



# PITMAN ROAD

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### So you know... Churches of Christ Disaster Relief, Inc.

Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort immediately responds to any major disaster in the continental United States. They contact the leadership of local Churches of Christ in or near a major disaster area. If the leadership says their local congregation wants to help, they send and turn over to that congregation truckloads of emergency food, personal hygiene, infant care, water, cleaning supplies, and pallets of additional basic needs, for them to distribute to the disaster victims. These supplies are to be given to anyone affected by the disaster, regardless of race, creed, origin, gender, or religious preference. They are a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, that employs fifteen paid personnel. The success of the organization is due to low overhead, minimal bureaucracy and the hundreds of volunteers that help in their Nashville warehouse and distribution center. Volunteers help pack the majority of supplies in the Nashville warehouse, so items are ready to be distributed as soon as they are received. Even their truck drivers are volunteers. Local Churches of Christ across the country volunteer time and expertise to help distribute the provided supplies to the disaster victims in their area.

### Total Supply Value Given Year-To-Date / Over \$5,000,000 (9/10/17)

The best way to help Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort assist those in need is to donate money. Every food box, hygiene box, infant care box we send are exactly alike. All families get a food box with the same contents as their neighbors. The donations from congregations and individuals that support us, along with ordering direct from brokers and manufacturers, allow us to purchase needed supplies in large volume, at extreme discounts, whenever we need them. **We are able to stretch your donation dollar to buy 3-4 times what you could purchase at retail prices.** Purchasing these items allows us to be better organized, know the inventory we have, and buy the size of items we need. We don't have to wait for donated goods to come in before we can send supplies out.

### Harvey Relief

As of the last Wednesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 25 packed tractor trailers had already been sent for Harvey Survivors! Also, this faith based disaster relief organization has been in touch with 11 Florida congregations. They are connecting with local churches in Florida to get help to them. Within days after Harvey hit the coast, at the direction of our Caring and Sharing deacon, Larry Kellum Jr., **our church sent a check for \$1,000** to this worthy organization. In addition, Dan started a Facebook page, and **many of you helped to donate over \$1,200 to this same organization electronically via**

Facebook donations. And, many of you have also made donations to the church, which are being directed to family members of Chris and Carlotta Jones that have been displaced. The Jones family are directing the \$1,050 that we have given to their family members that are most in need.

### Our Church's Experience

In case you don't remember, "Super Storm Sandy" hit the Jersey coast just over five years ago. This is the same organization that immediately sent tractor trailer loads of food boxes, frozen food, cleaning supplies, infant care supplies, as well as washers, dryers and refrigerators to help families rebuild their lives in the months that followed the initial recovery efforts. Most of those supplies were distributed through our church and/or through the Gateway Church of Christ. We had an absolutely wonderful relationship with this organization's leadership, as well as with the tractor trailer drivers that delivered.

### Additional Donations Can be Made To

#### MAILING ADDRESS

Churches of Christ  
Disaster Relief Effort, Inc.  
PO Box 111180  
Nashville, TN 37222-1180  
Phone: 615-833-0888  
Toll Free: 1-888-541-2848  
Web page: [www.disasterreliefeffort.org](http://www.disasterreliefeffort.org)

#### STREET ADDRESS:

410 Allied Drive  
Nashville, TN 37211

### Review Rating: 4.9 of 5

A review of this non-profit organization by Mary Zawacki...If anyone is looking for a reputable place to donate money for hurricane victims, you cannot support a better organization. Every dollar will go directly to the victims. They have trucks that are filled with water, food, clothes, and cleaning supplies and they are ready to go immediately in the event on an emergency. They help repair homes for people that have are not covered by insurance, so they can start fresh. If you want to go to physically serve in the clean up, sign up and they will find something for you to do! (You can register on their web site!)

-Dan Cooper

Our total given to date exceeds \$3,300.

## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## I Made A Very Big Decision This Week!

I bought a new car. Not a brand new car, but a new car for me. I spent more money on the car than I've ever spent on a car. It is the newest car I've ever purchased!

### So, how do you go about making a really big decision? My Seven Step Plan!

**1) I saw an undeniable need for immediate action.** (Yes, my old car had several costly repairs since the first of the year. And, it had 179,000 miles and the transmission had just started doing something funny!) So, I saw an immediate need for action.

**2) I prayed for guidance and good judgment.** Buying new cars is not something I do with regularity. I knew I needed help. I asked God for guidance and wisdom. I asked Him to help me not to be impulsive.

**3) I set financial boundaries.** I decided a brand new car was not an option. Could not afford it! I decided the maximum limit on what I would spend, and I stuck to it!

**4) I listened to my wife!** She insisted on low mileage and late model. Because of her input I actually spent more than I was initially inclined to spend. I trust her judgment and would be foolish not to listen to her...even about cars! I needed and wanted her input. She thought of and said things I needed to hear.

**5) I talked to others whose opinion I trust.** I did not do it on my own, because others know more about cars than I do. I listened to the advice of many, even though some had opinions that disagreed with others whom I also trusted. After listening to sometimes differing opinions I prayed again for wisdom...and acted!

**6) I carefully researched my options.** I did not buy the first car I looked at. In fact, I looked at several cars before I made a decision. What was the mileage? What reputation did the make and model have? Who had owned the car? Was it a one owner? Were there maintenance records? Had the car been in an accident? Did it have any type of warranty?

**7) I decided how I was going to pay for the car.** Could I afford the car? Could I pay cash, or would I have to take out a loan? Was I being a good steward of God's money, or would purchasing this car necessitate our reducing our weekly contribution? That was not an option!

Hope and pray my 7 step plan might provide an outline for you next time you need to make a big decision.

**Hey, check out my new car!** - Dan the New Car Preacherman



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

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**Derrick Busch**  
Minister

"We are called as believers, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to surrender ourselves **completely** under the loving and all wise authority and lordship of Jesus Christ."

## We're All A Mess

### ***Brief Meditative Thoughts Regarding Choice!***

The gift of choice has been on my heart for quite some time. The privilege to choose our perspective, attitude, and or outlook on life in the midst of its various peaks and valleys is a gift and privilege from God. I'm reminded of the words of Jesus in **(John 16:33)** *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. But take heart...there's a choice! Again, God has blessed mankind with the ability, responsibility, and privilege of choice. This blessing of choice is just one factor that determines the course of one's life physically, psychologically, and most importantly spiritually. Let's recall God's words in **(Joshua 24:14-15)** <sup>14</sup> "Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."* Question, "Do you see the choices that were, and are revealed in this text?"

We are called as believers, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to surrender ourselves **completely** under the loving and all wise authority and lordship of Jesus Christ. This calling dictates that our choices in life, even in the midst of its various peaks and valleys match His will and not our own. His wise counsel must dwell in us richly. *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."* **(Hebrews 10:24)**

-Derrick

## What's happening in September at Pitman Road

**Sign Up NOW** in the lobby for the upcoming **Family Promise Host week, October 15-22**. John Ashton is coordinating and he will be available to answer your questions at the sign up table, or call him at 609-214-8522. **MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

**Every Monday night through December 4, Men's Monday Night Bible Study** will meet in the Family Life Center, 7-8:15 pm. The journey through the New Testament continues! Coffee and light snacks will be served. Contact Harry Ake at 856-217-3956, if you have questions or need more information.

**Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study/Women in the Word LIFE Group** will begin again **THIS Tuesday, September 19 at 9:45 am**. The study of Genesis will continue, picking up with the story of Jacob. Bring a Bible you can take notes in! Childcare will be available. Everyone is invited to join afterwards at Nick's in Glassboro for lunch. Katherine Cooper will teach the class; you can contact her at 856-981-9754 if you have questions or need information.

**Bring Your Own Craft Day** is **NEXT Saturday, September 23, noon to 5:00 pm** in the Family Life Center. All are welcome! Bring a craft or project to work on with other "crafty" people! Snacks will be provided.

*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](mailto:annette.perine@gmail.com)  
of 609-980-5103 for a list of available menu items.

The annual **See You at the Pole** special prayer event will be held here on **Wednesday, September 27, at 7:00 pm**. Please join us as we pray for our students, their schools and colleges/universities, teachers, professors, and administrators for the upcoming school year. Everyone will meet together in the auditorium.

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 no later than Sunday, September 24**  
by text to

Diana Hutchinson - 856-381-9095  
Brenda Busch - 646-258-5031



**Cornerstone** invites all young adults to an **End of Summer Bonfire, on Saturday, September 30, at 6:30 pm** at the Perine's house. Bring a snack, dessert, or drink...and bring a friend. Contact Toria Davis at 609-680-2494 or Mallory Keeks at 609-417-1113 with questions or for more information.

## TWO BIG EVENTS IN OCTOBER - MARK YOUR CALENDARS! BE SURE TO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!



**FUN FALL FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st**  
2 - 4pm - Rain or Shine - Games and activities for children ages 2 - 12!. The cost is free!



**TRUNK OR TREAT - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25th**  
6:15 - 7pm - Rain or Shine - Following Trunk or Treat, fun activities in the Family Life Center.

While we are just two weeks into our new Quarter, I am super excited about the new series I'll be teaching for the Winter Quarter, starting this December.

So excited to start our class on World Religions. The title my primary source book is "So What's the Difference?" by Fritz Ridenour. Over 1 million copies in print, and it was updated in 2014! This class is particularly designed for our young adults, but if you promise to behave, we might even let you into the class if you are over 35!

I will start with one class on Christianity  
Then move on to...

Roman Catholicism

Eastern Orthodoxy

Judaism

Islam

Hinduism

Buddhism

Where did the cults come from?

Jehovah's Witnesses

Mormonism

New Age

Nothing New Under the Sun / Baha'i / Christian Science /

Freemasonry / Hare Krishna / The International

Churches of Christ / Secular Humanism / Postmodernism /

Unification Church (The Moonies) Unitarianism /

Wicca (Witchcraft and Neo-Paganism)

Dan the Teaching Preacherman

## 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	153
Worship	204
LIFE Groups	116
Wednesday	50
Contribution	\$7784.00
Weekly Goal	\$9868.00

## This Week's Prayer Requests

### Praises:

### Prayers Requested:

**Please continue to pray for all those affected by Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. Include the many members of Chris and Carlotta Jones' family (parents, siblings, etc.). Most of their family resides in affected areas of Texas.**

**Lynne Sbaraglia**, is slowly improving. Good news was that she does not need surgery on her hip or her knee. doctors said the rehab she is doing will resolve the problems with her legs. She is in Atrium Post Acute Care of Woodbury, 467 Cooper St., Woodbury, NJ 08096. You can reach Lynne or her Cell phone.

**Harry Steward** was able to be out to church with us last Sunday.

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

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

**Pat Schuehler**, prayers that she's able to have throat surgery.

**Ted Schuehler**, testing for some health concerns.

**Annette Perine**, wrist surgery on Wednesday.

**Sympathy:** We extend our deepest sympathy to Leza Davis as her brother, **Gary Davis**, passed away on Wednesday. Please pray for peace and comfort for the Davis Family during this time grief. No details are known at this time.

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..... dothompson@comcast.net




**Elder on Call for September and October: John Peoples**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Suzanne Kleineweber
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Larry & Lea Ann Kellum
Greeters: Back Entrance	Jackie & Horatio Fenton
Information Center	Mary Lea Thompson
Ushers	Mike Lazar & terry Rhymes
Shepherd's Call	Dwight Thompson
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	Luke Olley

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Cooper's at noon	856-981-9755
Brook Besor	Durham's Tuesday at 7 pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Monday at 7 pm	856-419-0544
Cornerstone	Church Bldg. rm B2 at noon	609-226-4031
Hammonston	Thompson's at 6pm	609-5618561
Life Challenges	Church Bldg. rm B4 at noon	267-303-4877
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7 pm	856-217-3956
Solid Gold	Lazar's at noon	
Teens	Church Bldg. at noon	610-476-9057
Vineland	Hale's at 6 pm	856-765-9478
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. rm B4 Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Married	Adams @ 1pm	609-922-2581

## Find Us on Social Media:

 @pitmanroadcoc 
  www.facebook.com/pitmanroadchurchofchrist 
  @pitmanroadchurch

## Pitman Road University Classes are Off and Running!

And, since the start of the new Quarter, our Sunday School attendance is up between 15 and 20%!

Very exciting to see this increased involvement. It is a win win! Kids learn more. Adults learn more! And teachers teach more people!

And, God is honored!

And, Dan has just developed a way to better organize your notebook tabs. See him if you'd like help in getting your notebook organized!

