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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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New Fall Quarter Bible Classes for All Ages Begin Today!

See the posters at either end of the lobby for adult classes and locations.

SIGN UP FOR A LIFE GROUP TODAY AT THE WELCOME CENTER!



LIFE Groups

2017-2018

...because life is better in community.

LIFE Group Leaders will be available today in the lobby to answer your questions and to sign you up! LIFE Groups begin meeting NEXT SUNDAY, September 10.

Ageless

Leaders: Dan Cooper and Andy Mychajlowycz

Meeting time: Sundays at noon

Location: Pitman/Williamstown (homes of group leaders)

All ages are welcome. Families with/without children are welcome.

Brook Besor

Leader: John Peoples and Debby Durham

Meeting time: Tuesdays at 7 pm

Location: Sewell (home of Debby Durham)

This group is for adults only.

Circle of Sisters

Leaders: Lynne Sbaraglia and Rachel Stetser

Meeting time: Monday at 7 pm

Location: Mantua/Mount Royal vicinity (homes of group leaders)

Women of all ages and marital status welcome.

Cornerstone (Young Adults)

Leaders: Nate Haden, Toria Davis, Brandon and Mallory Keeks

Meeting time: Sundays at noon

(once a month at 5:30 pm - REFUGE)

Location: Pitman Road church building (Cornerstone Room)

This group is for young adults (college students, post-college, working) who are single or dating.

Hammonton

Leaders: Mike Broyles and Tony DeStefano

Meeting time: Sundays at 5 pm

Location: Hammonton vicinity (various homes)

This is a family friendly group.

Life Challenges

Leaders: Derrick Busch and Manny Vander Vennen

Meeting time: Sundays at noon

Location: Pitman Road church building

All are welcome. Contact leaders if you will need childcare.

Monday Night Men's Bible Study

Leader: Harry Ake

Meeting time: Mondays at 7 pm

Location: Pitman Road church building

All men are welcome. This group is a textual Bible study.

Solid Gold

Leaders: Mike Lazar and Jay Schneider

Meeting time: Sundays at 6 pm

Location: Mullica Hill and vicinity (various homes)

This group is for adults only.

Teens

Leaders: Tim Davis and Garth Hutchinson

Meeting time: Sundays at noon (occasionally evening)

Location: Pitman Road church building

This group is for teens in grades 7 through 12.

Vineland

Leaders: Carl Steiner and Steve DePrince

Meeting time: Sundays at 6 pm

Location: Vineland vicinity (various homes)

All adults are welcome.

Women in the Word

Leader: Katherine Cooper

Meeting time: Tuesdays at 9:45 am

Location: Pitman Road church building

This group is for women of all ages. Childcare is provided. This is a Bible study, covering a wide range of topics.

Young Married

Leaders: Anthony DeStefano, Karllyle Adams, and Kareem Lazarus

Meeting time: Sundays at 1 pm

Location: homes of group leaders

This group is for young adults who are married, with or without children.

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

How Can We Help?

Currently, parts of the state of Texas are being devastated by Hurricane Harvey. You only need watch the news to see the effects. Tens of thousands are displaced, and now the coastal Louisiana area is poised to face this hurricane as well. Members are asking how we can best help.

Almost five years ago, Hurricane Sandy hit New Jersey, causing unprecedented damage. The Pitman church became a depository of financial assistance from churches across the country. We were entrusted to use these funds to support those who suffered the effects of the storm, and we worked hard to be good stewards of those donations. Now it's our turn to entrust our support to someone else. If you are seeking an organization to donate to, I am recommending that you send your monetary donations to **Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort (CCDRE)**. Our deacon responsible for our Caring and Sharing Ministry, **Larry Kellum, Jr.** has authorized that we send \$1,000 to CCDRE out of that ministry's budget. Here is a message from that organization:

Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort is actively responding across Hurricane Harvey impacted areas. CCDRE associate directors are on site in Texas and Louisiana helping to identify needs. On August 28, CCDRE sent three trucks to the area damaged by the eye of the storm, and are currently preparing to send more to Texas. Trucks are headed to Louisiana in the next few days; additional trucks will be sent as needs are assessed.

God bless you for your hearts and interest in reaching out to those in need. Because of our buying power and purchasing agreements, each dollar that CCDRE receives allows us to purchase three dollars in supplies. We anticipate that this event may be one of the largest and costliest in CCDRE history. We will post activity on our website: disasterrelieffort.org.

*If you'd like to support us, you can go to our website and click on the **DONATE NOW** button, or send a check to: **Churches of Christ Disaster Effort, PO BOX 111180, Nashville, TN 37222-1180**. Thank you for your support and prayers. Please keep all of those in harm's way in your prayers.*

If you would prefer to help an individual family, **Chris and Carlotta Jones** have family in Texas who have been effected by flooding. If you would like to contribute to this particular family, please write your check to the Pitman Road Church of Christ and note "flood relief for Jones" on the memo line.

We hope that is just the beginning of the support the members of the Pitman Road church will extend to those who are hurting and who have lost so much in this natural disaster.

-Helping those in need... Dan



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"



Derrick Busch
Minister

Jesus, in His words to His disciples, offered words of stability right in the midst of a world of... various hardships, ...transition, and the like.

We're All A Mess

"Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I'm Yours"

"Signed, **Sealed**, Delivered, **I'm Yours**!" Who wrote this song? (Fill-in) _____. Well, after you finish smiling, humming, singing, and even dancing, are you able to hear the security and personal resolve in these words? In a world of constant change and ever increasing instability, we need to hear words, phrases, and instruction that have both the ability and purposeful intent of creating a sense of stability. Jesus, in His words to His disciples, offered words of stability right in the midst of a world of impending persecution, change, various hardships, transition, and the like. Listen to Jesus' words in John 16:33, "*I have said these things to you, that **in me** you may have **peace**. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; **I have overcome the world**."* Why did Jesus say this to His disciples? Because He wanted them to understand at a heart level that in Him they would find and experience true peace.

Meditation: *In Jesus Christ, you will find and experience peace; even in the midst of the world and its drama! He further wanted them to fix their hearts and minds on Him; He has overcome the world.*

Meditation: *Jesus Christ has already overcome the world and all of its drama!* Does this sound like a simplistic approach? Does this sound like more of the same old religious clichés? How can we know that the peace and assurance that Jesus expressed to His disciples and us, is true and still relevant today?

We have all heard the saying, "Talk is ____!" Yes, talk is cheap! Sing the song with me, "Here I am...Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I'm Yours!" The Apostle Paul in Ephesian 1:13-14 states the following **FACTS**: ...you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, ...and believed in him...HERE IT IS...sealed (secure) with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. Signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee! It is so good to belong to God; sealed with the promised Holy Spirit! Rejoice! **-Derrick**



Do you have extra clothing or accessories clogging up your closets and dressers? Clean out your closets and bring your clothes, shoes, accessories, and children's clothing to trade with old and new friends! Bring it all to the...

Second Annual Pitman Road Clothing and Accessory Swap!

NEXT Saturday, September 9

3:00-5:00 pm, in the Family Life Center

(Please note new time!)

Bring: Gently used clothing, shoes, accessories, and children's clothes. **How it works:** As people arrive with their items, areas will be designated by category: dresses, tops, jackets, pants, jeans, kids clothes, shoes, jewelry, hats & scarves, etc. While items are being organized everyone can mingle, enjoy light refreshments, and browse the treasures coming in. Then we will start the swap! Any leftover, unwanted items will be donated to Angels of God Clothing Closet in Pitman.

Contact Brittany Spaeth brittanyfbanks@gmail.com or Rebekah Lazar doesthatcomeingold@gmail.com with questions!

Please join us for the
**Pitman Road Church of Christ
Women's Brunch Fellowship**
"Hidden Treasure"

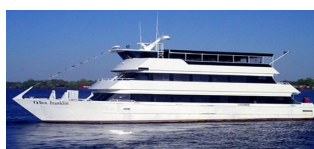
Saturday, September 30, 2017
9:00 am to Noon
in the Family Life Center

Please invite your friends!

RSVP by text to

Diana Hutchinson - 856-381-9095

Brenda Busch - 646-258-5031



CRUISIN' WITH A CAUSE

West Atco Youth in Action Inc.
invites you to attend our
3rd Annual FUNdraiser

Welcome Aboard the Fantastic...

Ben Franklin Yacht

Pier 24 (Next to Dave & Busters)

401 North Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19123

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Boarding Time: 12:30pm/Sailing Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Tickets: Early Bird \$65/pp prior to 9/10/17

\$75.00/pp after 9/10/17

For more details, see the flyer at the Welcome Center!

For tickets or information please call 856-753-3790.

Also visit our website at www.westatcovia.com

Thank you for your support!

A Blessing for Mother and Baby

Join us on Sunday, September 24,

at noon in the Family Life Center,

as we shower blessings of love and encouragement on

Brenda Busch and her newborn son Timothy Busch!

Please bring a package of diapers!

If you would like to help prepare food for the luncheon, please contact Annette Perine at annette.perine@gmail.com of 609-980-5103 for a list of available menu items.

NEXT Sunday!



Join us this month for a special meditative service. We will be joining elements from a traditional vespers service, meditation, and praise music to experience God. As always, there will be time for refreshments and fellowship at 5:30 pm. We will begin our time of praise and meditation at 6:30 pm. **All are welcome.** Come as you are. We really hope to see you there!

MORE CORNERSTONE EVENTS this month for YOUNG ADULTS



Sunday, September 17: **Cornerstone LIFE Group Kick Off** at noon in Room B2 (Cornerstone classroom)

Sunday, September 24: **Serve: Encouragement Letters** (at the noon LIFE Group meeting)

Saturday, September 30: **Connect: End of Summer Bonfire**, 6:30 pm at the Perine's house

The Pitman Council of Churches invites the community to the "Eclipse the Hatred" series of prayer meetings on Monday nights. The meetings focus on prayers for reconciliation, peace, unity, and an end to violence. Tomorrow night's prayer meeting will be hosted by St. James Lutheran Church at 400 Columbia Ave, Pitman, NJ 08071.

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

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| Bible Class | 110 |
| Worship | 176 |
| LIFE Groups | NA |
| Wednesday | NC |
| Contribution | \$6,220.00 |
| Weekly Goal | \$9868.00 |

This Week's Prayer Requests

There are no changes on the August monthly list of ongoing prayer requests, so please continue to use that for September.

Prayers Requested:

For all those affected by Hurricane Harvey, especially those who lost loved ones and homes, and for the relief workers serving there. (See page 2 for ways to help)

Gary Davis, brother of **Leza Davis**, in ICU. He has cirrhosis of the liver, and now has been diagnosed with untreatable cancer. Prayers for Leza and Derrick as they travel to Cleveland to see him.

Harry Steward is at home recovering from back injury.

Zack Rizzuto, son of Jerry and Donna Rizzuto, brain surgery went well. Awaiting pathology results.

David Smith, Pilesgrove, went missing in Woodbine, MD. Please pray for his safe return.

Dianne Perales, undergoing testing to discover the reason for her health concerns. Please pray for answers.

Frank Sheehan, pain is now managed! Physical therapy continues.

Pat Schuehler: Prayers that she's able to have throat surgery.

Ted Schuehler: Testing for some health concerns.

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Elder on Call for September and October: John Peoples

Serving Us Today

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| Nursery | Kathy Ashton |
| Kids For Christ | Summer Break |
| Jr. Worship | Summer Break |
| Greeters: Front Entrance | George & Cookie Rowe |
| Greeters: Back Entrance | Debby Durham & Adam Cerquoni |
| Information Center | Shachara Adams |
| Ushers | Dave Perine & Brandon Keeks |
| Shepherd's Call | Mike Broyles |
| Song Leader | Dwight Thompson |
| Communion | Derek Davis |

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 @pitmanroadcoc  www.facebook.com/pitmanroadchurchofchrist  @pitmanroadchurch

We Extend Our Sympathy

We extend our deep sympathy to Jeff Jetton and Paige Vandergrift, and their entire family, on the passing of **Mary Jetton** last Monday morning, after a long battle with cancer. Mary, Jeff, and Paige were former members here, and have remained close in friendship and heart through the years to many of us.

If you would like to send cards to the family:

Jeff Jetton, 62 Grand Haven Drive, Jackson, TN 38305

Paige and Joey Vandagriff, 4330 Goose Rock Court, Indianapolis, IN 46239

Thanks for Support

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all of your prayers and support extended to us on the passing of my mom. Your prayers and expressions of sympathy were truly a source of comfort to us.

Steve and Karelle



NEW PHONING CARDS ARE AVAILABLE!

**PICK UP AS MANY AS YOU NEED
IN THE LOBBY TODAY!**



Relentless

Includes program, activities, one night seasonal cabin lodging, light dinner on Friday, snacks, breakfast & lunch on Saturday.

Attention ALL Men!!! The Camp Manatawny's Men's Retreat is an opportunity to separate yourself from the daily routine, turn down the volume of the world, and to listen to God and your brothers in Christ. It is also a great opportunity for young men (5 to 12 years old) to focus on their spiritual life and develop their faith along with peers and the influence of their fathers and other men. Youth will have their own special program and are highly encouraged to attend.

The traditional golf outing will be held on Friday afternoon. For more details and registration, go to www.manatawny.org.

Camp Manatawny Men's Retreat

Friday and Saturday, September 15 - 16, 2017

Guest Speaker: Jonathan Woodall, of GracePointe Church of Christ

Cost: Men and Teens 13 and up: \$30, Boys 12 and under: \$5
(Must be paid in full by September 8. After the cost is \$40.)