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Family Promise®

**NEXT week is our
Family Promise Host Week
October 16th -23rd
Volunteers are still needed!
Sign up now in the lobby!**

Our Host week begins one week from today! We are expecting a "full house!" There are still openings for volunteers. Please visit the Family Promise table in the lobby for the most current list of openings. We thank all those who have already volunteered.

Speaking of volunteers: We received some good news last week!! Vicki Peters, director for Family Promise, has re-recruited *Jesus Recycles Ministries*, whose volunteers will help us during all of our host weeks. For this upcoming host week, they have volunteered as evening hosts for several nights.

Please consider being a part of this outreach ministry that gives a hand up to those in need right here in our own communities.

Please Join Us For The Fun Fall Festival!

**NEXT Saturday, October 15th
3:00-5:00 PM
Rain or Shine!**

**Games and activities for children ages 2-12!
Cost: Free!**

**This is a family event, so please plan to
accompany your children through the
activities and enjoy the afternoon together!**

**Pick up flyers at the Welcome Center
and invite someone!**



Bridal Shower

Postponed

**Due to conflicting
schedules, the bridal
shower for Rebecca Cruz
is postponed. It will be
rescheduled for a later
date.**

**Please stay tuned for the
new date!**

Refuge • TONIGHT

5:30 -7:30 pm



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

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

So, you are a preacher, and one night your wife walks into your bedroom...

Imagine being a minister of a dynamic and growing church, and having your wife walk into your bedroom one night saying: "I'd be happier single than married to you. I am getting off this roller coaster. I love you but refuse to live this way anymore. I have waited...I have tried talking to you. You aren't listening. I can't change you! That is up to you... I am getting on with my life." And then she continues, "Oh yes, by the way, the church you lead. I quit. Your leadership isn't worth following!" (Peter Scazzero, EHS, p. 17) By the way, that really did happen. Do you think he hit a wall?

Later, Scazzero goes on to say, "this was probably the most loving thing my wife has done for me in our entire marriage." Pain, shock, and surprise have an amazing way of opening us up to new truth and getting us going! Even though we may have biblical knowledge, a leadership position, seminary training and experience, we can still be emotionally stuck. Huge areas of our lives, the iceberg below the surface, can permit ugly areas to remain untouched by Jesus Christ.

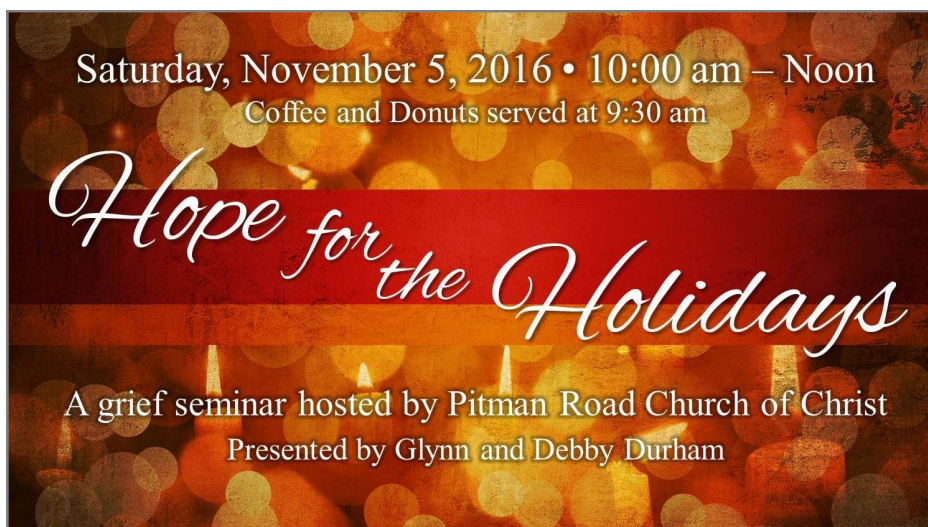
Emotional underdevelopment, our own or that of others, is not so obvious when we first meet. God wants to make our lives in Him beautiful. He wants the fruit of the spirit to be obvious in our lives (Gal. 5:22-23). But, for the fruit to be experienced, we must "journey through the wall." Get ready for the ride. Life is a bumpy journey. There are detours, road blocks and surprises. God is working on you...wanting to make something great of you. But it will hurt!

-Dan the "journey through the wall" Preacherman



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

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***Have you lost
a loved one recently, and are now
facing the first holiday season
without them?***

About the seminar

The first Christmas following the death of a parent, child, sibling, or spouse can be very difficult. How does one plan for the holidays? How much should remain the same? Should one begin new traditions? "Hope for the Holidays" is a seminar designed to help those who are dealing with grief and loss to prepare for the approaching holidays.

The seminar speakers will be **Glynn Durham**, the visitation minister at the Pitman Road Church of Christ, (and also a former hospice chaplain,) and his wife, **Debby Durham**. As part of the seminar Glynn will share a message, "How to Keep Your Loved One Close During the Holidays." Debby, who had two children in college and a third in high school when her husband died, will share her story of making new holiday traditions with her children.

About the Durhams

Glynn and Debby Durham have a unique story. Glynn married his college sweetheart, Susan, and became a minister. Early in his ministry, he performed a wedding ceremony for a young couple, Gary and Debby Thies. The two couples had remained friends through the years. Glynn lost his wife, Susan, to cancer in February, 2006. Debby lost her husband, Gary, suddenly, two months prior, in December, 2005. Glynn and Debby began corresponding to support each other in their grief, and love followed. They were married in August of 2008.



***This seminar is free of charge and open to the community and area churches.
We ask that you register in advance by calling our church office at 856-589-1500.
Flyers are available at the Welcome Center.***

Passing the Baton!



Millie Moore has been keeping our Caring and Sharing food pantry well stocked since we were in our previous building. Her late husband Jim Frampton also assisted her until shortly before his passing. Millie has done a fabulous job, and because of her diligent service, we have been able to provide food for countless families. Millie has recently moved, and the distance makes it hard for her to be here as often as necessary to keep the pantry stocked, so she will be stepping down from the pantry ministry. **Thank you Millie, for your many years of dedicated service!**

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Planning Adult Curriculum

The **Adult Curriculum Planning Committee** will be meeting this **Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 pm** in room B4. The members of the committee are **Brian Holden, Brenda Busch, Carlos Isaziga, Dan Cooper, Diana Hutchinson, Mike Broyles, and Robin Steward**. If you have any suggestions regarding topics for our Sunday or Wednesday Adult Bible Classes, please submit your suggestions to one of the seven committee members before next Wednesday.

Attention Deacons and Ministry Leaders

The new deadline for submission of your calendar dates for 2017 events and activities has been extended to **Sunday, November 6th**.



Looking Ahead

November 5th: **Hope for the Holidays**, 9:30 am - noon

November 6th: Daylight Savings Time ends

Starting Point, 11:45 am

November 11th-13th: **Youth Advance**

November 13th: **REFUGE**, 5:30-7:30 PM

November 20th: **Pack the Pulpit/Thanksgiving Baskets**

November 23rd: No Wednesday Night Meal or Services

November 24th-25th: **Thanksgiving/Church Office Closed**

November 26th: **Bring Your Own Craft Day**

December 4th: Donna's **Annual Cookie Exchange**, 1:00 pm

REFUGE, 5:30-7:30 pm

December 9th: **Red Cross Blood Drive**, 2:00-7:00 pm

December 10th: **Feed the Hungry** in Trenton 10 am - 2 pm

December 11th: Children's Christmas Party

December 17: Teens' Christmas Party

December 21st: No Wednesday Night Meal

December 28st: No Wednesday Night Meal or Services

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Erin Downing! Erin earned a Masters of Science in Midwifery at Philadelphia University in August. In September she passed the American Midwifery Certification Board exams and is now a Certified Nurse-Midwife. She will now go on to bless the lives of many, many women and children!

Congratulations to Clay Olley! Clay was honored last week as a Distinguished Varsity Scholar at Cedar Creek High School. We know what a fine young man he is, and we are glad that the people at his school know too!

Congratulations to Ben and Rachel (Cooper) Stutzman! They are expecting a baby on February 19th. This has been a prayerful journey for them, and continued prayers on their behalf are requested. This will be grandchild number six for Dan and Katherine!

The Christian Chronicle

Do you receive the **Christian Chronicle**, a monthly publication spotlighting news in the churches of Christ? If not, did you know that you are able to receive it free of charge! If you are interested, you may sign up at the Welcome Center now.

6th Annual Ladies of Virtue Retreat

We are Lights for Jesus Christ: Display though Me!

March 3-4, 2017

Sheraton Columbia Town Center Hotel

10207 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD

Sponsored by Northeast Baltimore Bible Institute & College

Registration information can be found at:

www.virtue2017.com

and on the bulletin board in the Adult Education wing.

(Mary Collier has attended this retreat and recommends it.)



Wednesday, October 26 • 6:15-7:00 pm

Rain or Shine!

A safe, traffic free environment for your children to Trick or Treat!

Please accompany your children through the parking lot while they Trick or Treat.

Refreshments for all will be provided inside our building. Fun activities in our Family Life Center after Trunk or Treat.

Invite someone!

Flyers available at the Welcome Center!

Our Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship

Wednesday

5:30 pm Meal
7:00 pm Bible Classes

Office Hours

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

Last Week

Bible Class	153
Worship	239
LIFE Groups	161
Wednesday	71
Contribution	\$9,033.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$145,768.00
Contribution YTD	\$127,513.00
Budget Deficit	(\$18,255.00)

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Elder on Call for October: Dave Perine

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Judi Campbell
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Hope & Jonathan Hooley
Greeters: Back Entrance	Frank & Sandy Sheehan
Information Center	Dawnna Hale
Ushers	Waverly Hale & Austin Hale
Shepherd's Call	Dave Perine
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Aaron Pearl

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Mychajlowcz's at noon	908-294-4056
Beginning Anew	Church Bldg. at noon	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.	Church Bldg. rm B4 at noon	856-589-1500
Family of Teens	Church Bldg. FLC at noon	856-589-1500
Hammonton	Ashton's at 5 pm	609-561-8371
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm	856-217-3956
Paracletes	TBA	856-449-9656
Solid Gold	Kellum's at noon	856-478-6972
Teens	Church Bldg. FLC at noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. Tuesday at 9:45 am	856-589-1500
College	REFUGE at 5:30 pm	856-589-1500
Young Professionals	REFUGE at 5:30 pm	856-589-1500
Young Married	Adam's at 1 pm	609-922-4510

Wednesday Night Meal: Chicken Patty Sandwiches

Cooks: Harriet and Team

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: See *Congratulations* below.

Prayers Requested:

Horatio Fenton will be having thyroid surgery on Oct. 21 at University of Pennsylvania Hospital.

Spencer Family, passing of Kelly's mom. See below.

Drusilla Anavitarte, hospice. See below.

Elijah Harris, Larry Kellum, Sr.'s sister, in declining health.

Anne Peoples

Glynn Durham had the third infusion of chemo in the first round of his new treatment.

Aldemar Isaziga, diagnosed with prostate cancer. Treatment to be determined.

Dorothy Cunningham Brenda Peoples' mom, Wegener's Granulomatosis; she will be on permanent kidney dialysis.

John Lindsey, David Lindsey's brother, serious medical problems resulting from diabetes, especially ulcerated feet, possible amputation. Please pray for God's healing and the doctor's decision making.

Jim Edwards, friend of the Points, regained consciousness, recovery from stroke.

We Extend Our Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Kelly, Troy, Trent, and Donovan Spencer** on the death of Kelly's mom, **Katherine Oncay**. Katherine was hospitalized briefly the week before, and was readmitted the beginning of this past week. An infection caused her organs to shut down, and she passed this past Tuesday morning. This was an unexpected shock for the family.

Funeral services were held this past Friday. If you would like to send cards, you can send cards to Kelly at her home address listed in the church directory. Cards to Kelly's dad can be sent to John Oncay, 270 Greentree Road, Sewell, NJ, 08080.

Sad News

Many of us know **Drusilla "Dru" Anavitarte** from all the years she worked during Junior High 1 week at camp. Dru has been valiantly battling cancer for a number of years. We received news last week that Dru is now living with her son Paul and his wife Autumn and has entered a hospice program.

We have been asked how to contact or visit Dru, and her son Todd reached out to Aaron and provided the following information: If you would like to send a card to Dru, please send it to 715 Cattail Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111. Dru has asked that any visits be kept to 20-30 minutes, as she tires very easily. To schedule a visit, contact Autumn at autumnana@verizon.net or 717-576-3367. If calling, please leave a message.

Please keep Dru and her family in your prayers.

Thank You

Thank you for your kind expression of sympathy on the death of my husband, and brother of Tom Toy, **Herb Toy**. Your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated.

-**Carolyn Toy** and family



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