



# PITMAN ROAD

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HAPPY  
*Thanksgiving*

GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

## New Winter Quarter Classes Begin NEXT Sunday!

## 2016-2017 Winter Quarter

### December, January, February

Sunday

Location	Intended For	Topic	Teachers
Family Life Center	Adults	Making Jesus Real	Dan Cooper
B-2	Adults	The Christian Atheist	Carlos Isaziga
B-4	Adults	The New You	Mike Broyles
Parke Place	Senior Saints	Worship	Jay Schneider

Wednesday

Week	Emphases	Coordinators
1st Wednesday	Praise Singing - Everyone meet in the Auditorium	Garth Hutchinson, Matt Downing
2nd Wednesday	Children - Puppet Ministry in Auditorium Teens - Activities in Teen classrooms Adults - Ministry Meetings Bible Class: Proverbs in B3 Chapel Barnabas Ministry in B1	Bert Kellum Tim Davis  Mike Grove Donna Lazar and Fran Point
3rd Wednesday	Prayer - Everyone meet in the Auditorium Adults - Bible Class: Proverbs in B3 Chapel Barnabas Ministry in B1	Derrick Busch Mike Grove Donna Lazar and Fran Point
4th Wednesday	Children - Activities in the Family Life Center Teens - Activities in the Family Life Center Adults - Ministry Meetings Bible Class: Proverbs in B3 Chapel Barnabas Ministry in B1	Aaron Pearl Tim Davis  Mike Grove Donna Lazar and Fran Point

## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## Junk, Tragedies, Brokenness and my Gifts List!

Do I sound like a broken record, repeating the same thing over and over again? Hope not!

That little book that has profoundly inspired my writing and preaching these last few weeks ***"One Thousand Gifts" ... A Dare to LIVE FULLY Right Where You Are***, keeps working on both my heart and my head. You've got junk, trash, sin, betrayal, disappointment and hurt and so do I. We can wallow in the junk, or we can be thankful for one thousand other gifts that God has given us. Time for just a few more inspiring lines from the book that has touched my heart during this season of Thanksgiving.

- The discipline of thanks comes only with practice.
- Haste makes waste. Life is not an emergency. Life is brief...fleeting, but it is not an emergency.
- Thanks feeds our trust.
- God reveals Himself in rearview mirrors.
- Sometimes we don't fully see that in Christ, because of Christ, and through Christ, He does give us all things good--until we have the perspective of years.
- Trauma's storm can mask the Christ and feelings can lie.
- We can give thanks in everything because a good God is leading, working all things into good.
- The foremost quality of a trusting disciple is gratefulness.
- In counting blessings I stumble upon the way out of fear.
- Anything less than gratitude and trust is practical atheism.
- The art of deep seeing makes gratitude possible.

...Still Counting God's Good Gifts (at # 653 right now!), ***Dan the Blessed Preacherman***



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

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## What a Giving Church We Are!

I praise God for this church's generosity. Could we be doing more? Of course! But look at what we have recently done by the grace of God! Are we making a big difference? Yes!

1. You contributed 63 Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child and that means five dozen children, both in the USA and across the world will be blessed richly because of your thoughtfulness.
2. Our Pack the Pulpit Sunday was ...once again... an overwhelming success. Over 50 needy families were provided with complete Thanksgiving Dinners, beginning to end. You provided a complete dinner, including a turkey and a pie for dessert! Amazing!
3. Dottie tells me that Tim and Melody Davis continue to improve the distribution process. On Sunday, it worked like a "well-oiled machine." Thanks for giving generously. We even had extra food, so our church pantry will be blessed with the overflow between now and the end of the year. We helped one family with only one person and we helped one family with ten members. Most that we helped had three to six family members. Wow! Thank you, wonderful Father, for blessing us so that we can give to others. I love our church.

What are other opportunities?

4. We can still help with PJ's, being collected by Tim & Melody Davis and our teens. They all need to be into the bin today!
5. And we still are helping two families from the Eleanor Corbett House, a Glassboro Shelter, collecting Christmas gifts and monetary donations until December 11. This is being coordinated by our Embark Women's Ministry.
6. Feed the Hungry in Trenton...Go in person (sign up at the Welcome Center), donate money toward the \$500 cost to sponsor the meal coming up on December 10th, and / or bring in new or slightly used and clean blankets.
7. Give Blood on Friday, December 9th here at our building between 2:30 and 7:30. Sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center or call Hope Hooley to make your appointment.

Update on Our "Matching Gift – Debt Reduction Challenge." As of today, \$14,000 has been given toward the \$20,000 challenge, so once we receive the next \$6,000, we will be able to reduce the amount of our mortgage by \$40,000. Over the course of our mortgage, that will end up saving that \$40,000 plus thousands of dollars more in interest payments. Remember this can be a blessing twice, once by reducing the debt, and doubling your contribution; and once again by honoring or memorializing someone else. Use the forms available in the foyer! **-Dan**

### ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Want to help keep homeless and needy people warm this winter? Here is your opportunity! **We will be taking blankets to Trenton when we serve Feeding the Hungry meal in Trenton on Saturday, December 10th.** You can bring new or clean and slightly used blankets to the building between now and December 10th. Barbara Robinson and Larry Kellum are coordinating this effort; if you have questions, please contact one of them. Please drop your new or slightly used, clean blankets in the box in then lobby labeled **"WINTER BLANKETS."**





## HOSPITALITY TEAM MEETING

If you serve as a greeter, usher, Welcome Center staff, or in the Bread of Life Ministry or Munchkin Ministry, OR if you would like to be a part of our "Hospitality Team" please plan to attend this important meeting **THIS Wednesday night at 7:00 pm in room B2.** We will be discussing how we can best serve our guests and we will also introduce our new guest folders! If you have any questions, please contact Carlos.



## NEXT SUNDAY'S EVENTS!



### StartingPoint

If you would like to make Pitman Road church your church or find out more about our Vision, Mission, Beliefs, and Values, then we would love you to join us at our next Starting Point meeting, on Sunday, December 4th at 11:45 am in room B1. Lunch and childcare is provided. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call 856-589-1500 and let us know you will be attending *Thank you!*

### Annual Cookie Exchange!

SUNDAY, December 4th at 1:00 PM

At the home of Donna Lazar,

214 Harrison Ridge, Mullica Hill 856-223-1699

Please bring 6 dozen cookies wrapped in 1/2 dozen packages, (6 cookies per pack.)

**Hope to see you there!!!**



## refuge

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Note the earlier start time. Please bring your favorite festive holiday snack, appetizer, finger food, or dessert to share on this special occasion!

## IN TWO WEEKS!

### GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

Pitman Road Church of Christ

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, December 9th, 2:30 - 7:30 PM

Appointments are preferred but not required.

Sign up sheet will be available at the Welcome Center, or contact Hope Hooley.



**American Red Cross**

## Feeding the Hungry in Trenton

Saturday, December 10th • 10 am-2 pm

**Sign-up to help serve at the Welcome Center!**

If you are willing to contribute to the \$500 cost of the meal, note "Trenton Meal" on your check and drop it in the collection plate or give it to Dottie.

## Books for Sale!

Did you know that we have some really, really good, brand new books available to purchase in our library? And if you are looking for a great Christmas present, you just might find a beautiful new book. You can give a good book, and you can bless a friend with some excellent reading in the coming year. All the prices shown here are the original list price. **The good news is the books are being sold at 50 % off the list price!**

Here are some books that caught my eye...

30 Days to Taming Your Tongue by Deborah Pegues (\$6)

30 Days to Taming Your Tongue Workbook by Deborah Pegues (\$8)

Seeing the Unseen by Joe Beam (\$15)

Hedges [Loving Your Marriage Enough to Protect It] by Jerry Jenkins (\$15)

Point Man by Steve Farrar (\$15)

Changes That Heal by Dr. Henry Cloud (\$15)

Changes That Heal Workbook by Dr. Henry Cloud (\$13)

The Prayer of Jabez by Bruce Wilkinson (\$17)

They Smell Like Sheep by Dr. Lynn Anderson (\$15)

The Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman (\$15)

How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth by Gordon Fee and Douglas Steward (\$17)

Love and Respect by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs (\$23)

Seven Things A Loving God Hates by Allen Webster (\$8)

Strength For The Journey by Jeff Snell (\$5)

The Purpose Driven Church by Rick Warren (\$22)

Bibles:

Kids Study Bible (\$20)

The Toddlers Bible (\$10)

1 Minute Bible (\$10)

The 365 Day Bible (\$15)

Spanish Bible (\$25)

If you would like to make a purchase, someone will be available to assist you in the library on Sunday mornings from 9:00 am - noon, and Wednesday nights from 5:30-8:00 pm.

## 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	130
Worship	256
LIFE Groups	146
Wednesday	NA
Contribution	\$9,444.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$218,652.00
Contribution YTD	\$192,582.00
<b>Budget Deficit</b>	<b>(\$26,070.00)</b>

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

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Robin Steward
Kids For Christ	Debby Durham & Tina Broyles
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Corny & Phyllis Walker
Greeters: Back Entrance	Dimitri & April Sykes
Information Center	Mary Collier
Ushers	Kareem Lazarus & John Peoples
Shepherd's Call	John Peoples
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	Andy Mchajlowycz

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Chong's at noon	410-920-9090
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	Not meeting today.	
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm	856-217-3956
Paracletes	TBA: Call for info.	856-449-9656
Solid Gold	Not meeting today.	
Teens	Not meeting today.	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	609-226-4031
Young Professionals	Call or text for time & location	347-922-2248
Young Married	Call or text for time & location	856-899-9466

Wednesday Night Meal: Spaghetti & Meatballs

Cooks: Harriet, Judi, and JoAnn

## This Week's Prayer Requests

**Praise:** Praise God ! We were able to make up and distribute **56 Thanksgiving dinner baskets** to area families in need!

### Responding to the Invitation:

**Suzanne Kleinewebber** requested prayers for **Brian** as he begins new treatment for his debilitating headaches. Please pray that this gives him relief from pain.

### Prayers Requested:

**Emily Penn**, coworker of Tina Broyles, cancer.

**Glynn Durham**, recovering from another round of chemo.

**Paul Stanford** has begun his wintertime travels. He asks that you keep him in your prayers.

**Jayne Schofield** is finally scheduled for an epidural on December 30th to relieve lumbar pain.

**Vernell Fuller**, Robin Brier's mother, recovering from pneumonia which was complicated by a blood clot in her lung. Vernell requests our prayers.

## We Extend Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Suzanne Steinbach** and her four children on the passing of husband and father **Chuck Steinbach**. Chuck passed away after a four year battle with brain cancer. Chuck was the son-in-law of Ruth Lowe. He and his family were long time members of the Laurelwood Church, and then attended here for several years in the mid 2000's. Funeral services were held this past Wednesday. For more information, please go to <http://costantinofuneralhome.com/tribute/details/1493/Charles-Steinbach/obituary.html>

## Get a Jump on Winter Quarter Class

Carlos is beginning a new class on December 4th, The Christian Atheist. The class will be based on the book **The Christian Atheist: Believing In God, But Living As If He Doesn't Exist**, by Craig Groeschel. If you would like to get a jump on the class by reading the book, you can purchase through an online retailer for about \$20.

## Thank You

Thank you so much for all of the love you have showered on my mother, sister, me, and our families. The funeral and meal were a beautiful example of Christ's love in action.

With love,

**Karen McEntire**

### Have you "adopted" one of our college aged young adults yet?

Engage Women's Ministry is kicking off a new ministry: Introducing the College Age Encouragement Ministry. 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. We have many of our 22 college aged young people who are still in need of "adoption!" Please contact **Andrea Olley** at [andreaolley30@gmail.com](mailto:andreaolley30@gmail.com) or on her cell #609-457-6464.



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