



# PITMAN ROAD

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### A TIME OF THANKSGIVING: Celebrating What God Has Done and is Doing!

#### On the eve of the month of Thanksgiving...

#### Will you join me in making November a time of random expressions of thanksgiving?

1. **Anne Peoples:** Today we give thanks for Anne Peoples and her 45 years of faithful service to this church family. We also celebrate her nearly 90 years of life!
2. **Shore Meeting / Shepherds and Ministers:** Today I give thanks for our shepherds, my co-ministers, and for our annual Shore Meeting last weekend. You will be hearing more about that time of prayer and planning in coming days.
3. **New People:** Today I give thanks that even though we have lost many loyal members in recent months, new people are coming, and they are "**Meeting Jesus**" and choosing to make us their church home.
4. **Family Promise Volunteers:** Today I give thanks for the dozens of Family Promise volunteers who helped to host, feed, shuttle, and be Jesus to our three guest families. I am especially grateful to **John Ashton** for directing the week, and the countless number of details that he and his team took care of. Our church is "**Making A Difference!**"
5. **Donors for Pack the Pulpit Sunday:** I am thankful for the dozens of children and adults that help to "Pack the Pulpit" with groceries, turkeys and pies every Thanksgiving. (And, be nice! Don't say "we already have turkeys filling the pulpit every Sunday!") Calls are already coming in requesting Thanksgiving Baskets.
6. **Operation Christmas Child:** I am thankful for **Tina Broyles** coordinating this annual ministry, which sends "shoeboxes" of both loving and important items to needy children in faraway places.
7. **Trenton Meal Donors and Volunteers:** Three times a year, we serve hundreds of hungry people in Trenton, in cooperation with the Clinton Ave. Church of Christ. I thank God for **Larry & Lea Ann Kellum**, who coordinate this ministry, and for those who give money and time to support it.
8. **Joe Marshall:** I give thanks for the deep and meaningful way that men, like Joe Marshall last Sunday, lead us to the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ every week as we celebrate our communion service with each other.
9. **Phyllis Walker:** I was there when Phyllis Walker and the Women's Prayer Quilt Ministry delivered the quilt to Rich Ruhland in the days just before he passed. I thank God for this ministry, and the women who serve it.
10. **Funeral Luncheon Organizers and Helpers:** I do not remember a year with more funerals than we have had this year. Do you? Today I thank God for every organizer, cook, decorator, and clean up person who helps with luncheons.
11. **LIFE Group Leaders and Hosts:** What a talented group of men and women we have who lead our LIFE Groups! LIFE Groups helps us to "**Move into Community.**"
12. **Tim and Melody Davis:** What would our teen group be without the vital leadership role fulfilled by Tim and Melody Davis? Thanks to Tim and Melody for their consistent role in providing leadership for our teens and their families.
13. **Dottie Grillo:** I am very thankful that Dottie and her husband, John, had a chance to get away and celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. No one works harder at this church than does Dottie Grillo! No one!
14. **Matching Gift Challenge:** I am thankful for generous Christians (both former and current members) who make sacrificial financial contributions to support the ongoing work of the Lord's Church. I am especially grateful for the "Matching Gift Challenge," which is helping us to reduce our mortgage by \$40,000.

*"It is more blessed to give than it is to receive."* – Jesus

So thankful to be an active part of this family of generous givers, **Dan the Preacherman**

#### TODAY!

There is a Potluck lunch immediately after the worship service. We will be honoring Anne Peoples and her 45 years of faithful service to the Pitman Road Church! Anne is relocating to an assisted living community near Newark, DE, near her daughter Toni. While you can go visit her, she most likely will not be coming back to Pitman, so take this opportunity to give Anne your love and hugs!

### Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## I Have a Confession to Make!

Four and one half years ago I made a promise that I did not keep. That is my confession. I have not kept my promise! Have you ever done that? I preached a sermon in April, 2012 called "One Thousand Gifts." The sermon was based on a book I had just finished reading and the book challenged all readers to list 1,000 gifts for which they were thankful. I challenged you to list one thousand gifts for which you were thankful, and I promised you that I was going to list my 1,000 gifts. I just stumbled across my gratitude list and discovered I had only listed 353 items before I became distracted. So, I am going to finish my list of 1,000 gifts during the month of November. Will you join me in listing 1,000 of your blessings/gifts during November?

Jesus said, **"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy...but lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"** (Matt. 6:19-21). Counting my gifts makes me think more about God! Counting my gifts makes me think more about how much stuff I already have. Counting my gifts makes me want fewer things! I have been richly blessed!

This is a huge assignment! It will not be completed in one hour or even in one day. It will take time. Count 1,000 gifts between now and the end of November. I promise you, it will be a humbling experience. Count your many blessings, name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God has done!

Get out your journal or note pad, and start counting! **Dan the Grateful Preacherman**



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

Will you join me  
in listing 1,000 of  
your blessings  
during  
November?



**Carlos Isaziga**  
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You don't have  
to be an insider  
to know that  
donations make  
a difference.

## Carlos' Corner

### Why I Give to the Pitman Road Church

Church, do you remember an infomercial for the Hair Club for men? James Whitman looked into the camera and said, "I'm not just the President of the company...I'm a client." I'm blessed to be a minister for the Pitman Road church. I really am. But I'm not just a minister here. This is my church home.

I am in a LIFE Group. I attend Sunday Bible classes. And I financially support my church. I don't just minister to the church – I support the church by giving of my income every month. Here are three reasons Gina and I do this.

1. **I want to be an example to my kids.** Let's face it – we're living in pretty selfish times. We don't have to teach kids how to be selfish. They just figure that out on their own! So I want to be a countercultural example to my children. Generosity is more than an attitude – it's an action. I want them to know that I don't just feel generous, but that I actually give.

2. **I believe in our mission.** I believe "meeting people where they are so that together we can be transformed into followers of Jesus" is important. Those aren't just words on a website – they are a rally cry worthy of my attention.

3. **I want to make a difference.** When I give to our church, I'm making a dent in eternity. You don't have to be an insider to know that donations make a difference.

Those are just three reasons we give to Pitman Road church. I'd love to invite you to do the same. In fact, I'd love to encourage you to do what we do – set up an online profile and give automatically.

Here's a link to our online giving page where you can set it up or make changes.

[www.pitmanroadcoc.com/give/](http://www.pitmanroadcoc.com/give/)

Grace & Truth, Carlos

P.S. If you ever have questions about church finances or want more information, just let me know.

## Operation Christmas Child



**It's that time of year again to bless a less fortunate child! The cardboard "shoeboxes" and instructions you'll need to begin packing your boxes are on the table in the foyer. Let's get packing!!**

**Boxes due to on November 13th. See**

**Tina Broyles for more info.**

## Food Pantry in Need

Every week our Caring and Sharing Food Pantry provides emergency food for many families in the surrounding communities. This past week, **six families contacted us for assistance in one day!** Additional families contacted through the week. The food pantry is stocked with monetary donations from our members, and we can go through several hundreds of dollars in one week. **Currently, our funds are low, so please consider making a donation.** Checks can be written to Church of Christ, noting "Food Pantry" on the memo section. Donations can be put in the collection plate, or given directly to Dottie.



## THIS Saturday Night....



### THIS SATURDAY: Grief Seminar



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.

### Trunk or Treat Thanks!

Thank you **Aaron and Jenn Pearl** for coordinating our annual Trunk or Treat event again this year! Jenn and the family cooked and served the Wednesday night meal and served refreshments for our guests during and after Trunk or Treat. Aaron brought in the bouncy obstacle course for the children to enjoy. Thanks to all who participated to make this a fun night for all the kids!



## Announcements

**THIS WEEK!** Support one of our own budding thespians! **Brianna Peoples** will be starring as "Maria" in the Williamstown High School production of **Twelfth Night!**



Dates and times: Thursday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm, Friday, November 4th at 7:00pm, and Saturday, November 5th at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. See Brianna or Brenda Peoples for more information.

### REMINDER TO ALL DEACONS AND MINISTRY LEADERS:

**NEXT Sunday, November 6th, is the deadline for submissions for the dates of your 2017 events and activities. Please provide the event information and dates to Dottie for inclusion on next year's church calendar.**



### Pack the Pulpit Sunday is November 20th!

The shopping list/bags for are available in the lobby.

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

Cranberry Sauce

Canned Gravy

Instant Potatoes

Canned Fruit

Canned Green Beans

French Fried Onions

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Canned Yams or Sweet Potatoes

**NO JUICE PLEASE!** We are covered!

### Engage Women's Ministry is kicking off a new ministry! Introducing the College Age Encouragement Ministry.

Many of our Pitman Road college aged young adults live away from home, some on Christian college campuses, some on state campuses, some still living at home but attending college, some are in the military, some are working and making future education plans. We all know what an exciting, frightening, and challenging time this is in a young person's life. Engage Women's Ministry is asking our life groups, and individuals, or families at Pitman to adopt a college aged member and send them encouraging notes, texts, and possibly an occasional small care package (this IS NOT mandatory). We have 22 college aged young people who've agreed to participate. They've provided us with contact information and how you could best encourage them along with prayer.

Please contact **Andrea Olley** at [andreaolley30@gmail.com](mailto:andreaolley30@gmail.com) or on her cell #609-457-6464

**The Engage Women's Ministry is planning to host a Health and Wellness Fair in April of 2017.** We are looking for anyone interested in being a member of the health and wellness committee/group. Specifically anyone in the medical field, or connected to the medical field in ANYWAY. See in person or contact- **Carla Clements** ([Carla.Clements@va.gov](mailto:Carla.Clements@va.gov), ph# 856-803-0591) or **Alana Peterson** ([janda2thehardway@yahoo.com](mailto:janda2thehardway@yahoo.com), ph# 609-744-2999), who have agreed to spearhead this project, or Andrea Olley ([andreaolley30@gmail.com](mailto:andreaolley30@gmail.com), ph# 609-457-6464).

## 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	121
Worship	235
LIFE Groups	130
Wednesday	93
Contribution	\$9,638.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$177,004.00
Contribution YTD	\$153,498.00
<b>Budget Deficit</b>	<b>(\$23,506.00)</b>

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**Elder on Call for November & December: Dwight Thompson**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Kathy Ashton
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Lee & Mary Collier
Greeters: Back Entrance	TBA
Information Center	Jackie Fenton
Ushers	Justin Guy & Steve DePrince
Shepherd's Call	Brian Holden
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Waverly Hale

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Fellowship Meal at noon	
Beginning Anew	Fellowship Meal at noon	
Brook Besor	Durham's, Thursday at 7pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Monday at 7pm	856-419-0544
E.H.S.	Fellowship Meal at noon	
Family of Teens	Fellowship Meal at noon	
Hammonton	Fellowship Meal at noon	
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm	856-217-3956
Paracletes	Fellowship Meal at noon	
Solid Gold	Fellowship Meal at noon	
Teens	Fellowship Meal at noon	
Vineland	Fellowship Meal at noon	
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. Tuesday at 9:45 am	856-589-1500
College	Fellowship Meal at noon	
Young Professionals	Fellowship Meal at noon	
Young Married	Fellowship Meal at noon	

Wednesday Night Meal: Meatball Sandwiches

Cooks: Linda Prenger, Rachel Stetser, Hope Hooley

## This Week's Prayer Requests

**Praise:** We praise God for **Anne Peoples**, and are thankful for all of the blessings she has been a part of in our church family!

### Prayers Requested:

**Glynn Durham**, recovering from chemo treatment and preparing for the next one.

**Angel Eldridge**, requests prayers for her eyesight; she is going blind and there's no treatment available for her.

## Our Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to **JoAnn Ruhland, and the Kauffman and McEntire** families on the passing of **Rich Ruhland** on October 21st. Rich fought a long battle with Parkinson's Disease, and is now resting in the arms of his Savior.

Rich and JoAnn were members of the Tabernacle church for many years. they placed membership at Pitman Road in 2012 after moving to Glassboro, into the home of their daughter Kim and her husband, Paul Kaufman. Rich and JoAnn have been a consistent presence here

ever since. In spite of being a hospice patient, Rich was here for a Wednesday night meal as recently as three weeks ago.

Funeral services were held here yesterday. Memorial gifts in Rich's honor can be made to the Pitman Road Capital Fund. Cards can be sent to JoAnn and the Kauffmann family at their address in the church directory.

Our sympathy is extended to **Alana Peterson** and her family on the untimely death of her 30 year old nephew, **Francis Reed**. Francis was critically injured in when hit by a car, and he passed away two days later.

Card can be sent to the Petersons at their address in the church directory.

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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  
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Refreshments to follow for church guests  
At the Family Life Center

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