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## Aaron Pearl...12 Years as Director of JH1 at Camp Manatawny

This was a bittersweet year for the staff of Jr. High 1 week at Camp Manatawny. We reached our highest numbers of campers yet: 153! Sweet! But at the end of the week, **Aaron Pearl, our director of 12 years, announced that he is retiring as the JH1 director.** Many of us here at Pitman Road have worked with Aaron for most or all of his years as a director, and many of our children have gone through his camp week over those 12 years...and many of them have also become staff members!



The Pearl family in 2006.

Aaron first directed JH1 in 2006, when John Reimels was ill. The following year, after John's passing, and at John's request, Aaron became the official director of the week.

Aaron has been one of the most innovative directors at camp. Just to name a

few of the things he has done over the years: He created The Manatawny Amazing Race, in which groups of campers work together as teams to race through "countries" and complete challenges through the entire camp. He brought in the "Mr. Softee" truck, providing ice cream cones for all the campers. Imagine the reaction of almost 100 kids when they heard that iconic ice cream truck music approaching through camp! Then there is the annual pig roast! A Mennonite restaurant owner drives up in the early morning hours, smoker in tow, with the pig already roasting when he pulls into camp. One year, Aaron ordered Chick-Fil-A for the girls' and boys' sleep outs, delivered by the Chick-Fil-A Cow... and the campers' cheers almost brought the roof of Garrett Hall down! He's invited former Eagles and Giants football player Tank Daniels (and his Super Bowl ring) to visit several times to run "training camp" during athletics. This

year, not only did Aaron fly his powered parachute plane over camp and land in the center field after flag raising...he also invited the Deptford Police Aviation Unit to bring their hot air balloon to camp to educate campers on hot air ballooning, and to demonstrate how the balloon is inflated, and how it flies.



Mr. Softee brings ice cream for campers.

Aaron has done some crazy things at camp over the years...he had a yearly competitive swim race with one of a camper/staffer who himself was a competitive swimmer, and won! (...Until last year.) For the talent show, he's solved Rubik cubes in under a minute, and raced several campers and staff...still winning! Going back to his earlier days as director, he would recite all the books of the Bible in backwards order as well as all of the U.S. presidents in backwards order. AND he could sit with his legs bent over his shoulders! Who at camp can forget his "King Wannahockaloogie" costume for the Amazing Race!?!



"King Wannahockaloogie"

Those of us who served with Aaron witnessed him handle a myriad of camper/parent/staff issues with love and grace. He's navigated the inevitable staff drama. Most importantly, he always worked with the goal that by the end of the week, every camper not only had a great week, but went home the better for it.



Aaron in flight over Camp Manatawny.

Aaron grew up as a camper at Manatawny, served as staff thought out his adult years, and will continue to serve, especially during Elementary 1, which is directed by Manny Vander Vennen. He and Jenn met at camp! Each of their daughters has been

to camp every single year since they were born...sometimes for multiple weeks each years as pre-campers, campers, and staff.

Aaron couldn't have accomplished any of this without Jenn by his side day in and day out. Directing at camp is a 365 day a year, all consuming, unpaid job. And without a supportive spouse, it could not be done! Jenn herself has pitched in wherever she was needed, all through the years, as she had babies, raised a family, went through nursing school, and worked in both the family business and her own full time job. She's been a counselor, head counselor, craft coordinator, lifeguard, and camp nurse, often serving in two or more of those roles at once!

So thank you Aaron and Jenn, for your many years of service to Camp Manatawny, especially these last 12 as you directed and led Jr. High 1. You have blessed literally hundreds, if not thousands, of children and adults through your ministry at camp.

## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## Mission Marseille...And Beyond...

Craig and Katie Young are two of my modern day faith heroes! They have now served as missionaries in France for nearly three decades. Their home is in France, their daughters were born in France, and they raised their family in France. Most of their married lives have been in France! If you visit them today, they look and sound more like French citizens than citizens of the USA. They have taken 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 very seriously!

Backing up...Both Craig and Katie were converted to Christ as college students in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Both graduated with engineering degrees from Lehigh University in 1985. Craig then went on to complete a Master's Degree at Lehigh University. So, what does Jesus do with a husband and wife who both have engineering degrees? God makes them missionaries! How? Well, Camp Manatawny was a piece of the puzzle. Garth and Diana Hutchinson were a big part of the puzzle. Jay and Sue Schneider were also a part of the puzzle. With their newfound faith in Jesus, Craig and Katie decided to sharpen their knowledge of Him, so rather than going to work as engineers, they attended a two year spiritual internship with Stanley Ship in St. Louis.

At the conclusion of the internship, there was a trip around world (literally) to see where God wanted these two engineers/hopeful missionaries to serve Him. The result? God sent them to France. He taught them a new language. He saturated them in the French culture. And now... nearly thirty years later...these two are continuing to impact not just France, but residents of Europe, and even refugees from Syria, Iran, and Northern Africa! And, even as they continue their work, Craig and Katie are helping to prepare the next generation to carry on as ministers of Jesus Christ. Their efforts are impacting skeptics, atheists, non-practicing Catholics, Muslims, and countless others. Marseille, France is their home, and the primary focus of their work; but the ripple effect of their work is spreading around the world.

What a thrill it will be to welcome them to our church next Sunday!

- Dan the Preacherman



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

So, what does  
Jesus do with  
a husband  
and wife who  
both have  
engineering  
degrees?  
God makes  
them  
missionaries!



**Derrick Busch**  
Minister

We need to  
ask, these  
messages that  
we preach to  
ourselves, are  
they consistent  
with our  
theology or  
beliefs as  
Christians?

## We're All A Mess

### The Discipline of Preaching the Gospel to Ourselves

Did you know that you were a preacher? Yes! You are a preacher. No, you may not stand in a pulpit on a given Sunday to preach gospel messages, but your preaching schedule is much more intense and personal than that! In fact, at the time of this reading, you have preached to *yourself* numerous times today. One of my favorite authors, speakers, biblical counselors, professors, and pastors is Paul Tripp. Paul is associated with CCEF, The Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation. In his article, *"Preaching the Gospel to Yourself,"* he shares his observations and insights with regard to believers preaching the gospel to themselves on a daily basis, and the very real possibility of Christians preaching a gospel message to themselves that is not biblical. He shared this statement, *"No one is more influential in your life than you are. Because no one talks to you more than you do."* How often do we take the time to dissect the messages that we preach to ourselves? This idea of preaching to ourselves may also be our "self-talk." We need to ask, these messages that we preach to ourselves, are they consistent with our theology or beliefs as Christians? Perhaps the gospel messages that we preach to ourselves have at their core the impossibility of struggles in life, the impossibility of marital struggles, the impossibility of struggles in child rearing, the impossibility of being mistreated by others, the impossibility of not getting our own way. This false gospel message screams, "Because I'm a Christian, everything in my life is supposed to be experienced with ease and joy always!"

How might this false gospel that we preach to ourselves day after day be confronted? In the words of Tripp, "The battleground is meditation. What is it that is capturing your idle thoughts? What fear or frustration is filling your spare moments? Will you just listen to yourself, or will you start talking, no, start preaching to yourself, -not letting your concerns shape you, but forming your concerns by the gospel." Stay tuned...

God's grace -Derrick



## TONIGHT!!!

Join us for coffee and refreshments, fellowship with friends, and live music praising our God! This month we are thrilled to have our very own **Cory Peoples** speaking on spontaneity with God. We are looking forward to introducing the newest member of REFUGE, and, one of our original founding members will join us. **ALL** are welcome and come as you are. **(We mean that!)**



## Retention Basin Update

Progress is slowly being made to resolve the issue with our retention basin, which has held us up from getting a permanent certificate of occupancy. As originally designed it was a retention basin, where water would collect and drain downward over time. This was never successful, which is obvious when you see the frogs, fish, and turtles out there enjoying it! After the problem became apparent, subsequent testing showed the basins straddled a clay layer, which prevents water from draining.

After evaluating different options, the elders elected to modify the basin into a detention basin. In this case, the collected water will drain over time into the creek next the church building, at a slow enough rate which will not disrupt the creek or the surroundings. The elders and minsters, along with our lawyer and an engineering firm, met with Mantua Township officials last year to propose this solution. Mantua agreed with the concept, but advised us that also we need approval from the State of New Jersey.

Close to a year later, the application for a detention basin conversion was developed and submitted to the state. Please pray for a successful and timely approval by the state. Final approval is pending, and we hope to start the conversion project soon after that. Money has already been set aside for this project in our capital improvement fund, some of which came from the proceeds of the sale of the Delsea Drive property last year.

If you have questions about the project, please see Mike Lazar or Dan Cooper.

## Backpacks Needed!

Last year our church family donated hundreds of dollars worth of school supplies, thank you again for your generosity! You blessed many children last year. We distributed some of the supplies to several different schools, but most went to Derek and Leza Davis for their students at the West Atco Youth In Action Center. The good news is that due to your generosity last year, Derek and Leza do not need more school supplies this year! But, what they do need is 10 backpacks for this school year. **Will you donate a new, sturdy, backpack for a child in need?** Please bring in the backpacks and put them on the table in the center of the lobby by Sunday, August 20. Thank you!



## Thank You Reception for VBS Volunteers

All adults and teens who served by preparing for VBS, working during the event, or cleaning up after the event are invited to a reception in the Family Life Center on Sunday, August 13, between Bible class and worship service. Your service in this ministry is greatly appreciated! Come enjoy a morning breakfast treat!



## Craig and Katie Young's Annual Visit



**Craig & Katie Young will be making their annual visit to us NEXT Sunday, August 13.**

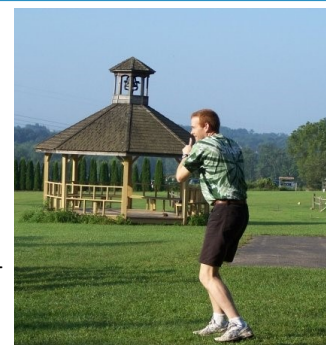
Craig will provide a mission update on the Lord's work in France at during Bible class at 9:00 am; all adults will meet in the auditorium. Craig will also deliver the sermon during the 10:00 am worship service.

After the worship service, everyone is invited to a cookout in honor of the Youngs in our

Family Life Center. All meats, buns, and baked beans will be provided, Please bring lettuce, tomato, and onion, side dishes, desserts, and chips. We ask that you sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend and let us know what you are bringing.

## Where'd Everybody Go???

There is another large group of our members at Camp Manatawny this week, serving as volunteers, and enjoying the week as campers. This week is Elementary 1 week for children completing grades 1 & 2. This is the eighth year that Manny Vander Vennen has been directing this week. There are over 100 campers at E1 this year! Twenty three of our members are serving as volunteers, 3 of our children are camping, and there is one camper who came from one of the families we hosted for Family Promise. (Camp is truly a mission field!) Some of the volunteers are serving both JH1 and E1 weeks, generously giving of their time and talents.



**Manny does the Hokey Pokey for morning exercises!**

## 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	89
Worship	190
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	42
Contribution	\$7,808.00
Weekly Goal	\$9868.00

## This Week's Prayer Requests

**The monthly prayer list of long-term, ongoing prayer requests for August is now available as an insert in this week's bulletin. It can also be found next to the bulletin in the lobby, and will also be sent out via email. New, urgent, and immediate prayer requests will appear in the bulletin. If you do not see your recent, ongoing, prayer request here, it was moved to the ongoing list**

**Praises:** For another group of willing volunteers at Camp Man-atawny this week.

### Prayers Requested:

**Steve DePrince**, had successful surgery today to remove a growth that doctors are hoping will allow Steve to regain use of his right arm and hand. Please pray for success.

**Brenda Busch**, continued prayers for stable blood pressure.

**Mary Jetton**, home from the hospital in Nashville. Mary is pain free, and resting comfortably. Continuing prayers would be deeply appreciated.

**Marie Jean-Jerome**, Karelle's mom, in hospice. Please pray for peace, comfort, and strength for the family.

**Frank Sheehan**, recovering from lung surgery. He is still experiencing a great deal of pain. Please pray for healing and pain relief.

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

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

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## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Brittany Spaeth
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	Corny & Phyllis Walker
Greeters: Back Entrance	Derrick & Brenda Busch
Information Center	Debby Durham
Ushers	Steve DePrince & Anthony Phillip
Shepherd's Call	John Peoples
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	Tim Davis

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## Monday Night Men's Bible Study

**Harry Ake** is reminding all men that Monday Night Men's Bible Study kicks off the Monday after Labor Day, September 11. The study will continue in the journey through the New Testament. The group study begins at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center, and typically concludes between 8:05 and 8:15. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to move deeper into community! No age restrictions, as we have a great range of ages that show up any given Monday night. Why not mark your September calendar right now for that first study on September 11? Contact Harry if you have any questions.



## New Baby!



Congratulations to **Matt and Becky Fortunato**, who welcomed child number four and son number one to the family. **Mathias Cooper Fortunato** entered the world on Monday, July 31, and weighed in at 9 pounds! Big sisters **Gracie, Jordan, and Bella** are on duty to help mom with their new brother. We also congratulate **Dan and Katherine** on grandchild number seven and grandson number two (and the second grandchild this year)!