



## Parting Words from Patrick Mead



### Pray for Eyes Like His...

I don't know what Jesus' eyes looked like. They were probably brown as he was a 1st century Jew; but, were they big, small, hooded...? Who knows? Jews would not make any artistic representations of people or animals, so we will never know what they looked like unless Jesus tells us in heaven. In one sense, though, we know something about his eyes: what he saw.

One of the most fascinating things about Jesus, in my mind, is who and what he saw. In Mark 10, Jesus is teaching people as he walks along when a blind beggar starts shouting in an attempt to gain Jesus' attention. Jesus stops "church" — in the sense that he interrupts his teaching time — and goes to see the poor man. He heard the man, and went to see the man in order to serve the man. He made

the man a priority. He substituted the beggar's needs (healing) for his priority (teaching). That was not unusual for him. And did you notice? He even gave us his name: Bartimaeus. A blind beggar had zero standing in the time of Jesus, yet Jesus thought he was so important that he gave him time, consideration, and passed along his name to us so that we would not forget the man that no one else would have even seen.

He went in search of the Samaritan woman at a well far, far away from the paths that good, respectable Jewish men would walk. He saw a woman of the street and showed her respect and kindness even when that scandalized the religious leaders around him. He welcomed a tax collector, Matthew, into his inner circle at a time when such men were widely considered collaborators with the enemy.

While others saw worshippers at the temple and let their jaws drop at the majesty of its columns and furnishings, Jesus saw a widow who had almost nothing...and gave it anyway. On another day of worship, he alone stopped to see and care for a man with a withered hand. In a crowd, he is the one who saw the woman with the "issue of blood" and offered her healing and protection.

And he "saw" those that people in his world didn't want to see. He saw leaders of the synagogue but he also saw those cast out of the synagogue. He saw Romans and their leaders but he also saw those who lived in fear of the Romans. He saw the rich and the poor, male and female, and cared for all of them.

He saw them not as problems or as stereotypes or as interruptions, but as people, made in the image of God, dearly beloved by the Father, and deserving of our time.

In a world where media and culture demand that we divide, demean, and demote the "others" — give us eyes like Jesus. And once we have those eyes, give us his heart, too.

**-Patrick**



*Every week, Dan and I talk about what to put on the front of the bulletin. More often than not, we already have a similar idea, and it usually has something to do with the next "big thing" that's happening here. This week, we were initially stumped. We are heading into the summer "quiet time" and the next "big thing" is still far off. So, we talked about pulling out some of the "bits" that we gleaned from Patrick Mead's teaching. (Dan did just that in his From Daniel's Den on page 2!) And then it occurred to us to simply ask Patrick if he could share the message he really wanted to leave us with. Patrick agreed, and we are once again blessed!*

*I hope that you were truly blessed by Patrick's messages this week. If you were busy serving our children's VBS program, or you simply were unable to be here for some or all of Patrick's talks, I urge you to take time to watch/listen to those online. Go to our website at [www.pitmanroadcoc.com](http://www.pitmanroadcoc.com), then, go to "Media" on the menu bar, and click on "Live Stream" on the dropdown menu. You will be taken to our YouTube channel, and all of the sessions are posted there. While you are there, subscribe to the channel, and you will receive up-dates whenever a worship service or other special event is posted. Please don't miss out on this blessing at your fingertips! -Annette*

## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## "Just Jesus" Stories

When I first contacted **Patrick Mead** about speaking for our VBS this year, I was a "wee bit" hesitant to ask him because I knew he had dramatically scaled back his speaking schedule (from 17 to 3 weekends per year). But, nonetheless, I did ask, and he immediately said yes. But he didn't just say yes, he enthusiastically said, "Yes! I love to tell Jesus stories." And what a blessing his messages have been! He has opened the Old Testament and the New Testament texts like few know how to do. He has blessed me. He has ministered to me. He has encouraged me. I have fallen more in love with Jesus. How about you? Patrick's Jesus stories have not disappointed. Have you fallen more in love with Jesus?

Several insights and tidbits from Patrick's four days with us...

"For the Christian, fear is not an option, and love is never optional."

"Jesus and God are not afraid to get dirty for us!"

"Jesus is the exact representation of God the Father."

"In God's way of viewing the world, death is not the worst thing that can happen."

"Never let feelings trump facts."

"Salt and light always affect things." ... "We are to be salt and light!"

"God did not reveal all of Christ's divinity to Him simultaneously!"

"If you were not afraid of death and failure, what would/could you do?"

"God is not a distant, judging, harsh God, but one who is our neighbor... who has moved into our community and declared "Peace."

"Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith."

"Evidence Book: Write down times that you see Jesus alive/working in your life, and how He holds us together. Go to this book when you don't seem to see God and need to be reassured of His presence."

"When I die, I will die being wrong about some things. But Jesus will still welcome me into heaven."

Peace...And remember: It is all about "Just Jesus," **Dan the Preacherman**



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

"Jesus is the  
exact  
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the Father."

## We Welcome Today's Guest Speaker: Max Dauner

**Max and Prisca Dauner** have been ministering in France for over 35 years. Max grew up in California and received degrees in theology and history from Pepperdine University. In 1971 he moved to Geneva, Switzerland where he studied the French language and worked with the church there. Max wed Prisca Daugherty, a native of Paris, in 1977. They have been instrumental in teaching and ministering through the church in Paris, Lyon, and Montpellier, France, and since 1999, in Marseille.

Max has written several books in French, most notably commentaries on Revelation and the parables of Jesus. Max played an important roll in the creation of a French Bible program - Christians on Mission (CEM). Since it's inception, Christians on Mission has helped to train French Christian leaders throughout the French speaking world.

Max and Prisca have two sons who minister as evangelists in Europe; Philip in Marseille, France, and Justin in Cologne, Germany. They are also the spiritual parents of Constantine and his brother Alex.

It is hard to measure the enormous impact for the cause of Christ that Max and Prisca Dauner have had among the French speaking churches in Europe.



**Max and Prisca Dauner**

**YOUR INVITED!!! TODAY!!!** If you would like to bless long time missionaries Max and Prisca Dauner, we will be treating them to lunch at Family Mediterranean in Pitman. If you join us, individual will be asked to contribute between \$12 and \$18 per person to cover the tab for your own meal, our missionaries meals, and a generous tip.

## Thank You Doesn't Scratch the Surface!

We had an amazing VBS week! There are so many who helped to make that happen, and it will be impossible to name all who contributed in any way, large or small. But there are a few key people who went over and above to make this an awesome week for so many children.

A huge thank you to **Robin Steward** for being the coordinator for the children's VBS program! We also thank her family for allowing her to spend countless hours on this project! An other huge thank you goes to **Larry Kellum, Jr.** for being our set designer and chief builder, along with his daughter **Mikayla**, who accompanied him and helped for days and days! Thank you to **Tim and Melody Davis** for their countless hours of service and expertise in planning and executing a VBS program. Thank you (again) to **"Mr." Tim, and also to "Mr." Mike Broyles** for leading the opening and closing program each evening. Thank you to **Tina Broyles** for creating a preschool VBS program! Thank you **Derrick Busch, Jr., Brandon Keeks, and Corey Peoples** for bringing the energy, leading songs, doing skits, and experiments, each evening. Thank you **Mary Collier, Mark Frock, and Karelle Pierre-Jacques** for being the friendly faces to greet and register children each evening. Thank you to our **Pitman Road Youth Group and to the Cornerstone (young adult) Ministry** for pitching in to help with set building and decorating, publicity, and volunteering with the children during class and activity time. Thank you to the **Collingswood Church of Christ** for sending us volunteers to help build the set that is now passed on to them, and then to other churches, for their VBS programs. Thank you to **all of the others who are unnamed (we know you're out there!)** who taught, prepared snacks, or did anything, large or small, to make our VBS week a wonderful experience for the children who participated!

In addition, a total of \$500 was collected for Operation Kid to Kid to provide clean water for children in Peru. Thanks to all who contributed.

## Support the Courthouse Church!

Our VBS just concluded, but the Cape May Court House Church of Christ begins their VBS next week. Dan plans to drive the church van to Court House on Tuesday night, July 25. We will have dinner at McDonald's when we get to CMCH, then go to VBS. The van will be leaving from our parking lot at 5:15 pm. Please let Dan know if you plan to ride in the church van.

## Our Next Bus Trip!

It's time to sign up for the next PRCOC bus trip to **Sight and Sound Theater!** We will be going to see their latest show, **JESUS**, on **March 17, 2018**. Of course there will be a stop at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, their market and gift shop, and Good's Store! **Cost of the trip is \$108 for adults, \$90 for teens ages 13-17, \$64 for children ages 3-12.** Departure time from our building on that day will be at 7:45 am. Final payment is due on January 21, 2018. A sign up sheet is available at the Welcome Center!



### A TIMELESS STORY OF RELENTLESS LOVE!

*While Jesus' story may be familiar, His actions are unexpected. He befriends outcasts and heals the hurting. He challenges norms and confronts hypocrisy. He sets sail with fisherman and reasons with religious scholars. And the lives he touches will never be the same.*

*From the streets of Jerusalem to the raging Sea of Galilee, there's no place or person that His love can't reach!*



This week we are hosting Family Promise.

*Please be considerate of the privacy of our guests, and please do not enter their designated rooms for the week.*

## Bring Your Own Craft Day

Saturday, July 22  
Noon to 5:00 PM  
in the Family Life Center  
Snacks are provided!

*Hope to see you there!*



## Camp Manatawny 50th Anniversary

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 25 and plan to attend the Camp Manatawny 50th Anniversary Celebration! Many activities are planned. Take the day to enjoy what camp has to offer, catch up with camp friends, and celebrate God's goodness to Camp Manatawny! Please register in advance online at [www.manatawny.org](http://www.manatawny.org) so that there is food for everyone. A suggested donation of \$5 per person, or \$20 for a family of 4 or more is requested.



The schedule of events include:

### 11:00 am - Registration

Registration begins at 11:00 am, continuing throughout the day.

### Throughout the Day - Silent Auction, Museums, Reunions

Enjoy seeing old camp memorabilia, visiting with camp friends, and bid on wonderful items to benefit camp.

### 11:30 am- 1:30 pm - Hot Dog Lunch at the Canteen

Buy a lunch and enjoy shopping for camp merchandise and souvenirs.

### 11:30 am-4:00 pm - Kids Zone

Activities for the children to enjoy, including a dunking booth, bounce house, face painting, and more!

### 1:30-4:00 pm - Horses

Horseback riding will be available.

### 2:15-3:45 pm - Swimming

Cool off and enjoy a swim in the camp pool!

### 4:00-5:00 pm - Hymn Sing

Join as we worship together, singing traditional and contemporary hymns, old camp songs, and many other favorites.

### 5:00-6:30 pm - Dinner in the Dining Hall

Enjoy one of the all time favorite camp dinners - Taco Salad!!!

### 6:30-7:30 pm - Evening Program

Camp Manatawny - 50 Years: The Past, Present, and Future.

### 7:30-8:30 pm - Concert

A cappella, Southern Gospel concert by Vocal Union

## 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	142
Worship	210
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	140
Contribution	\$7,693.00
Weekly Goal	TBA

## This Week's Prayer Requests

### Praises:

Thankful for a wonderful VBS (see page 3), new babies (see below), and for **Jay Schneider** arriving home safely after an extended stay in France after the mission trip to attend CEM in Marseilles.

### Prayers Requested:

**Rita Burton**, Barbara Robinson's sister, serious health issues.

**Marie Jean-Jerome**, Karelle Pierre-Jacques mother, is in rapidly declining health. Pray for Karelle as she makes important decisions about her mother's care.

**Frank Sheehan** recovering from lung surgery (see thank you note below).

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**Elder on Call for July and August: Garth Hutchinson**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Jessica Foreman
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	Jackie & Horatio Fenton
Greeters: Back Entrance	Larry & Lea Ann Kellum
Information Center	Rebecca Guy
Ushers	Justin Guy & Steve DePrince
Shepherd's Call	Horatio Fenton
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	Joe Yanzuk

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## Thank You!

Once again I would like to thank everyone at PRCOC for all of the prayers, phone calls, cards, and visits while I was in the hospital and also at home recovering. Believe me, I can truly feel in my heart all the love and support that you have shown me. This is what makes the PRCOC such a great place.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart, **Frank Sheehan**

## 2018 Ladies of Virtue Conference

Information regarding the 2018 Ladies of Virtue conference, on March 2-3, is available on the bulletin board next to the library. If you have any questions regarding the conference, you can contact Mary Collier.

## Baby, Baby!

If you noticed, we have had an unusual number of families listed under "Expecting" on our monthly prayer list. Well, that list is beginning to get shorter, because the babies are arriving!



On Thursday, July 6, **Amanda (Prenger) and Michael Stout** welcomed their second son, **Carson Grey Stout**, (8lbs.- 7oz., 22") into the family! **Landon**, who is now 6 years old, has been an excellent big brother! And of course, grandmother **Linda Prenger** is over the moon! We congratulate the entire family...and remind them that in

spite of the miles, because of Jesus, we are family!

**And....** in the earliest hours this past Wednesday, July 12, **Brenda and Derrick Busch** welcomed their son, **Timothy Patrick Clayton Busch**, into the family. A big name for such a little guy! Timothy joins the family along with big brother **Derrick, Jr.** and big sister **Brianna**.



Brenda, Derrick, and the doctors planned for the baby to arrive on July 24...but God had another plan! And Derrick and Brenda are NOT people who question God's plan! Timothy was delivered by C-section, and was 4lbs.-6oz, 19". Derrick say's, "He's a peanut, but he's a strong peanut." The only concern was that due to his small size, it was hard for him to maintain his body temperature on his own, so he was admitted to the NICU to manage and monitor that. Derrick and Brenda ask you to praise God with them, and continue to pray as Brenda heals from surgery, and as Timothy grows and strengthens. Congratulations Busch family! We praise God with you for His gracious blessing!