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***Whoever fears the Lord  
has a secure fortress,  
and for their children it  
will be a refuge.***

**— Proverbs 14:26**

No one can teach your child like you can. No nanny, Bible school teacher, aunt, or uncle has your authority. What a phenomenal privilege is yours.

### **God Is Your Child's Father Too**

*God is your child's Father too. Just as you'll do everything to help your child during his pain, so will God.* —Max on Life

God Himself is a father. What parental emotion has He not felt? Are you separated from your child? So was God. Is someone mistreating your child? They mocked and bullied His. Is someone taking advantage of your child? The Son of God was set up by false testimony and betrayed by a greedy follower. Are you forced to watch while your child suffers? God watched His Son on the cross.

In addition, we are God's children, suffering in a world of sin that wreaks havoc on our bodies, twists our minds, and severs our relationships. Does God shrug His shoulders and say, "Oh well, that's life"? Of course not. Why would He go to all the trouble of introducing Himself to the world with the title of Father? Curator, Manager, and Overseer are colder titles of indifference.

### ***God's role is not a job. It's a relationship.***

So God chose a relationship title you can identify with. Now you understand His heart when His children are in pain.

So whatever emotions you feel about your child, God feels about your child. Maybe more. I know that's hard to believe, but God has known your child longer than you have. He hurt for your child before he was born. You're not alone. your Father weeps right by your side.

*When I think about someone wiping away my tears, I think about Dad. His hands were callused and tough, his fingers short and stubby. And when my father wiped away a tear, he seemed to wipe it away forever. There was something in his touch that took away more than the drop of hurt from my cheek. It also took away my fear.* —  
The Applause of Heaven

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## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den



## "I'm Leaving on a Jet Plane"

This Friday a van load of us fly to France. Thank you, in advance, for your prayers for this mission effort. (Prayers for both courage and safety!) We will be working among immigrants, locals, and visitors. We will worship with the church in Marseille, **Chapelle de Fuveau**, on Sunday morning, where our missionaries, both Craig and Katie Young, and Max and Prisca Dauner, serve Christ and their community. Both Garth and I will teach and preach there next Sunday. On that same Sunday, June 25, Carlos will preach his final sermon with us, then the Isaziga family will first head to Miami for a family graduation celebration, and then move on to San Diego, where they will continue with their giant faith step of planting a new church. And planting a new church is more of a process than it is an event. Join me in praying for them as they take this huge faith step.

But, in the midst of this significant transition, **Derrick Busch** has already stepped in to begin his full time work as our interim minister, and he will continue his full time position until the school year begins, then Derrick will move to part time. Derrick is a tested and tried disciple,

servant and minister. I have every confidence that he will both fill and exceed our expectations. He loves the Lord... he loves people... he loves to serve... he loves to teach... and he loves to preach. In many ways, Derrick's working with us full time this summer is the fulfillment of his dream and my dream.

I'm leaving on a jet plane, and I do know when I'll be back again, God willing. If all goes as planned, about half of our France Mission Team will be returning on Sunday, July 2, and the other half will return on Wednesday, July 5.

Leaving, but Coming Back to an Exciting VBS, **Dan the Missionary Man**



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

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**Derrick Busch**  
Minister

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## We're All A Mess

### Reflective Living - Part 1

It's a great and recommended spiritual discipline to take the time to reflect; to think deeply about our lives. Yes, we're all busy, but the life changing benefits of truly knowing ourselves through the spiritual discipline of reflective living is invaluable! Proverbs 27:19 informs us, "As in water face reflects face, so the heart of man reflects the man." Who are you? What has captured your heart? Is it God alone who has complete control of our hearts? Just as any newly acquired discipline, the development of this spiritual discipline will require some getting used to! Yes, our flesh will kick, scream, and make excuses in effort to convince us to hold on to our old lives. Ephesians 4:22-24 calls us to put off our old selves. This reflective discipline helps us to identify our former manner of life (the old self) and its various ways.

Just as any craftsman relies on tools to assist them in their work, the Christian seeking to reflect deeply, in such a way that both honors and glorifies God alone, must have a tool. The Word of God must be that tool. What does Hebrews 4:12 tell us about the impact of the Word of God on our thoughts and hearts? The Word of God is pivotal!

So what does this blessing of reflective living require of us? It requires quietness, stillness, patience, and a willingness to give up our agenda in exchange for God's sovereign agenda for our lives. Seek God by asking Him in prayer to speak to your heart, deeply. Ask God to show you what changes He desires to make in your life. What desires has God placed on your heart that will build up His body, the church. This reflective discipline will bless you with true spiritual riches, peace with God, and the peace of God, even in the midst of our hardships! Stay tuned for further reflective nuggets and support on your journey.

-Derrick

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION! Beginning TODAY, June 18, Kids for Christ and Junior Worship will be taking a break for the summer.** Please be prepared to have your children, ages 3 and above, sit with you during the worship service.

Nursery for infants and toddlers under the age of 3 will continue to be available through the summer.

Thank you to all who coordinated/volunteered for KFC and Jr. Worship this past school year!



## Celebrate the Fourth of July With Us!



There are several activities, some new, planned for Independence Day again this year!

As always, the Cooper's lawn will be open to view the annual Pitman July Fourth Parade. Dan will still be in France, but you

are welcome to enjoy this prime viewing spot. **New this year: we will have a group walking in the parade, specifically to promote our Vacation Bible School! If you would like to participate in this effort, see Troy Spencer or contact him at 609-820-6071.**



Later in the day, as always, we welcome the community to use our parking lot and grassy areas to view the Alcyon Lake fireworks. **Tim and Melody Davis, with the teens**, will lead the effort to distribute free hot dogs and bottled water to our guests. The restrooms will be open to our guests as well. **Another new event this year! REFUGE will be putting on a free Community Concert in our parking lot!** Come out early at 6:30 and enjoy Christian praise music!

If you are here to attend the concert, fireworks display, or both, we ask that you leave prime seating and parking, as well as hot dogs and water, for our guests first. We hope you will attend some or all of the events with us that day!

## An Amazing Experience!

What was the day of Pentecost really like? What about all those languages that were spoken? We had a little sampling this past Sunday, as 15 different languages were spoken. Special thanks to the daughter and father team of **Bethany and Jay Schneider** for coordinating the Pentecost Celebration!

The focus of the service was the reading of Acts 2 in 15 languages. Some of the more unusual readings were in Gaelic, Arabic, and American Sign Language. The ASL reading by **Doryann Seitz** was fascinating; no words were spoken, but the emotive sign language conveyed the message beautifully.

Bethany served appetizers before the service, and a full meal after, with help and food contributions from some of the attendees. I was reminded of Acts 2:46-47 where Luke recorded, "And day by day...attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praise God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." We did not have 3,000 baptisms that day, but earlier in the day, we did have one precious soul that was baptized into Christ. (See **New Birth** on page 4!) -**Dan**

## Food Pantry Funds Are Low

**Our Caring and Sharing Food Pantry funds are getting low.** If you would like to donate to the pantry, please write a check to Pitman Road Church of Christ and note "**Pantry**" in the memo section. You can put it in the collection plate or you can give cash to Dottie. Thank you to those who give to the pantry regularly. A big thank you to Harriett Wensel for keeping the pantry stocked.

## Eat Dinner Here on Wednesday Night!

Wednesday Night Meals have concluded for the summer months. However, there is still a wonderful opportunity for fellowship! There are always a few tables set up for those who want to bring their own dinner to the building and eat here. Please be considerate and use the tables with covers on them for easy clean up.

## Profiling Our Graduates!

It has become an annual tradition for us to publish a profile of our congregation's high school, college, and technical program graduates. If you have a graduate you would like to see highlighted in the bulletin please send the following information to

[annette.perine@gmail.com](mailto:annette.perine@gmail.com) by July 1:

- Graduates name as you want it published.
- Where they are graduating, and any degree or certification.
- Any honors they received upon graduation (scholarships, awards, honor or academic societies).
- What their future plans are (college, continuing education, military service, certifications, employment, etc.)
- A photo.

*You are invited to the  
West Atco Youth in Action Skating Party*  
Sunday, June 25 at 4:00-6:00 pm

**Deptford Skating Center**

510 Deptford Ave., Westville, NJ 08093

\$10 per person includes skating and Funzone  
\$4.65 + tax for skate rental • \$3.00 for pizza/soda combo  
For information and tickets please call 856-753-3790.

Join us for  
*A Baby Shower Tea Party*  
in honor of  
*Brenda Busch*

**Sunday, July 16, 2017 at Noon**

Please RSVP to Jackie Fenton • [horatiofenton@comcast.net](mailto:horatiofenton@comcast.net)  
or Melody Davis • [imdaviszoo@comcast.net](mailto:imdaviszoo@comcast.net)

If you would like to bring food to the shower,  
please contact Melody Davis for menu information.

**Is it a boy?... Is it a girl?...**

**Brenda and Derrick choose to be surprised!**

**Brenda is registered at Buy Buy Baby and Target**

**Bring an unwrapped package of diapers  
and be entered into a raffle!**

## Our Schedule

Sunday  
9:00 am Bible Classes  
10:00 am Worship

Wednesday  
7:00 pm Bible Classes

Office Hours  
Tuesday - Friday  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

## Last Week

Bible Class	128
Worship	259
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	65
Contribution	\$8,166
Weekly Goal	\$10,412

## This Week's Prayer Requests

**Praise:** For a wonderful Pentecost celebration (page 3) and a new birth (see below).

### Prayers Requested:

**Nancy Smith** remains in Eagle View Health and Rehab. She is receiving therapy to help her regain strength and walk. She is still weak and sometimes confused.

**Frank Sheehan** is recovering from extensive surgery on his lungs.

**Barbara Robinson** will have to have several more procedures for bulging discs and sciatica.

**Kimmy Fields**, niece of Larry Kellum, Sr., 54 years old, in critical condition after suffering a brain bleed.

**Richard Heartline**, friend of Larry and Bert Kellum, colon cancer combined with an infection.

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**Elder on Call for June: Brian Holden**

## Our Sympathy is Extended

We extend our sympathy to **John and Kathy Ashton** on the passing of John's mother, **Laura Ashton**. She passed peacefully in Wilmington, North Carolina this past Thursday, after a short time in hospice care. John and Kathy cancelled their annual mission trip to Peru in order to be with Laura at the time of her passing.

Funeral arrangements were pending at the time of this writing. Cards can be sent to the Ashtons at the address listed in the church directory.

## A New Birth!

Last Sunday, **Carla Ortiz** was baptized! Carla, and her daughter, **Je'ani Lyles**, have been visiting with us for a number of months. They come to us through their relationship with **Derek and Leza Davis**. They were introduced to the Davises by a chance meeting with a local police officer at a Wawa, who was also a former martial arts student of Derek's.

Carla was looking for a way to connect to their new community, and this gentleman suggested she contact Derek at the West Atco Youth in Action Center. Je'ani enrolled in Derek's program, and from there, the Davis' invited the family to attend activities, and eventually worship, at Pitman Road.



Carla wanted to know more, and studied the Bible with **Mike and Tina Broyles**, which led to her decision to be baptized into Christ. Derek was honored to immerse Carla last Sunday. It's amazing how God can use a chance meeting at convenience store to lead someone to hear, and act on, the gospel!

Congratulations and welcome to the family Carla! If you have not met Carla and Je'ani, please make sure you do. You will be blessed!

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Cindy Holden
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	Hope & Jonathan Hooley
Greeters: Back Entrance	Ron Dargam & Mandy M.
Information Center	Jackie Fenton
Ushers	Horatio Fenton & Harold Pearl
Shepherd's Call	Mike Lazar
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	Tyler Steffy

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**Manny Vander Vennen** is urgently looking for volunteers (age 18 or older) that would be willing to serve as counselors at Elementary 1 week (August 5-12) at Camp Manatawny. At the moment he is in need of 5 female counselors and 3 male counselors.

Elementary 1 is the week for the youngest group of campers, aged 7-8 years old. Having an opportunity to spend time

with these excited and enthusiastic young campers as they grow in their knowledge of Christ, and as they enjoy the activities and beauty of camp, is something that promises to be a highlight of your summer.

Please contact Manny if you are able to help at : home: 856-241-7757, cell: 484-886-5349, or email: [mannytawny@gmail.com](mailto:mannytawny@gmail.com) .