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Emotionally Healthy Spirituality *The Journey Continues* Enlarging Your Soul Through Grief and Loss

A Poem of Patient Trust

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything
to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to something
unknown, something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress
that it is made by passing through
some stages of instability—
and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you;
your ideas mature gradually—let them grow,
let them shape themselves, without undue haste.
Don't try to force them on,
as though you could be today what time
(that is to say, grace and circumstances
acting on your own good will)
will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit
gradually forming within you will be.
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.

—*Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*
A Jesuit Priest (1881-1955)

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

What Will You Find in The Christian Chronicle?

The Christian Chronicle is a monthly publication designed to “inform, inspire, and unite” members of the Churches of Christ. Print circulation of this publication is 137,000 copies, with an estimated readership of over a quarter million. If you do not receive it, you need to, and you can sign up right now at the Welcome Center. And, best of all, it is free; though they do ask for a donation periodically!

I typically read the Chronicle cover to cover every month. I just finished the October issue. If you have not read the October issue of The Christian Chronicle yet, this is what you missed: 1) You missed the photo and the story about baptism in the desert among the Navajo Nation. 2) You missed reading about the dust and love, and finding God after the recent Italian earthquake. 3) You missed the story of Christians sending food to Iraq, where the people are “born in hell, live in hell and die in hell.” 4) You missed the story about the New Mexico nursing home resident with a disability who was recently baptized, and (on the same page) the story of the 96 and 94 year old couple who have been married for 73 years. 5) You missed the story about what God is doing in, with, and through the church in the sparsely inhabited state of North Dakota. 6) You missed the story by Bobby Ross reporting on stories he had done in all 50 states, including the one about “the tattoo artist who found Jesus in New Jersey.” 7) You missed the story about the man who went from prisoner to preacher! 8) You also missed the story about the preachers who have lost hundreds of pounds by living “without fried chicken” and a lot of other tempting food. 9) You missed the story that passionately pleads for greater support for churches in the Northeast. And finally 10) You missed the “tips for Bible teachers” as they prepare to teach Bible classes. You missed a lot! Sign up today.

Read your *Pitman Road Bulletin* weekly, and your *Christian Chronicle* monthly,

-Dan the Reading Preacherman



Dan Cooper
aka
“Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman”

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Merle (Glynn) Durham
Visitation Minister

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A Few Moments with Merle

Hope for the Holidays

I understand the pain of losing a loved one. I remember wondering how I could go on without my wife of 35 years in my life. My grief was raw. It was intense. The tears flowed at the mention of her name. I couldn't help it. The pain was awful.

I knew I needed help in dealing with the pain of my grief. I was not making much headway on my own. At times it seemed like it was getting worse instead of better. But I didn't know how to go about finding that help. Should I seek out grief counseling? Would joining a support group help me deal with my grief?

I understand the tendency to try to run away from or avoid dealing with grief. We try to convince ourselves that we are going to do better, to be better. We acknowledge that “dealing with our stuff” will not come without some pain of its own. So we continue to wait and avoid dealing with it.

Eight months after Susan's death I attended a grief seminar entitled *Hope for the Holidays*. I am sure it was designed especially for me. It met me where I was on my grief journey, and it gave me some strategies to help me to deal with the holidays. This seminar may have saved my life. I know it was a blessing.

Three weeks from now my wife Debby and I will offer our version of *Hope for the Holidays*. If you have lost a loved one to death within the last year or two, I hope you will plan to attend. We will both speak from having lost our spouse several years ago. We will share how to have hope for the holidays. In addition, I will share a lesson on “How to Keep Your Loved One Close During the Holidays.”

Maybe you know someone who needs to attend this seminar. It will be held here, in the Chapel, on Saturday, November 5, at 9:30 am to 12:00 noon.

--Merle (Glynn) Durham



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.

Today!

Bridal Shower for Rebecca Cruz in the Chapel immediately following the worship service!

This Wednesday:

- **Prayer Emphasis** for Adults, Teens, and Children
- **James** Bible class in the Chapel/B3
- **Barnabas Ministry** in B1



THE PAJAMA DRIVE HAS BEEN EXTENDED!

The teens want to do even more good for area children. And we can help them! They will continue to collect **NEW** pajamas for children ages infant to 18 until **NOVEMBER 27TH**. The pajamas will be donated to area hospitals and pediatric facilities through an organization called **Erick's Place**. There will be a donation box in the lobby. Please help if you can!!



THANK YOU!!

Bread of Life Ministry



Are you looking for a simple but significant way to serve here at Pitman Road? The Bread of Life ministry is looking for volunteers! Bakers are needed to supply the small breads that are handed

out each week. Also needed are people who are willing to hand out the bread to our guests at the Welcome Center after the worship service. If you are willing to serve, sign up at the Welcome Center. If you have questions about the ministry, please contact **Mary Collier**.



**Wednesday,
October 26th**

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.

Following Trunk or Treat:

Fun activities in our Family Life Center!

Invite someone! Invitations are available at the Welcome Center.

Matching Gift/Debt Reduction Challenge

Due to the generosity of former members, we have the opportunity to reduce our church debt by \$40,000. These former members have agreed to match all gifts given to the Expansion/Capital Gifts fund, dollar for dollar, up to \$20,000. To put it another way, if we give \$20,000, they will give another \$20,000!

- Your \$10 donation, immediately turns into a \$20 gift.
- Your \$1,000 donation immediately turns into a \$2,000 gift.

Now that is a good investment!

And, the same applies when you give a gift honoring someone or in memory of a loved one between now and December 31st!

Since the challenge was first extended, \$3,180 has been donated, so we still have room for more generosity. Fifteen percent taken care of, and another eighty five percent to go!

Complete the special form available at the Welcome Center, and your gift immediately doubles! Thank you, in advance, for your generous hearts.

-Dan

The Church That's Known for It's Prayer

This coming Wednesday is our Prayer Emphasis Night. Meet in the Auditorium at 7:00. Come pray together with other believers.

Men meet for prayer at Pitman Road three times each week.

The size of the prayer groups typically ranges from two to eight men. Meet in the conference room:

- **Tuesday mornings at 10:00**
- **Friday mornings at 7:00**
- **Saturday mornings at 8:00.**

The Women's ministry facilitates prayer groups and partners several times each year. There are women meeting weekly for prayer both in the building and locally. Currently, groups meet in the Millville/Vineland and the Sewell areas, and one group meets by phone. **If you would like to have more information about the women's prayer groups/partners, please contact Diana Hutchinson or Brenda Busch.**

Saturday, November 5, 2016 • 10 am - Noon
Coffee and Donuts served at 9:30 am

Hope for the Holidays

A grief seminar hosted by Pitman Road Church of Christ
Presented by Glynn and Debby Durham

The first Christmas following the death of a parent, child, sibling, or spouse can be very difficult. "Hope for the Holidays" is a seminar designed to help those who are dealing with grief and loss to prepare for the approaching holidays.

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 with more information, or to give to someone you feel will benefit from this seminar, are 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	126
Worship	226
LIFE Groups	163
Wednesday	81
Contribution	\$8,778.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$156,180.00
Contribution YTD	\$136,291.00
Budget Deficit	(\$19,889.00)

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Elder on Call for October: Dave Perine

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Brittany Spaeth
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Larry Peterson & Mike Lazar
Greeters: Back Entrance	Mandy Mansdoerfer
Information Center	Mary Lea Thompson
Ushers	Harold Pearl & Larry Peterson
Shepherd's Call	Mike Broyles
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Mike Grove

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Mychajlowcz's at noon	908-294-4056
Beginning Anew	Church Bldg. Conf rm 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	Thompson's at 5pm	609-561-8561
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm	856-217-3956
Paracletes	TBA	856-449-9656
Solid Gold	Kellum's at 6 pm	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	Church Bldg. rm B2 at noon	856-589-1500
Young Professionals	Today, location/time TBA	347-922-2248
Young Married	TBA	856-899-9466

Wednesday Night Meal: Meatloaf

Cooks: Cindy Holden

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: Will and Kristy (Romeo) Mendez are expecting a baby in April!!!

Responding to the Invitation:

Karelle Pierre-Jaques requested prayers for the people of Haiti as they try to recover from Hurricane Matthew.

Anita O'Hara shared that she is thankful that God helped her go through a significant "wall" and asked for prayers to help her with certain relationships within the church family.

Prayers Requested:

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

Tony DeStefano, recovering from hernia surgery this past Wednesday.

Lynne Sbaraglia, had exploratory procedures this past Thursday, hoping for some answers.

Jim Edwards, friend of the Points, had another stroke and is in critical condition.

Doryann Seitz, recovering from serious asthma attacks.

Drusilla Anavitarte, hospice.

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

Anne Peoples released from rehab, but will move into assisted living in DE.

Glynn Durham, preparing for next round of chemotherapy.

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

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.

Paul Bachman, friend of Pat Jenkins, recovering from serious accident. Please pray also for wife Laurie and their children.

We Express Our Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to **Gina, Carlos, Isabella, Isaac, and Emma Isaziga** on the passing of Gina's abuelo, **Pablo Barinas**, on October 8. Pablo was 98 years old. Gina and Carlos were very close to him, but due to Hurricane Matthew, they were unable to be with him for his last days. But they were able to travel to Miami for the funeral services. Please pray for the Isazigas and their extended family as they grieve this significant loss. Cards can be sent to the Isazigas at the address listed in the church directory.

Thank You!

We had two big events last Saturday!

In the morning was the **Community Yard Sale**. The rain held off just long enough to have the sale in the church building parking lot. Thanks to **Jenn and Aaron Pearl** for organizing the event. Proceeds of \$110 for table rentals were donated to our Family Promise ministry!

Saturday evening, the **Annual Autumn Sing** drew a crowd of about 40-50 people, including guests from area congregations. Thank you to **Harry Ake** for being the coordinator of this event and also to **Garth Hutchinson, Mike Broyles, and Dwight Thompson** for leading the singing.



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