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NEXT SUNDAY: Old Fashioned Pot Luck Meal to Honor Anne Peoples!



This is not a Fairy Tale... A Tribute To Anne Peoples

It was August, 1971. Anne read in the newspaper that college students were going through Pitman inviting people to church and setting up home Bible Studies. She saw them coming down the other side of the street and waited for them to make it to her side of the street. They came to her house. As they knocked on her door she greeted them and invited them into her home.

She accepted their invitation to study the Bible with her, and she met Paul Cantrell and other members of the Pitman Church of Christ, which was meeting on E. Holly Avenue at the time. She was baptized into Christ, and eventually led her husband, Frank, to an understanding of who Jesus was and how Jesus wanted Frank to respond. He was baptized into Christ during a meeting when Jimmy Allen was preaching. Frank responded to the gospel at 80 years of age!

Since those early days, Anne has been a consistent and predictable regular. As predictable as clock work! If it needed to be done,

Anne would be a part of the plan to get it done. She has been a member of our church for over 45 years! Amazing! She loves people. She loves the church. She loves Jesus. She loves sharing her faith.

But, the aging process and ongoing health concerns have made it necessary for Anne to move into assisted living in the Newark, DE area, near her daughter, Toni Harlan. Anne had her personal belongings moved out of her condo in Pitman this past Thursday, and she is preparing to sell it. But we don't want to let her go without saying goodbye, and she would like to see us as well. **So next Sunday, October 30th, Anne will be here so we can give her a proper send off! It is a Fifth Sunday, so we will take the opportunity to honor her for her 45 years of faithful service to this church. We will have an old fashioned Potluck fellowship meal in the FLC! A large cake will be provided. No gifts are expected, but cards of appreciation and commendation would be most appropriate. Help us honor Anne Peoples next Sunday!**

We are asking our members to bring in their favorite covered dish to share at the Fifth Sunday Potluck meal, immediately after worship, NEXT Sunday, October 30th. Please: Bring ALL hot foods PREHEATED.

THIS Wednesday, October 26th, Join Us For Trunk or Treat!



**A safe, traffic free environment
for children to Trick or Treat.
Rain or Shine!**

**Invite someone! Invitations are
available at the Welcome Center.**

Our schedule for the evening:

- **5:15:** Wednesday Night Meal for members and their guests. Hot Dogs and Chili will be served. Please sign up using the slips available in the lobby.
- **6:00:** Children get into their costumes. Adults decorate their vehicle trunks and get ready to hand out candy.
- **6:15-7:00: Trick or Treating for the children.** As the years have gone by, we've gotten more children from the surrounding community, so be prepared with enough treats! We ask that parents accompany their children in the parking lot while they Trick or Treat. Refreshments will be available in the Family Life Center for our guests.
- **7:00: Fun activities in the Family Life Center!**

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

At Your Funeral...

What will be said at your funeral? Have you ever seriously thought about that? Really! Some say, "Well, I don't think I want to have a funeral." And some do make that decision, but...even if you don't have a funeral...people will still talk. They will remember you and reflect on your life... "the good, the bad and the ugly." Right? You know that it true. Funeral or no funeral, after death...friends, family and acquaintances...those left behind will talk about the deceased.

I do not remember a year that I have conducted or attended more funerals than I have this year. A lot of death around us! We cannot escape. From the two year old child to the 95 year old sweet sister, death hits us in the face. Death interrupts life! If I do conduct your funeral, please make it easy on me. Make it easy on those in attendance. I do not want to lie, and I do not want have to say, "we gather to remember this person who was selfish, ignored God, ignored family, ignored church, was materialistic, critical, negative, overly concerned about looks, and was self-absorbed." Live your life in such a way that the preacher can tell the truth at your funeral, and all will go away feeling blessed.

Such is the case with the funeral I conducted this past Thursday. Everyone who described this woman talked of her faith in God, her belief in Jesus, and how she loved the Bible. She was a pillar of strength and God's love. Her life was lived in praising Jesus. She desperately wanted all of her children to honor Christ. She wanted them to follow the path to Christ. She never had much money, but she left behind what was most valuable. To God be the glory!

So, when you die, "at your funeral," or even if you avoid the funeral, how will you be remembered?

-Dan the Preacherman



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

...those left
behind
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about the
deceased.

The honor of your presence
is requested at
the wedding of

Rebecca Cruz

to

Justin Godfrey Guy

November 6, 2016

4:00 pm

Pitman Road Church of Christ
500 Pitman Road, Sewell, NJ 08080

Refreshments to follow for church guests
At the Family Life Center

Pack the Pulpit!



Pack the Pulpit Sunday is November 20th!

The shopping list/bags for
"Pack the Pulpit Sunday", are
now available in the lobby.

If you are not familiar with this annual event, this is the day that we collect food for Thanksgiving dinner baskets that we give to families in need. It's an opportunity to get children involved in giving as well. If you like, you can take your children shopping with you to purchase the items on the list. On "Pack the Pulpit" Sunday, we ask our members to leave their bagged groceries in a designated spot in the lobby and at the appropriate time the children of the church literally "Pack the Pulpit" with the groceries. After the worship service, the teens get to work sorting the food and pack up food for at least 50 families in need from our community.

If you, or someone you know, is in need of food assistance for Thanksgiving dinner, please let Dottie know.

We are in need of 50 turkeys and 50 fresh pies. If you would like to donate a turkey or pie for the baskets, please let Dottie know that as well.

Grocery List for Thanksgiving Baskets

- stuffing
- canned fruit
- canned gravy
- cranberry sauce
- instant potatoes
- canned green beans
- French fried onions
- cream of mushroom soup
- canned yams or sweet potatoes

NO JUICE PLEASE!

(A truckload was donated!)

Wednesday Nights: Are you confused? We are too!



Our Midweek/Wednesday Night schedule is a work in progress. The elders are tweaking, making adjustments, and contemplating the schedule as we go through the final months of this year. The office staff will do our best to keep

you posted on the schedule through the bulletin, church emails, and social media. Because of events such as *See You At the Pole*, and *Trunk or Treat*, changes to the overall schedule were made: the second and fourth Wednesday schedule were flipped and the fifth Wednesday schedule eliminated for November. You're still confused! So here is the upcoming schedule for the remainder of October and through November *as it stands now*.

This Wednesday, October 26:

5:15: meal (note earlier start time this week), 6:15-7:00 pm: Trunk or Treat, 7:00 pm: Activities for children in the FLC, adult Bible class and meetings.

November 2:

5:30: meal, 7:00: Praise singing in auditorium for everyone.

November 9:

5:30 meal, 7:00: Children's puppet show in the auditorium. Bible class and meeting for adults.

November 16:

5:30 meal, 7:00 Prayer in the auditorium for children and adults. Bible class for adults.

November 23:

Thanksgiving Eve: NO meal, NO Wednesday night church.

November 30:

5:30: meal, 7:00: Activities for children in the FLC, adult Bible class and meetings. (Originally this was a "5th Wednesday" on the schedule, but will now be a "4th Wednesday" schedule.)

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**.

Grief Seminar

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.

Fun Fall Festival

Last Saturday was our annual Fun Fall Festival, coordinated and staffed by **Tim and Melody Davis, the Pitman Road Youth Group, with help from parents of teens**. We thank the Davises and their team of teens and parents for all of the work they put into making this a great event for both our children and children from the surrounding community. We applaud their full day of effort to be Jesus's shining light in the community!



A special thank you to **Harry Ake** for bringing his horses, **Rosie and Daisy**, here to supply horseback rides for all!

Check out our Facebook page for more photos, courtesy of **Sherri Herndon**.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH • 5:30 – 7:30 PM



coffeehouse • fellowship • praise
All are invited! • Young Adult LIFE Group

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	NC
Worship	207
LIFE Groups	125
Wednesday	60
Contribution	\$7,569.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$166,592.00
Contribution YTD	\$143,860.00
Budget Deficit	(\$22,732.00)

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Elder on Call for October: Dave Perine

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Robin and Justin Steward
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Glynn & Debby Durham
Greeters: Back Entrance	George & Cookie Rowe
Information Center	Brenda Peoples
Ushers	Corny Walker & Jonathan Hooley
Shepherd's Call	Dwight Thompson
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	Waverly Hale

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	See right column for details.	856-589-1500
Hammonton	Thompson's at 5 pm	609-561-8561
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm	856-217-3956
Paracletes	See right column for details.	856-449-9656
Solid Gold	Kellum's at 6 pm	856-478-6972
Teens	See right column for details.	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	TBA	347-922-2248
Young Married	Adams' at 1 pm	609-922-2581

Wednesday Night Meal: Hot Dogs and Chili

Cooks: Pearls

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: For **Dottie and John Grillo's 40th** wedding anniversary!

Prayers Requested:

Francis, Alana Peterson's cousin. He was critically injured when he was hit by a car last Wednesday morning in Pine Hill.

Horatio Fenton, recovering from thyroid surgery.

Debbie Contravo, surgery was postponed.

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.

Glynn Durham, preparing for next round of chemotherapy.

We Extend Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Gloria Myerson and her family on the passing of her mother, Inez Gonzalez, last Saturday. Inez had been in declining health for several years, and passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by loving family.

Funeral services were held in Vineland this past Sunday. Cards can be sent to Gloria at 108 Hummingbird Way, Sewell, NJ 08080.

Thank You!

Thank you to all those who volunteered during our Family Promise Host week. Whether you cooked, hosted, drove, set-up, or cleaned up, your service was invaluable to the success of the week. We had eight guests last week who's lives were positively impacted by the love of Jesus!
Thanks also go to **John Ashton** for his efforts in recruiting volunteers and coordinating the week! **Our next host week is January 22-29, 2017.** And it's never too soon to contact John and sign up to volunteer!

Honoring the Groom

Calling ALL Men... This coming Saturday, October 29th, the men of Pitman Road will be honoring Justin Guy as he approaches his marriage to Rebecca Cruz. Meet at Rodchester's Barbecue & Grill 130 N. White Horse Pike, Lawnside, NJ 08045 at 6:00 pm
Come on out for great Christian fellowship, laughter, words of encouragement and words of wisdom! **PLEASE...RSVP to Derek Davis 856-625-5353 TODAY.** Come out and bless Justin!

LIFE Group Service Project Today

The **Paracletes, Teens, and Family of Teens LIFE Groups** will be joining forces today for a service project. They will be assisting with an apartment move for a friend of Janet Bett's. Please meet at 12 pm today to load a U-Haul truck at 101 Austin Ct., Deptford (behind the Lowe's in Deptford).

Manny says, "No meal is planned, but there's a good chance some of us will grab lunch together somewhere after the move."



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