



## New Adult Bible Curriculum



**In the New Testament, the Apostle Peter tell us that we should “always be ready to explain” our hope as believers. (1 Peter 3:15)**

What is our faith all about? Can you answer that question to your own satisfaction and to the satisfaction of skeptics in your life?

When our church leaders considered these two questions, it led them to two more:

- What Biblical knowledge is critical for a follower of Jesus?
- What Bible curriculum would communicate that knowledge over a three-year span?

The answers to these questions led to the development of our 12-course adult curriculum entitled **Pitman Road University!**

Although the curriculum is not an exhaustive Biblical exposition, it is a comprehensive program that will teach, challenge, and equip anyone who completes it ... and we hope that many will!

### **What is Pitman Road University?**

- It is an adult Bible curriculum comprised of a total of 12 courses.
- Courses will be taught on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am by several different teachers.
- The curriculum can be completed in as little as three years, or you may take longer to complete it.
- Participants take one course at a time.

### **Requirements for completion of Pitman Road University:**

- Completion of all 12 courses (over any number of years).
- Attendance at 10 out of 13 classes per course required for course credit (attendance will be taken at 9:00 am).

- Reading and/or homework may be required.

### **Additional information:**

- Courses may be taken in any order.
- Courses will be offered on a continuous, rotating basis.
- Courses are adapted to all levels of the Christian experience.
- Graduation certificates will be presented to all who complete the curriculum.

Note: Other adult Bible classes not associated with Pitman Road University will also be offered each quarter.

The following is a list of the classes that will be offered. For a complete description of each class, please visit our website or see the Pitman Road University Brochure, soon to be available at the Welcome Center.

- **The Great Story: Finding God’s Love in a World of Doubt**
- **Ecclesiastes: Seeking Happiness in an Unhappy World**
- **Genesis I and Genesis II (two classes):  
What Were We Put in the World to Do?**
- **Welcome to Worship**
- **The Gospel of John: That You May Believe**
- **Walking an Uncertain Future:  
Living Well in a Culture at Odds with Christ**
- **Matthew: The Gospel of the King and His Kingdom**
- **How to Share Jesus**
- **The Fundamentals of Our Faith**
- **Full and Complete in Christ**
- **Witnesses for Christ:  
Continuing Mission in the Book of Acts**

## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## What is the First Sermon You Ever Heard?

I don't remember how old I was, but I remember the sermon. It was in Springfield, Vermont, and my dad preached a Sunday morning sermon with a head of lettuce on the pulpit. His sermon came out of the book of Hebrews, and during the sermon dad literally ate the entire head of lettuce. He'd take a bite of lettuce, and make a point! He did that 12 times! His topic? The "Let Us" passages of Hebrews! The author of Hebrews was writing to discouraged, overwhelmed, struggling Christians who were evidently thinking of giving up and going back to their pre-Christian life. The author of Hebrews offered his first century audience...as well as his 21st century audience...a "12 step plan" on how to overcome discouragement.

Let us fear lest any should fail to enter that eternal rest... (4:1)

Let us therefore strive to enter that rest... (4:11)

Let us hold fast our confession... (4:14)

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace... (4:16)

Let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity... (6:1)

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith... (10:22)

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering... (10:23)

Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works... (10:24)

Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race ... (12:1)

Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken...(12:28)

Let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured... (13:13)

Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God... (13:15)

Feeling discouraged in your Christian life? Here is a 12 step plan that just might help! Let us be deliberate and intentional in our journey to win over discouragement!

*-Dan the Preacherman*



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

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**John Peoples**  
Shepherd

Bible class is a way for your eye to see the light; a way for you to be healthier and a way for you to learn how to build spiritual treasures.

Seems there should be a song about that! ...So what does it mean to get your kids to church on time or for that matter, what time does church start? I have noticed that many adults, both those who have children and those who don't, are not taking the opportunity to come to Bible class. Bible class is especially impactful for children... but it is no less important for adults to attend. Whether you are a young adult or seasoned adult, Bible class is a key way to get to know our Lord and Savior better. I suppose there are many different reasons why someone might not come to Bible class, some may be locked into working, but most people have reasons like, "Bible class is boring," "I'm up too late Saturday night," "It's my only day to sleep in," or maybe even "I could teach that better."

But really, what is the core reason?

There are some indicators that show us what we value, such what we spend our money on, and what we invest our time in. The Bible addresses this in Matt 6:21: Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. So the question we need to ask ourselves is are we building treasure on earth or treasure in heaven? Another way to reflect on this is: are we valuing worldly things or are we valuing spiritual things? I want to highlight what may be obvious. Bible class is a way for your eye to see the light; a way for you to be healthier, and a way for you to learn how to build spiritual treasures. I want your heart to be in Bible class and for that to happen you need to see the value in Bible class. Adults and parents, we should be taking the lead for the kids of our congregation... So get your kids to church on time for Bible class. Don't wait for the new quarter, start the treasure building now.

Best regards, John

## Shepherd's Voice

### Get Your Kids to Church on Time

## TODAY!



Today is the our annual visit from **Craig and Katie Young**, missionaries we support, from Marseilles, France. All adult and teen Bible classes will meet together in the auditorium for the mission report from the Youngs. Craig will deliver the sermon

during the worship service. After worship, there will be a picnic honoring Craig and Katie in the Family Life Center. If you have not meet these servant-hearted people, we urge you to take the time to do so today at the picnic!

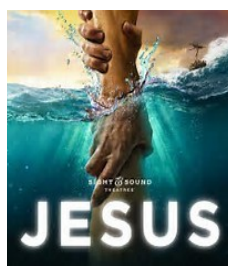


## Sign Up NOW for Sight and Sound!

As you may know, 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**.

**We've had a great response to this trip...but most of those inquiring about tickets are people outside the congregation. Brian Holden wants our members to know that if they are interested, they need to sign up! He is currently holding on to tickets to make sure our members have first "dibs," but he can only hold on to them for so long. So please, if you are planning to go on this trip, sign up now at the Welcome Center.**

**Cost of the trip is \$108 for adults, \$90 for teens ages 13-17, \$64 for children ages 3-12.** Of course there will be a stop at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, their market and gift shop, and Good's Store! 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!*

## Women in the Word....

**Our Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will begin on September 19th!** We will continue our study of Genesis, picking up with a study of the life of Jacob.

If you would like to begin attending for the first time, don't hesitate! New students are able to join us without difficulty, because we are beginning a new section of Genesis.

Our class usually runs from September until early June. We arrive at 9:45 and begin study at 10:00. We try to finish our study at 11:15, reserving the next 15 minutes for sharing and prayer. Everyone is invited to eat lunch afterwards at Nick's in Glassboro, where we continue sharing and deepen our friendships.

The church has set aside funds to pay for child care and we pass a basket to supplement this amount. Loving child care is provided by Cathy Ervin. We are extremely grateful for her commitment to this ministry.

Please bring a Bible you can write in! I encourage note-taking.

We enjoy a loving camaraderie and hope you will join us!

**GROUP:** Women in the Word **LOCATION:** Family Life Center  
**TIME:** Tuesdays, 9:45—11:30 am **TOPIC:** Genesis  
**TEACHER:** Katherine Cooper **CHILD CARE:** Cathy Ervin

## Camp Manatawny 50th Anniversary

It's not too late to register 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 - Horseback Riding

### 2:15-3:45 pm - Swimming 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	112
Worship	149
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	45
Contribution	\$8,682.00
Weekly Goal	\$9868.00

## This Week's Prayer Requests

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

**Sunday Morning Response:** **Gwen Philip** came forward to thank the church for all the support during breast cancer treatment. See below.

### Prayers Requested:

**Harry Steward** was hospitalized last week after a fall revealed a brain bleed. He has now been transferred to Lady of Lourdes acute rehab unit in Camden. He is in room 251-1.

**Steve DePrince**, recovering from surgery 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**, Continuing prayers would be deeply appreciated.

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

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

## Thank You Church!

Last Sunday I came forward to thank the church family for all the prayers and gifts they have given me. I want to also rejoice because last Monday, August 7, was my last treatment! "WHAT A JOURNEY!" I have been going for treatment for breast cancer for two years; the first year I went every two weeks, and the second year, every three weeks. I have been holding on to your prayers all this time. Jesus bore it all, by His stripes I am healed. I can't thank you enough Pitman Church for you support. Please continue to keep Anthony and me in your prayers.

I Love You much, **Gwen Phillip**

## We Extend Our Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the **Pierre-Jacques** family on the passing of **Karelle's mother, Marie Jean-Jerome**, last Sunday, August, 6, after a lengthy battle with both Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. Marie was a remarkable woman; ask Karelle about her!

Services were yesterday in Linden, NJ. If you would like to send a card to the Pierre-Jacques, you may send to the address in the church directory.

## 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!



## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Kathryn Steffy
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	Justin & Rebecca Guy
Greeters: Back Entrance	Linda Kuznetsoff
Information Center	Mary Collier
Ushers	Lee Collier & Adam Cerquoni
Shepherd's Call	Mike Lazar
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Max Lancaster

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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.

