melody Davis, along with our teens, coordinate this moving time of prayer and blessing for the upcoming school year.

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

The Top Ten Symptoms of Emotionally Unhealthy Spirituality:

- 1) **Using God to Run from God:** When I create a great deal of "God activity" and ignore the difficult areas in my life that God wants to change.
- 2) **Ignoring the emotions of anger, sadness and fear:** To the degree that we are unable to express our emotions, we remain impaired in our ability to love God, others and ourselves well.
- 3) **Dying to the wrong things:** God never asks us to annihilate the self.
- 4) **Denying the past's impact on the present:** Our past lives will continue to influence us in ways.
- 5) **Dividing our lives into the "secular" and "sacred" compartments:** Data suggests that in many crucial areas "Christians" are not living any differently than their unbelieving neighbors.
- 6) **Doing for God instead of being with God:** Our activity for God can only flow from a life with God.
- 7) **Spiritualizing away conflict:** Very few of us come from families where conflicts are resolved in a mature, healthy way.
- 8) **Covering over brokenness, weakness and failure:** The Bible does not spin the flaws and weaknesses of its heroes.
- 9) **Living without limits:** We cannot serve everyone in need. We are not God.
- 10) **Judging other people's spiritual journey:** After all, we're the ones who are right, aren't we?

Are you guilty of any of the above unhealthy tendencies? I am! This list was composed by Pete Scazzero and is shared in the excellent book, *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*.

- Dan the Preacherman



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Merle (Glynn) Durham
Visitation Minister

A Few Moments with Merle

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

At one of the funerals I attended recently they sang the song by this title. The writer of this song was Civilla Martin, the wife of a Baptist minister. Listen to her own words as to how she came to write the song: "In the spring of 1905 my husband and I were traveling through New York. We became good friends with a couple by the name of Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle – true saints of God. Mrs. Doolittle had been bedridden for 20 years. Her husband was an incurable cripple who was confined to a wheelchair. But he was able to run the family business. Despite their afflictions, they lived happy Christian lives, bringing inspiration and comfort to all who knew them. One day while visiting the Doolittles, my husband commented on their bright and positive disposition, and asked them about the secret of their joy in the midst of pain. Mrs. Doolittle's reply was simple: 'If His eye is on the sparrow, then I know He watches me.' The beauty of this expression of simple faith gripped my heart and the same evening I wrote the words for the song." The rest, as they say, is history.

If you are afraid, worried or overwhelmed, discouraged or unsure about the future, or struggling with the problems of today, listen to the words of this beautiful song:

"Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart feel lonely, and long for heaven and home? When Jesus is my portion, a constant friend is He. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches over me. His eye is on the sparrow; and I know He watches me. I sing because I am happy. I sing because I am free! His eye is on the sparrow; and I know He watches me. His eye is on the sparrow; and I know He watches me."

Jesus said to His disciples, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father....So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." (Matthew 10:29-31)

--Merle (Glynn) Durham

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Young Adult

Get-Together

Friday, September 23rd – 6 pm at the Isaziga's

All three young adult LIFE Groups, (and all young adults even if you're not in a LIFE Group) are invited to hang out at Carlos and Gina's house. We especially want to take time that night to welcome our newest young adults into the group. We'll eat dinner together, but you don't have to bring anything but yourself! See you there!

Bring Your Own Craft Day Is Saturday, September 24th, noon to 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center. All are welcome! Bring a craft or project to work on with other "crafty" people! Snacks will be provided! If you don't have any projects you are working on, come and help make Thanksgiving Cards that we will mail out to our missionaries and former members. etc.

2 Week Pajama Drive

The teens are collecting **NEW** pajamas **for children ages infant to 18 UNTIL OCTOBER 2ND**. They will be donated to area hospitals and pediatric facilities through an organization called Erick's Place. **OUR GOAL IS TO COLLECT AT LEAST 75 PAIRS OF PAJAMAS.** There will be a donation box in the foyer! Please help if you can!! **THANK YOU!!**

Saturday October 8th



Yard Sale - 8:00am - 1:00pm - Spaces are \$10, proceeds benefit Family Promise. For more information contact Jenn Pearl at 609-805-2186



Autumn Sing - 6:00pm - 8:00pm - Finger foods, desserts, coffee and beverages served in the Family Life Center 6:00 - 6:30pm.

Childcare will be provided.

Members: please sign up at the Welcome Center to bring finger food or desserts.



REFUGE is
Sunday, October 9th, 5:30-7:30 pm
All are invited to enjoy the Refuge Café and a time of awesome praise. Bring a friend!

Matching Gifts for Debt Reduction

We have been given the unique opportunity to reduce the debt on our church building by \$40,000.

Former members of our congregation have offered to match every dollar that we give, up to \$20,000. Due to their generosity, whatever we give to the Expansion/Capital Fund between now and December 31 will be doubled.

It is a significant compliment that members who have moved away, who are no longer worshipping with us, still care enough about us to contribute to the Lord's work here at Pitman Road!

Here is how it will work. When you make a donation to the Pitman Road Church of Christ, write "Debt Reduction" in the memo section. If you would like to make a donation in honor of a loved one, use the special forms at the Information Center or Dottie's office.

Your elders are working diligently to reduce the debt on our wonderful building, and this opportunity is really a God thing! It really is a win/win idea. Of course our hope is that these special contributions will be above and beyond your regular contributions to church.

Let me say it again: Every dollar you give will be matched, up to \$20,000, if you contribute by Dec. 31. To God be the glory! **Dan**

Attention women: Fall Prayer Groups/Partners are starting soon! 🍁🍁

Would you like to share the joy of a 3-month time of prayer? (October, November, December)

We need to pray for and with each other! Our lives are transformed as we come together into His Presence.

If you would like to ...

Pray with one other woman ...

Pray with a small group of women ...

Join with another woman as "accountability partners" ...

then please join us on Sunday, September 25th immediately after service in the Chapel Room for a 30-minute meeting in which we will discuss the purpose and organization of prayer groups/partner for the fall. This is an information meeting, so no obligation! We will hear from two women who participated last spring. ☺ If you cannot make the meeting but are interested, please contact: Brenda Busch (646-258-5031; bhall727@optonline.net) or Diana Hutchinson (856-381-9095; drh13013@gmail.com) **Thank you!**

Our Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship

Wednesday

5:30 pm Meal
7:00 pm Bible Class

Office Hours

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

Last Week

Bible Class	124
Worship	255
LIFE Groups	144
Wednesday	87
Contribution	\$6,897.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$114,680.00
Contribution YTD	\$99,466.00
Under Budget	(\$15,214.00)

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Elder on Call for September and October: Dave Perine

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Mandy Mansdoerfer & Debby Durham
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Dimitri & April Sykes
Greeters: Back Entrance	Cornly & Phyllis Walker
Information Center	Linda Prenger
Ushers	Adam Cerquoni & Lee Collier
Shepherd's Call	Garth Hutchinson
Song Leader	Matt Downing
Communion	Mike Buchanan

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Not Meeting	856-981-9755
Beginning Anew	Not Meeting	856-589-1500
Brook Besor	Durham's, Thursday at 7pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Monday at 7pm	856-419-0544
E.H.S.	Not Meeting	
Family of Teens	Not Meeting	856-589-1500
Hammonon	Not Meeting	
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm	856-217-3956
Paracletes	Not Meeting	
Solid Gold	Begin meeting on Sept. 25	
Teens	Not Meeting	856-589-1500
Vineland	Not Meeting	
Women in the Word	Begin meeting on Oct. 4	856-589-1500
College	Not Meeting	856-589-1500
Young Professionals	Isaziga's on Fri. Sept. 23	
Young Married	Not Meeting	

Wednesday Night Meal: Spaghetti & Sauce

Cooks: Jonathan & Mary Bernadette

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: The \$20,000 matching gift challenge

Prayers Requested:

Nancy Smith spent a night in the hospital due to multiple health issues. She is home and is doing better.

Dorothy, Brenda Peoples, mom is hospitalized with an infection and her brother Ronnie is home alone.

Wanda Key, Fran Point's sister, is being treated for dangerously high blood pressure.

Ed Gandolfi, Annette Perine's dad, is having surgery on Sept. 26th to clear a 90% blocked carotid artery.

Glynn Durham will begin a new chemotherapy regimen on 9/21. He will have 2 rounds of treatment, 3 weeks on, and 1 week off.

Anne Peoples is still very weak after a stay in the hospital.

Sandy Long, neighbor of Monica's was hit by a car and has spinal cord injuries. Prayers that she will be able to walk again.

Thank You Messages:

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the tremendous donations of school supplies. The teachers at my school were extremely overjoyed at the volume of support!

So many students will benefit from your love, generosity, encouragement, and support.

We face many challenges on a daily basis in our Philadelphia schools. Helping us get a "good start" with providing needed supplies was a huge Blessing for so many.

With heartfelt gratitude, Cordelia Holmes

Dear Pitman Church Family,

On behalf of the Kellum family, we would like to sincerely thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers and outpouring of love during a very difficult time of bereavement. Please keep us in your prayers. May God bless all of you.

In Christian Love, Lawrence & Bertha Kellum

Dear Pitman Church,

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

The family of George Rowe - Thank You

Bus Trip to See "Jonah"

We have a bus trip planned to go see "Jonah" at Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster County, Pa. on Saturday, May 20, 2017. There are 97 tickets available. The cost is \$98 for adults, \$84 for teens (13-17) and \$59 for children ages 4-12. The cost includes bus, show and dinner at Shady Maple restaurant.

There will be time for shopping at the Shady Maple gift shop, Good's Store and the Shady Maple Farmer's Market. The sign up sheet is in the welcome center. Please contact Brian Holden for additional information. Phone: (856) 881-6792 e-mail: bcholden94@hotmail.com

All money is due by Sunday, February 5, 2017



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