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2017 Spring Quarter Bible Classes Begin NEXT Sunday!

Sunday Mornings at 9 am

The Purpose of God: Finding God's Promises • Teacher: Garth Hutchinson • Location: Family Life Center

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is governed by the idea of a divine purpose. This plan is revealed to us in the form of biblical narratives or stories. Biblical history tells us the story of a divine process being fulfilled. The very fact that we exist means that we are involved in this project, whether we like it or not. We are like the passengers of a ship on the ocean already out to sea. We cannot keep the ship from reaching its destination. Whatever God's mysterious purpose is, we could never know it unless God himself, the one who conceived it, did not decide to reveal it to us. Come and learn of God's purpose in this world and learn how you fit into that great plan. All you need to bring is an open Bible and an open heart ready to hear God's word.

Sharing the Good News • Teacher: Andy Mychajlowycz • Location: B3 Chapel

Are you unmotivated or indifferent about sharing your faith? Do you freeze up when an opportunity to share your faith presents itself? Are you afraid that you won't be able to answer the questions someone may ask you? Do you feel that evangelism is not your gift? In this class we will address EACH of these challenges AND MORE!

Each week we will:

- 1) study God's Word about a particular aspect of evangelism
- 2) engage in a practical and interactive discussion about one attribute of effective evangelism
- 3) take a "how to" look at studying with different types of people – 1 each week

For Young Adults: Letters from Paul • Mike Broyles • Location: B2 Young Adult Classroom

In this class we will explore Paul's letters to gain insights into a Christian's personal and collective walk of faith.

Parke Place Senior Worship • Coordinator: Jay Schneider • Location: Parke Place Assisted Living

Each Sunday a worship service is provided by our members for the senior citizen residents of Parke Place. This is "class" option to serve our community, either by participating in the worship service, or by joining in the worship time with the residents. Take this opportunity know these sweet seniors, minister and worship with them.

Wednesday Nights at 7pm

1st Wednesday: All adults and children meet in the auditorium for Praise Singing.
Coordinated by Garth Hutchinson and Matt Downing

2nd Wednesday: For adults: Bible class, Barnabas Ministry, ministry meetings.
Children: Activities. Teens: Activities in the Family Life Center.

3rd Wednesday: For adults, teens, and children: Prayer in the auditorium. Also for adults: Bible class and Barnabas Ministry

4th Wednesday: For adults: Bible class, Barnabas Ministry, ministry meetings.
Children: Activities in the Family Life Center. Teens: Activities in the teen classrooms.

5th Wednesday: March 29th and May 31st: No meeting at the building. Choice night: We will not meet at the building.
Visit or invite someone to dinner, Bible studies, service projects, etc.

Spring quarter Wednesday night Bible class: The Gospel of John • Teacher: Derrick Busch • Location: B3 Chapel

Do you need your faith strengthened? Come and feast! Do you know someone who needs to hear the saving message of the gospel? Bring them! The gospel of John was written to accomplish both of these goals and so much more! "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (John 20:31)

Barnabas Ministry • Coordinators: Donna Lazar and Fran Point • Location: B1

Are you an encourager? If so, Barnabas Ministry is for you! During the class time, this group writes cards to those who need encouragement and members who are celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or other milestones. Cards, addresses, and postage is provided.

Inside: The Annual Camp Manatawny Update

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Lust...

Yep, that one word caught your attention! And how about this for a sermon topic... **God Made Sex Really Good**. When did you last hear a sermon about sex? It's in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:27-32). Jesus said, "You shall not commit adultery." Jesus went on by warning men not even to look upon women with lustful intent. It is time to re-think sexuality! Sex is good in marriage, but using our sexuality selfishly is lustful and wrong. Don't do it! How many abortions would have been averted were sexuality enjoyed exclusively as God designed?

"In scripture, sex and sin are far from the same thing," asserts Randy Harris. Harris goes on to say, "From the story of creation all the way to the hot, erotic, poetry of the Song of Solomon, sexuality is created by God who looks at it, and declares it to be good." But, Harris continues, in our culture, not only has sex "gone wrong, it has gone badly wrong!" ... "The deep sin attached to lust and pornography is that you use another person as simply an object of your desires. It's the ultimate self-centered act." (**Living Jesus: Doing What Jesus Says in the Sermon on the Mount**)

What is at the heart of lust, adultery and sexual sin/pornography, is always selfishness! What is at the heart of sexual sin is our own gratification, rather than caring about the other person as a person. It is time for followers of Jesus to "Re-think" sexuality. May we Christians be devoted to seeing other people not as objects for our gratification, but rather as God's unique creation, made in His image, and worthy of respect. Others are not created as objects to fulfill our selfish desires. God made sex very good. Satan took sex and warped, distorted and corrupted it. Be on guard! Don't let Satan trick you. (1 Peter 5:8-9)

-Dan the Preacherman



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Chuck Olley
Deacon

Temptation has a revealing effect, uncovering the heart's desires, proving both the depth and direction of our conviction.

A Servant Speaks

A Note from the Captain

I began a Bible reading plan from the YouVersion Bible app on TEMPTATION. After reading the first day's devotional, I feel their definition of temptation is incomplete. The root of our urges and desires is in our HEART. I see temptation as a heart issue. Are we tempted to keep up appearances, afraid of saying no to things, afraid of admitting we aren't who we claim to be?

TEMPTATION: A strong urge or desire to have or do something, **ESPECIALLY** something that is bad, wrong or unwise.

Temptation comes in many forms in our world. Temptation has a revealing effect, uncovering the heart's desires, proving both the depth and direction of our conviction. It shows what we're really committed to, what we really care about, and what has captured our deepest affections. What captures our affections today? Is it money, power, prestige, beauty, work, play... or is it God? God should always be at the center of everything we do. If God is not at the center of our heart, then we are guaranteed to be tempted by other things.

Temptation is a battle that is not about winning or losing, it's about discovering who we really are, and what we love the most. **It is a matter of the heart.** It is a battle that is fought everyday throughout this church family and across the world in the lives of Christians. Although it is fought within ourselves, it does not have to be a battle we fight alone. We have help. We have **EACH OTHER**. We have **PRAYER**. And most importantly **WE HAVE GOD!!!!** **Hebrews 2:18**

While the pull of temptation away from our God is a bad thing, there is good that can come of it. In the book of James, it is written that temptation tests us, and improves our perseverance. The writer goes on to tell us that we will be blessed for standing up under the trial, and that we will receive a crown of life someday. **James 1:12**

What's in your HEART today? -Chuck

A note from the Pitman Road Ministerial/Office Staff:

The ongoing health issues of both John Grillo and Glynn Durham have had a significant impact on our staff, both reducing the number of staff members in the office on any given day, and as we serve the ministerial needs each of these families. Thank you for your patience during this time. We know that we are not always able to immediately address your questions, needs, and concerns due the impact both of these situations have on us here in the office. Your continued prayers, along with continued grace, understanding, and patience will be very much appreciated!

It's Time To Think About...CAMP MANATAWNY!

Some exciting things are coming up at Camp Manatawny that we want you to know about!

Save the Date:

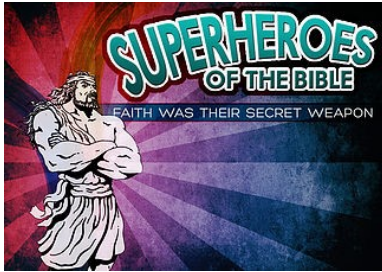
Saturday, August 26th is Camp Manatawny's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Details are to follow, so mark your calendars and look for updates!



Although we may be located too far away to take advantage, you should also know that the summer day camper program has been expanded this year! Elementary 1 & 2, Intermediate, and Junior High 1 camp weeks are now accepting day campers, who attend Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. If you are aware of children who live near camp, who are not ready to attend a full week of overnight camp, please share this information with their parents/guardians and direct them to www.manatawny.org for more information.

Speaking of www.manatawny.org, the camp's website continues to add great information. Included now is a very good F.A.Q. section which includes information on everything from what to pack, to the camp store, a map of the camp grounds, and complete financial information regarding camp fees and discounts. You can also view the camp's e-newsletter.



Registration is open for Family Camp on May 26-28, 2017. This year's theme is *Superheroes of the Bible* Family Camp is a great way to introduce young children to the camp experience, as well as a way for families to relax

and enjoy the camp together. We have several families at Pitman who attend every year, including the Pearls and Vander Vennens, so you can ask them about it. Pricing and registration information can be found at the camp website.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAMP

If you would like your child to attend camp this summer, but have concerns that you will not be able to pay for part or all of the camper fee, we do not want that to hinder your child from attending camp. **Please see Dottie Grillo if you would like to receive financial assistance from the church.** You will then need to go to www.manatawny.org and register your child for camp. During the registration process, you will have an opportunity to indicate that you will be receiving a sponsorship from our church. It is important that you indicate you are receiving a sponsorship (not a campship) from the Pitman Road Church of Christ,

Summer Camping Sessions at Camp Manatawny

Camp Fees and Discounts for 2017:

\$295 Early Bird Discount if paid in full by April 30th.

\$325 after April 30th. A deposit of \$100 (non-refundable) is required at time of registration. Any balance not paid in full or registrations made within one week prior to the start of the session will pay an additional \$25.

First Time Camper Discount: First time campers are welcomed with a \$25 discount and a free camp t-shirt!

Multi Camper Discount: Families that register more than two campers from their immediate family or legal guardian (i.e., brother, sister) will receive a \$25 discount per additional camper. Applies to the 3rd or more child.

2017 Summer Sessions Schedule:

Senior High 2: June 24 - July 1

for teens who have completed grades 11 & 12
Directors: Shawn and Cindy Cutts

Senior High 1: July 1 - 8

for teens who have completed grades 8, 9, & 10
Director: Mark Niehls

Junior High 2: July 8 - 15

for teens who have completed grades 7, 8, & 9
Director: Mark Wilson, Co-Director: David S. Garrett

Intermediate: July 15 -22

for children and tweens who have completed grades 5 & 6.
Director: Jonathan Woodall

Junior High 1: July 22 - 29

for tweens and teens who have completed grades 5, 6, & 7.
Director: Aaron Pearl

Elementary 2: July 29 - August 5

for children who have completed grades 3 & 4.
Director: Matt Ahearn

Elementary 1: August 5 - 12

for children who have completed grades 1 & 2.
Director: Manny Vander Vennen,
Assist. Director: Eric Williamson

and the amount of the sponsorship so that you will be charged the correct balance, if any, at the end of the registration. **After you have completed the registration process, you must let Dottie know so that she can make sure the balance is paid before your child arrives at camp.**

For members who are willing and able to contribute to sending a Pitman Road child to camp this summer, this would be the appropriate time to let Dottie know. This summer's base camp fee is \$325, but there are discounts that may apply depending on each particular child's eligibility. Write your check to the Pitman Road Church of Christ, note "camp sponsorship" on the memo line, and drop it in the collection plate or give it to Dottie.

It's Time To Think About...CAMP MANATAWNY! ...Continued

Calling food service volunteers!

If you have a heart for serving, we have the opportunity for YOU!

- * Part-time rewarding jobs with flexible hours. (For example: food prep, serving, clean-up)
- * Fun and clean working environment.
- * A great way to meet new people.
- * Help grow God's kingdom.

For additional information, please contact our Food Service Coordinator, Valerie Gemmell at 610-689-0173 or valerie.gemmell@manatawny.org

DID YOU KNOW...



that the "camp horses," Rosie and Daisy actually live right down the road from our church building? **Harry and Linda Ake** generously provide these horses to Camp Manatawny each summer for the enjoyment of the campers! So "off-season" Rosie and Daisy return to their home in NJ with the Akes.

Camp Manatawny Area Wide Worship and Fellowship Meal Sunday, March 5th

4 to 5:30 pm - Potluck Dinner and Fellowship
5:30 to 7 pm - Worship

It's when we come together from every corner of our community, representing many congregations, that we see a greater expression of the **Body of Christ!** Preachers and song leaders from different congregations will lead the service. We'll sing, study the Word, participate in communion, pray for our community, and celebrate the shared life and future we have in Christ!

If you desire to be more in touch with God's larger kingdom, then this event is for you!

The dinner is a traditional "Potluck," please bring a dish to share.

Camp Manatawny is offering a Spring Getaway with your summer camp friends and area youth groups. After a hiatus for several years, Camp Manatawny is offering a re-vamped Junior/Senior High Retreat, offering a whole lot of fun for campers. The program is built upon a Christ centered ministry of sharing the Gospel, and mentoring today's youth to live out their lives for the Lord.

IN THE NAME OF THE KING, Junior/Senior High Retreat April 21-22, 2017, for teens in grades 7-12.

Speakers are **Eric Williamson** and **Scott Rutherford**.

Early registration is \$30, and includes program, activities, a light dinner and snacks on Friday night, one night in a summer cabin, breakfast and lunch on Saturday. (Late registration after April 14th is \$40.)

Visit www.manatawny.org for information/registration.

Camp Sonshine

Camp Sonshine makes summer camp available to children with special needs whose challenges prevent their participation in a full week at Camp Manatawny. Camp Sonshine is two days/one night of Christian summer camp offering love, acceptance, and fun to children ages 8 to 18. We believe that our amazing campers, regardless of ability level, should have all the fun of summer camp. Everything is customized to make camp accessible, from our specially trained staff, activities, to our menus. We are custom-designed to meet the varying needs of campers diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities who may also use wheelchairs, walkers or crutches. All they have to do is show up and be treated like stars. Our goal is for campers to be engulfed by God's love and to have the time of their lives!

Campers enjoy activities adapted to individual ability levels including: swimming, horseback riding, water games, arts and crafts, sports, Bible study, and much more. We are honored to say that our campers return year after year to experience the love of Christ lived out at Camp Sonshine!

This year, Camp Sonshine is June 3 - 4, 2017

Pricing / Registration: Camp Sonshine is operated by volunteers and funded by donations from area churches, businesses, and gracious individuals. This allows for your camper to attend for **free**. If you feel compelled to donate, you will have an opportunity during registration. After you have completed the online registration, a staff member will contact you regarding your campers ability to attend.

Staff: Each camper will be assigned two buddy helpers and will be part of a team. Experienced team leaders will oversee the teams. Supervisory staff includes therapists and special education teachers. Medical personnel will be onsite throughout the event.

If you have a child who would benefit from **Camp Sonshine** and would like to register or need more information, please go to www.manatawny.org. Please feel free to pass this information on to any family who would benefit from Camp Sonshine, it is open to all regardless of religious affiliation, as are all of Manatawny's camping programs.



John Reimels gave many of us here at Pitman our first opportunity to work as volunteer staff at Camp Manatawny. The last part of John's life was spent as a minister, but he was a farmer at heart. We like to remember John at one of his favorite places at camp- on the tractor!

Secret Sisters Revealing Party

THIS Saturday, March 4th, 1:00 pm
at the home of Melody Davis
415 Grape St., Hammonton, NJ 08037

Bring your favorite finger food
and your revealing gift for your Secret Sister.

If you are not able to attend the party,
please be sure to give your gift for
your Secret Sister to Melody or Dottie.

Brittany Spaeth is driving the church van. If you would like
to ride in the van, please contact Dottie.



NEXT Sunday, March 5th, at 5:30pm, REFUGE invites all to experience a devotional led by guest speaker Chris Lahr from Timoteo. Timoteo is a non-profit organization in Philadelphia that partners with churches and local organizations to mentor youth and strengthen communities through sports. And as always, there will be fellowship, coffee, snacks, and praise. **We hope to see you there!**



**Be a part of a movement
of prayer among
the women of our church!**

Prayer Groups and Prayer Partners are
forming NOW for a 3-month journey:
March, April, May 2017

**Please join us for an informational meeting (no obligation)
on Sunday, March 5th at 11:30am in the Chapel.**

We want to pray with and for YOU, dear sister!!!

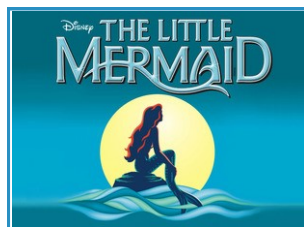
"I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness
of God's power for us who believe him."

-Ephesians 1: 19

Questions? Please contact:

Brenda Busch: 646-258-5031 or bhall727@optonline.net

Diana Hutchinson: 856-381-9095 or drh13013@gmail.com



See **Brianna Peoples** in the Williamstown High School production of **The Little Mermaid**. She is playing the part of "Winword the Seahorse." Williamstown High School is known for its theater program in the area and the fine performances the students give. This is a great opportunity to support one of our own, and enjoy some great entertainment! Performances are on March 10th, 11th, 17th, & 18th at 7pm, with a matinee on March 11th at 2pm. Tickets "at the door" are \$7 to \$9 for students, and \$12 to \$17 for adults, depending on seating section. There is a \$2 discount per ticket for advance sales. Please see Brenda or Brianna for more information.



Baby Shower for Kristy Romeo and Will Mendez

Sunday, March 12th,
after the worship service

Please call Kathy Ashton at 609-233-4330
if you would like to bring food for the luncheon.

Kristy is registered at Babies R Us and Target

#arrivingapril20ish #nowedontknowthegender #noitsnottwins



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, March 12th 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!*

"Basket" Baby Shower

We would like to celebrate the birth of **Sarah and Kareem Lazarus'** baby girl with a "Basket Shower." **Jazmyne Lazarus** was born on December 6. If you would like to honor this lovely couple and their infant daughter with a gift, there will be a decorated box marked "Baby Lazarus" in the Secret Sisters Room. Please drop off your gift by March 19. If you have any questions please contact Jackie Fenton, Karelle Pierre-Jacques, or Sherri Herndon.

Gift suggestions: gift cards (Babies R Us, Target, Buy Buy Baby, Walmart), clothing size 6 months and up, diapers, baby wipes



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	96
Worship	162
LIFE Groups	107
Wednesday	61
Contribution	\$5,577
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$354,008.00
Contribution YTD	\$311,577.00
Budget Deficit	(\$42,431.00)

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Elder on Call for February: Mike Broyles

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Lori Hernandez
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Glynn & Debby Durham
Greeters: Back Entrance	George & Cookie Rowe
Information Center	Mary Collier & Rebecca Guy.
Ushers	Dave Perine & Brandon Keeks
Shepherd's Call	Mike Lazar
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Larry Kellum, Jr.

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Cooper's @ noon	856-589-4197
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	Broyles' at 5pm	609-561-8532
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm	856-217-3956
Paracletes	TBA: Call for info.	856-449-9656
Solid Gold	Kellum's at 6pm	856-881-1219
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
Young Adults	Church Bldg. rm B2 at noon	609-226-4031
Young Married	Call or text for time & location	856-899-9466

Wednesday Night Meal: Spaghetti with White Sauce

Cooks: Linda Kuznetzoff

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: We are thankful for no serious injuries to Chris, Ashley, and Caden Corey when they were involved in a serious car accident earlier this week. We are also thankful that their unborn child is also fine.

Prayers Requested:

John Grillo sustained a bone fracture in his leg. Doctors determined that the bone will not heal, and the decision has been made to amputate. John and Dottie have an appointment with the surgeon tomorrow to determine the timing for the surgery. Please pray for John's strength as he prepares to endure another serious surgery. And of course, pray for Dottie.

Glynn Durham was hospitalized last Wednesday. Scans have shown no significant change, but he is quite weak from the current chemo regime, and the doctor wants him to regain some strength before resuming treatment.

Mandy Mansdoerfer had bilateral mastectomy. Pray for her healing, and that all the cancer was removed from her body.

Carl Steiner is in Haiti working with the THEA mission team.

Sandy Sheehan, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Mary Collier is recovering from back surgery and pneumonia at PowerBack Rehabilitation, 113 South Route 73, Voorhees. She would love calls and visits. 215-888-0646

Barry Thompson completed chemo last week and so far is doing well. He will be at his most vulnerable this coming week. He wants to thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits.

Amanda (Prenger) and Michael Stout are expecting their second child on July 22!

Becky and Matt Fortunato are expecting their fourth child, and first boy, in August!

Ashley (Monica) and Chris Corey are expecting their second child on Sept. 20!



Carl Steiner, our deacon over world missions, and Alberta Frazier left this past Wednesday morning. Joe Marshall drove them to Newark international airport. They are joining a team of others who will be working in Haiti for over a week. They return to the US on March 2. Please pray for their effectiveness, their courage, and God's protection. -Dan

Thank You for Your Expression of Love and Care

Sandy Sheehan is at home recovering well from her knee replacement surgery. She would like to thank everyone for their prayers, love, and support. She feels blessed to be part of a loving church family. Please continue to pray for Sandy. See the online church directory and phoning card if you would like to call or send a card to Sandy.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Thank you for your prayers and thoughts, cards, visits, calls and meals during the time of my hip surgery and rehabilitation. I felt the prayers and want you to know that your love has touched me. May God bless and keep you in His care.
Love in Christ, **Beverly Steiner**



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