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The Pitman Council of Churches
invites you to an

Easter Breakfast

Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 9:00 am
at Pitman Road Church of Christ

featuring guest speaker

Kelly Master

***From Shattered to Wholeness-
Hope That Heals***



Kelly Master is a high energy, inspirational speaker who ignites the stage with her faith and enthusiasm. She is the Founder and Director of **For Dignity**, an organization that is working to end human trafficking. She also created **Emerge Ministries**, a cutting edge ministry that fosters friendships with women in the adult industry, offering them assistance, resources, and hope. Kelly has great insight into the topics of human trafficking, porn culture, adult industry, sexual exploitation, and social media safety. She is a guest lecturer and speaker at universities, churches, high schools, and conferences. Her first published book **SHINE - Uplifting Words for Women in Stilettos**, is inspiring women across the country, not only in churches, but in strip clubs, prisons, rehabs, and safe homes. Kelly is unstoppable in her efforts to inspire others with hope. *"When you empower a woman, you are empowering a community."*

This event is sponsored by the Pitman Council of Churches, is being promoted by all of the churches in Pitman and is open to the public. Tickets are limited, so we suggest you get them now.

Suggested donation for tickets:

\$5 per adult • \$3 per child, ages 3-12 • children under age 3 are free
"At the Door" tickets, if available, will be an additional \$1 per ticket.

See Annette Perine for tickets!

100% of all ticket donations benefit For Dignity.

This Easter
Bring a Friend to Church!

Sunday, April 16th at 10am

According to **Google Trends Data** reported by the **Pew Research Center**, more Americans search online for "church" around Eastertime than at any other time in the year.

So instead of letting the people you know who may not attend church regularly find a church online, take this opportunity to invite them to YOUR church for Easter Sunday!

A new sermon series will begin on Easter Sunday, **Better Days Start Now**. What a positive message for our guests to hear!

Invitation cards will be available at the Welcome Center. **INVITE SOMEONE!**

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

"TO TELL THE TRUTH!"

Telling the truth was important to Jesus! As we rethink the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says that our words matter. Truth matters! Don't fib! Tell the truth first time, every time! Jesus followers are to be characterized by integrity. Webster defines integrity as "the quality of being honest and fair." My working definition is "who you are and what you do when no one is looking." Jesus warned, "Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool." (Matt. 5:34-35) He specifically commands, "Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil." (Matt. 5:37) To put it another way, be a person of integrity!

When we became disciples of Jesus, we signed up to be truth tellers! We signed up to take tests without cheating; to accurately report income and expenses on our tax returns, and to be honest with our spouse. We signed up to be honest with our co-workers. We parents signed up to tell the truth to our kids, and kids who've made a commitment to Jesus Christ signed up to tell the truth to their parents. We signed up to work hard for our paycheck. We signed up to be a responsible employee or employer. In short, we signed up to tell the truth, no matter what, even when we are not "swearing on a stack of Bibles." Be real. Be honest. Just tell the truth!

So next time your wife comes home with a bad haircut, you don't say, "Wow, what a cute hairstyle!" No, you tell the truth! You just say, "Wow, that's a haircut!" Tell the truth! (Chances are she knows it bad already...so do something nice for her...take her out for dinner!)

Join me in Re-thinking Truth Telling, *Dan*



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Mike Broyles
Shepherd

What does it take to actually live these words as an individual, and as a church family?

Shepherd's Voice

Words

I appreciate Carlos for starting our church leadership and family on a path to express how we want to be known and act, in concise, easy to read statements. The result of that journey is our vision and mission statements. Are they just words on a page?

What does it take to be "a place where God's love is experienced, known and shared by all" and "meet others where they are and together be transformed into the image of Christ?" What does it take to actually live these words as an individual, and as a church family? What does it take to have each member and ministry act in ways that are consistent with these statements? Well, it takes a lot. Jesus gives us a starting point for the type of thinking needed to love as God loves, relate as God relates, and give as God gives.

In Matthew 16:24, Jesus says "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." We can't fully appreciate the weight of these words. The disciples lived with physical crucifixion. Did you know that after the slave revolt led by Spartacus, 6,000 slaves were crucified along the road known as the Appian Way? Later, during the siege of Jerusalem, the Roman general crucified 500 Jews a day outside the walls of the city. A cross meant that a life was taken. But, it can also mean that a life is **given**.

Jesus knew the difficult road that awaited His followers then, and now. His exhortation to them was to voluntarily "take up" a cross, by "denying" oneself. It is the same for us. And it is no easier now. Sure, we don't live under the same circumstances as the first century followers, but we struggle with the same desires to do what we want, satisfy ourselves, and come out on top. I am confronted daily with the challenge to overcome those desires and deny myself for the cause of Christ. Closer to home, I force myself to examine my heart, my actions and my words to be sure each is in line with the vision and mission that I *accept* as a member of our church family. I don't always hit the mark, but it is my goal.

-Mike

France Mission Trip Meeting Schedule

If you are part of the France Mission Team, or if you'd like to know more about the trip (or if you'd like to just hang with the group that is going), please join us for of the following Wednesday night mission trip preparation meetings in room B-4:

April 12 • April 26 • May 10 • May 24 • June 7 • June 21

Departure for Marseille: June 23

Payments...Balance in Full of \$2,200, due by April 15th.

Thank you for your prayers, involvement and interest!

Partners in Great Commission Ministry, *Dan*

Coming Up this Month on Wednesday Nights

March 15th -

Adult/Children/Teens: Prayer in the Auditorium;
Adult Bible Class, Barnabas Ministry

March 22nd -

Adult/Children/Teens: Winterfest Report in the Auditorium;
Adult Bible Class, Barnabas Ministry, Ministry Meetings

March 29th -

"Fifth Wednesday" - no meal or meeting at the building.

Baby Shower for Kristy Romeo and Will Mendez

TODAY
after the worship service
in the Family Life Center

"Basket" Baby Shower

Celebrate the birth of **Jazmyne Lazarus, Sarah and Kareem Lazarus'** baby girl! 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**

40 Days = 40 Items to Bless Someone!



Once again, the Women's Embark Ministry is participating in the Lenten Share Challenge for Angels of God in Pitman. We all have items in our house we never touch. You probably pass by things every day and think "I really don't need that". We all have clothing in our closets collecting dust.

Each day during the Lenten season, choose one item, and place it in the purple bag. This could be an

article of clothing, a pair of shoes, a book, toiletries, non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, etc. Not only will this help you declutter your home, you will bless someone else in need. (Used toys are not accepted.)

Bags will be distributed today and next Sunday after the worship service. Please bring them back to the church building on Easter Sunday, April 16. If you need to bring your bag before that date, place it in the Family Promise room, C-1.

As you can see from this photo, last year was a success, so let's do it again!

- Leza Davis & Carla Clements, Embark Ministry Coordinators

Bridal Shower for Mary Bernadette McElroy

(fiancee of Jonathan Hooley)

Sunday, March 26th after the worship service

Please contact Hope Hooley at 856-383-5407 if you would like to bring food for the luncheon.

Mary Bernadette and Jonathan are registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

Easter Egg Hunt

Join The Fun!

Sunday, April 2nd

For children ages 2 to 12 yrs. old

Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM

Egg Hunt begins at 12:30 PM

Photos with the Easter Bunny at 1:00 PM

We need YOU to make our Egg Hunt a success!

Sign up at the bulletin board in the Children's Wing.

Please bring in donations of candy, plastic eggs, plastic eggs stuffed with candy or money to purchase supplies by Sunday, March 26th.

Invite a friend!

Invitation cards are available at the Welcome Center

Rain or Shine

Bring a basket to collect your eggs.

(Bags will be provided if you don't have one.)

Adults are asked to accompany their children throughout the festivities.

Special Wednesday Night Meal:

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Sign up today on the "salmon colored slips" to join us on Wednesday, March 15th when Harriet, JoAnn, and Judi will be preparing a special dinner of Ham, Cabbage, and Potatoes with carrots, green beans, salad and dessert!

Wear some green and join us for a DE-licious meal!

Senior Saints DINNER



**The Annual Senior Saints Dinner will be held on
Saturday, March 18th in the Family Life Center from 6-8 pm!**

All over 55 are welcome!!

**COME AND ENJOY A NIGHT OF FOOD, FUN,
AND FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR TEENS!!**

Please RSVP to Melody at 609-335-6572! Thank you!!

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 141
Worship 210
LIFE Groups 136
Wednesday 71
Contribution \$11,101
Fiscal YTD Goal \$374,832.00
Contribution YTD \$339,621.00
Budget Deficit (\$35,211.00)

This Week's Prayer Requests

The monthly prayer list of long-term, ongoing prayer requests for March is now available as an insert in this week's bulletin, also next to the bulletin in the lobby, and will be sent out via email. New, urgent, and immediate prayer requests will appear in the bulletin.

Praise: We need to put this in one more week because it's a BIG praise! In case you haven't heard yet.... Brenda and Derrick Busch are expecting a baby in August!!!

Prayers Requested:

Larry Kellum, Sr. is still in HUP. He is awaiting final results of bone marrow biopsy to determine definitive diagnosis so that the proper course of treatment can begin. He is expected to remain hospitalized for several more weeks.

John Grillo has moved into the rehabilitation unit at Lourdes. His new room number is 269-2 and the new phone number is 856-757-3366. Pain is controllable, and he is progressing well.

Glynn Durham is still dealing with weakness and fatigue. Chemo treatments are on hold for now.

Mandy Mansdoerfer, surgical drains were removed last week, and she is recovering well.

Mary Collier is home!

Barbara Robinson is recovering from surgery last Thursday.

Mildred Vlamo, friend of Barbara Robinson, stroke which affected her right side.

Jaqueline White, friend of Barbara Robinson, surgery.

Wilma Gillespie, Elinda Hunter's mother, recovering from gall bladder surgery.

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Elder on Call for March and April: Horatio Fenton

Serving Us Today

Nursery	TBA
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Hope Hooley & Jonathan Hooley
Greeters: Back Entrance	Larry & Lea Ann Kellum
Information Center	Mary Collier & Jackie Fenton
Ushers	Garth Hutchinson & Horatio Fenton
Shepherd's Call	Garth Hutchinson
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	Ray Holmes

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	Not meeting due to baby shower.	
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm	856-217-3956
Paracletes	TBA: Call for info.	856-449-9656
Solid Gold	Rowe's at 6pm	856-881-2158
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: Ham, Potatoes, and Cabbage

Cooks: Harriet, JoAnn, Judi

We Extend Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Jim and Clare Hightower on the passing of Jim's sister, Carolyn Hightower, on March 4th. The funeral was this past Tuesday in Georgia.

If you'd like to make a memorial donation, please send it to Georgia Christian School, 4359 Dasher Rd, Valdosta, GA 31601.

Thanks to the Secret Sisters

I want to thank everyone who attended this year's Secret Sister Revealing Party! I thank you for waiting patiently for an extra month to find out who your Secret Sister was last year, and to choose a new one for this year. And it worked so well, that from now on our Secret Sister "year" will be March to March!

I especially thank Melody Davis for once again opening her home to host the Revealing Party. Melody, as always, you are a gracious host!

Please remember your secret sister with a card or gift every month, and keep her in your prayers. And remember to check the Secret Sister corner in the Cry Room to see if your Secret Sister has left something for you! Thank you all for participating in this ministry that is so dear to my heart!

Love, **Dottie**

Thank You

We want to thank the congregation for opening your doors and allowing us to have a celebration [memorial] service. I know the family was extremely appreciative, and we were too. Thanks again!

Pastor Kyle Shedaker, True North Church



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