



PITMAN ROAD

CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 4, 2016

Volume 32, Issue 49

500 Pitman Road
Sewell, NJ 08080
856-589-1500

www.pitmanroadcoc.com

December is Here!



As we focus this month on "The Gift"

please join us on

Wednesday, December 21st

as we celebrate God's greatest gift to us -

Jesus Christ!

6:00 pm - Light Refreshments

7:00 pm - Devotional Service

More details coming soon...



Wednesday, December 21st:

Special Wednesday night program. No Wednesday Night Meal.

Sunday, December 25th:

No Bible classes. Worship Service at 10 am. Casual attire.

Children ages 0-12 years are invited to come to church in their pajamas!

Wednesday, December 28th:

No Midweek meeting. Spend time with family and friends!

Sunday, January 1st.

No Bible classes. Worship at 10 am.

Today!

New Winter Quarter Bible Classes Begin! *Please check the schedules posted in the Lobby and Family Life Center.*

Annual Cookie Exchange!

TODAY! 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!!!



Join us tonight at 5:00 pm for
a very special *Refuge* as we
celebrate the birth of our Savior
with songs of the season.

Please bring a favorite holiday
finger food or goodie to share!

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

A Great Gift from God to Man - The Bible: Some Interesting Facts About/From the Bible

- The most shoplifted book in the world is the Bible.
- In 2011, British calligrapher Donald Jackson and a team of calligraphers completed what is believed to be the first handwritten Bible with illustrations since the invention of the printing press. It took 12 years to complete and cost \$8 million.
- Jesus had four brothers and several unnamed sisters (Mathew 13:5).
- There is no physical description of Jesus in the Bible. None!
- Thomas Jefferson made his own Bible out of scrapes from the New Testament in order to focus on the moral teachings of Jesus of Nazareth instead of impossibilities like the miracles.
- Hell in modern Bible translations refers to "Gehenna," an actual place outside Jerusalem where they burned garbage and thus there was always a fire burning. The bodies of those deemed to have died in sin without hope were thrown there to be destroyed.
- There is an organization that illegally parachutes copies of the Bible into North Korea.
- The Bible is actually a compilation of 66 books written over a period of about 1,400 years by about 40 authors.



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

The Bible is one
of God's greatest
gifts to
His people.

The Bible is one of God's Greatest Gifts to His People, **Dan**



Darren Fields
Deacon;
Greeters/ReachOut

We need to
remember that
visiting a church
for the first time
can be an
intimidating
experience.

A Servant Speaks

Be Our Guest!

My ministry area coordinates greeters to meet our visitors and contact them after their visit through the ReachOut ministry. This ministry exists to help us fulfill the Great Commission in our own local communities. Local Evangelism is an area of critical importance for the growth of our congregation, the maturity of our members, and the wellbeing of the souls all around us. We need to remember that visiting a church for the first time can be an intimidating experience. We all have been there at least once. People frequently visit a church for the first time during a period of stress or change in their lives. We want to be responsive to their needs and make their initial visit with us a meaningful one.

Greeters Ministry: We coordinate the greeters for both the front and rear main entrances for Sunday morning services. The schedule for greeters starts prior to the start of Bible class and at the beginning of worship service. Greeters are asked to greet everyone and distribute bulletins to everyone who enters. Of utmost importance, greeters are to hand out a guest folder to every first time guest and encourage them to fill out the "Connection Card" and then place it into the collection basket or drop it off at the Welcome Center.

ReachOut Ministry: This ministry was created to coordinate church members with our visitors after their initial visit to our church service. On Sunday or Monday, an email is sent the ReachOut team members to provide their ReachOut assignments. The email explains to the ReachOut team members of their assignment which could be contact the visitors through emails, note (sent through the mail), phone calls, or visits. Most importantly, we offer prayers for our visitors. I believe that these are important ministries because so many churches miss opportunity to grow their church simply because they didn't know the visitor(s) were there. I believe that every person that walks through our doors should be welcomed and then contacted after their visit.

-Darren Fields



PITMAN ROAD
CHURCH OF CHRIST



StartingPoint

TODAY!

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 today at our Starting Point meeting, at 11:45 am in room B1. Lunch and childcare is provided.

This Week!

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!



American
Red Cross

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.

Feeding the Hungry in Trenton

THIS Saturday, December 10th • 10 am-2 pm
Sign-up to help serve at the Welcome Center!

Thank you to all those who contributed to meeting the \$500 cost of the meal, and also to those who have donated blankets.

Ministry Opportunity

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 or on her cell #609-457-6464.

Matching Gift Update

Several have asked how we are progressing with our Matching Gift - Pay Down the Mortgage Challenge.

- To refresh your memory, former members have promised to match any and all of our gifts up to \$20,000 to pay down our church mortgage. All monies that are received and so designated will go directly toward the mortgage and paying down our church debt.
- Thanks to all who have contributed so far. As of this past Sunday, we have given \$14,225. Praise God.
- We have until the end of the year to collect the balance of \$5,775, at which point we will have paid down the principle on our mortgage by an extra \$40,000.
- Your special donations can also be used to honor or memorialize a loved one, former member, or family member. Write your check to the Pitman Road Church of Christ, and note on the memo line: Matching Gift Challenge

Grateful for Generous Hearts, **Dan**

Coming Up This Month!



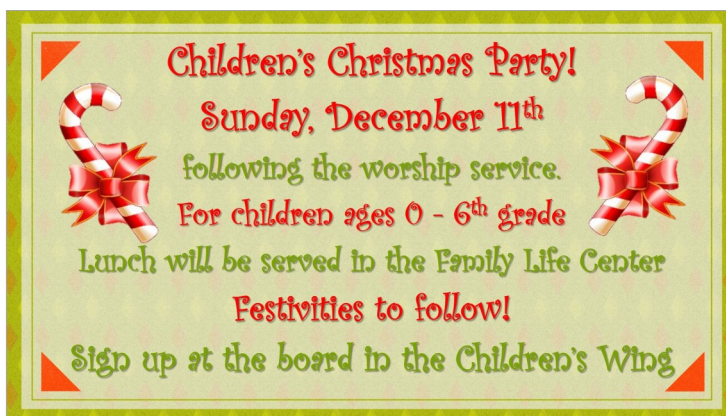
Sermon Series Schedule for December:

Today: **The Gift: The Word of God, The Bible**

December 11th: **The Gift: The Cross and the Celebration Over Death**

December 18th: **The Gift: Community & Church** - Dan

December 25th: **The Gift: Fresh Starts & New Life**



Bible Studies Schedule for December

Monday Night Men’s Bible Study will meet tomorrow night at 7:00 pm. Then there will be a winter break for the rest of the month. The study will resume in January.

Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study will meet on December 6th & 13th at 9:45 am, and will be off on December 20th and 27th. The study will meet again on January 3rd.

Opportunity to Serve Abroad



Need for a homeschool secondary school teacher in Japan!

A devoted missionary family serving in Japan has need of a junior/senior high teacher to come serve with their team. The purpose would be to help homeschool the children of team members -- IN

ENGLISH! They are seeking a committed Christian. Please pass the word! Kindly contact Garth or Diana Hutchinson for more information, or email the family directly. Thank you! Chad and Jennifer Huddleston: cjfamily@b-1.jp

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	122
Worship	NC
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	NC
Contribution	\$6,595.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$229,064.00
Contribution YTD	\$199,177.00
Budget Deficit	(\$29,887.00)

Ministers

Dan Cooper, Evangelist dcooper@cochrist.org
..... 856-589-4197

Carlos Isaziga, Minister cisaziga@cochrist.org

Glynn Durham, Visitation Minister poppydurham@gmail.com

Office Staff

Dottie Grillo dgrillo@cochrist.org

Annette Perine annette.perine@gmail.com

Elders

Mike Broyles mbroyles777@gmail.com

Horatio Fenton horatofenton@comcast.net

Brian Holden bcholden94@hotmail.com

Garth Hutchinson 609-414-2606
..... grth.hutchinson@gmail.com

Mike Lazar teacher.engineer@comcast.net

John Peoples 609-617-7451

Dave Perine davidt.perine@comcast.net

Dwight Thompson 609-561-8561-home, 609-287-0109-cell
..... dothompson@comcast.net

Elder on Call for December: Dwight Thompson

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Janet Betts
Kids For Christ	Debby Durham & Tina Broyles
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Justin & Rebecca Guy
Greeters: Back Entrance	Derrick & Brenda Busch
Information Center	Dianna Hutchinson
Ushers	Garth Hutchinson & Larry Point
Shepherd's Call	Mike Broyles
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Brian Holden

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Cooper's at noon	
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	Rake leaves @ Savatano's	856-589-1500
Hammonton	Broyles' at 5pm	609-561-8532
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm	856-217-3956
Paracletes	Greenfields Ass't Lvg. at 2 pm	856-449-9656
Solid Gold	Lazar's at 6pm	856-223-1699
Teens	Rake leaves @ Savatano's	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 5pm	609-226-4031
Young Professionals	REFUGE at 5pm	347-922-2248
Young Married	REFUGE at 5pm	856-899-9466

Wednesday Night Meal: Pork Loin, Au Gratin Potatoes

Cooks: Harriet, Judi, and JoAnn

This Week's Prayer Requests

MONTHLY LIST OF ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS- There have been no changes on our monthly prayer list for November, so please continue to use that list for the month of December.

Praise: Thankful for so many opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Prayers Requested:

Dottie Grillo is experiencing extreme pain in her back and legs. She has an appointment with an orthopedic doctor on Dec. 13.

John Goodman has been struggling with congestive heart failure. Please pray that the latest medication the doctors have given him will clear it up.

Glynn Durham, recovering from another round of chemo.

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

Paul Stanford has begun his wintertime travels.

New Guest Folders



You will soon be seeing our new Guest Folders placed under some of the seats in the auditorium for the easy access of our guests. We ask that you and you children refrain from using the folders and inserts as scratch paper. *Thank you so much in advance for your cooperation!*

Just a Couple of Reminders

You have until this Friday, December 9th, to drop off new, or gently used, clean blankets. The blankets will be taken to Trenton on Saturday for distribution to homeless and needy people.

#GivingBack

If you are participating in the Adopt-A-Family effort with the Embark ministry, please bring in your wrapped gifts by next Sunday, December 11th. Please remember to tape the tag onto the box that you were given when you selected your family member. Gifts can be dropped off in the Family Promise room, D1.



2017 Date Books are available now in the lobby.

Please help yourself!

We do ask that you take only one per person.



@pitmanroadcoc



www.facebook.com/
pitmanroadchurchofchrist



@pitmanroadchurch