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Two Important Announcements from Last Sunday...Plus a Personal Message

We have been praying for and mindful of our faithful servant Dan Cooper, and his recent struggles. We do appreciate how you all have responded to Dan and Katherine with your encouragements and prayers.

First, we have been in prayer about how we can best give Dan relief from the extra pressures he has experienced in ministry. Some of this due to Carlos' departure, some due to the passing of our dear brother Glynn Durham, and some due to the long term and pressing demands of ministry. This is in turn, why we hired Derrick Busch on a part time basis for this fiscal year.

But we also saw the need for more ministerial help, week in and week out, especially during week days. We therefore have asked our brother Andy Mychajlowycz to work with Dan a few days during the week. He will have a presence here at the building, to help with administrative and pastoral tasks and be available for necessary visitations to those in need.

Since Andy has served in this capacity at his previous church in Geneva, Switzerland, this seemed like a good fit for Dan, the church staff and the elders. Andy has agreed to help and will begin serving in this interim capacity beginning this week.

Secondly, we have been prayerful about how to move forward with regard to our minister selection process to hire a new minister to take Carlos' place. We all agree that this is not something to rush into and we want to listen and seek God's guidance. With that mind, we have reached out to a church consulting organization called Hope Network - this is a team of seasoned ministers and church leaders from our fellowship with years of experience and wisdom in ministering to churches of Christ.

We are therefore planning a weekend seminar with a team member of Hope Network, Greg Anderson, who will encourage, and give spiritual counsel to the eldership, deacons, ministry leaders and the whole congregation. Greg will speak Sunday morning Oct. 1st and then, the following weekend, will conduct a weekend seminar on Saturday, Oct 7th. We are available to you for any questions. More details will follow shortly.

We want to ask you to be prayerful, asking God to give us a spirit of humility and discernment as we enter into this season of transition for our congregation. We are all in this together. This our time of transition, not simply a decision for the leadership.

Your Shepherds

A Personal Message from Dan! On the first Sunday of November, Katherine and I will celebrate our 33rd anniversary with this fine church. It is hard to believe, but we've literally spent half of our lives ministering to this church. When I "hit the wall" last month, I was as shocked as all of you were. Never been there before! However, our shepherds, all of you, and friends from across the country have been almost unbelievably supportive and encouraging. Prayer, your words of hope and medical intervention changes things. By God's grace I am now on the rebound and hope to be back to 100% within a few more weeks. Older, wiser, better balanced is my hope and prayer.

Faith, Hope, and Love; Dan

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Three Important Reminders!

The Three Amigos: As was announced last Sunday, we have added one more part time minister to our church staff! (See more on the front page!) In case any of you were wondering, I absolutely love the idea of Derrick, Andy and myself partnering in ministry. Each of us love ministry, and based upon my experience with these brothers, each of us have our giftedness, and our own unique gifts nicely complement each other.

Complete the Congregational Survey: As an important part of the process in our selecting a new minister, every member of our congregation is asked to complete a survey that will be compiled by Hope Network, the consulting company that is assisting us with our search. It is best if you complete the survey online, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PRCoC> If you cannot complete the online survey, a hard copy is available at the Information Center in the Lobby. The survey must be completed by Oct. 4.

Move Into Community: What steps have you taken, or will you take to intentionally move into community? Derrick's sermons this month have encouraged us to follow the example of the first century church as we devote ourselves to collective study, fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer and sharing "all things in common" (Acts 2:42-44)! Specifically, what intentional steps can you take to move into community? Join a LIFE Group! Invite someone into your home or apartment! Attend a Bible Class on a Sunday morning or Wednesday evening! Join a prayer group! Reach out to someone with a different color skin! Change where you sit in the auditorium! Share coffee or tea with someone 20 years older or younger than you! Attend a Baby Shower! Attend a men's Bible study or a women's Bible study! Arrive at church 15 minutes early or stay 15 minutes after the final "Amen!"

-From last week...Yes, my new car, the one I promised to show you last Sunday, is now in the parking lot if you want to check it out! Love You One and All, Dan



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Larry Kellum, Jr.
Deacon: Caring and
Sharing Ministry

The young
helping the
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A Servant Speaks

We can be a piece of heaven. I remember a preacher telling me a story about a man that had a vivid dream. The dream went something like this. In the first part of the dream, there was a long dinner table with delicious food and many selfish people there that were extremely hungry. The problem was that the knives, forks and spoons were so long that they could not feed themselves. That was hell for them. The second part of the dream went like this. Once again there was a long wide table and a delicious meal on the table. There were many loving and kind people at the party. The people were also given long utensils. However they prayed first and then they fed each other from across the table. This was heaven. I heard this at least ten years ago and I still love this story. To me, it's about sharing and the joy of helping one another. I have seen this in so many ways in the past few weeks along the Southern Coast during the hurricanes and terrible flooding: The young helping the old, white people helping black people, the rich people helping the poor. All across America, people giving money, food and supplies after Massive Storms called Harvey & Irma.

The point is if we focus on Jesus, help people though the tough times and share God's love we can be a piece of heaven for others. In Mt 26:35-40 Jesus said. *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I needed clothing and you clothed me, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'* I am extremely thankful that I am a part of a church that understands this.

May God bless you all. Lawrence Kellum Jr.
Deacon Over Caring and Sharing



Family Promise®

It's time to sign up to volunteer for our
next Family Promise Host Week,
Sunday, Oct. 15– Sunday, Oct. 22

Many volunteers are needed!

Sign up now in the lobby!

Pitman Road Church of Christ Monday Night Men's Bible Study

7:00 - 8:15 PM in the Family Life Center

Coffee and light snacks will be served.

Bible Study

Come and Experience the Living Word

The journey through the
New Testament continues!



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!

TODAY, September 24. IS THE LAST

DAY TO RSVP. RSVP by text to
Diana Hutchinson - 856-381-9095
Brenda Busch - 646-258-5031



cornerstone/young adult

End of Summer Bonfire

Saturday, September 30 • 6:30 pm • Perine's house
Bring a snack, dessert, or drink...and bring friends!

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Women in the Word LIFE Group

**Tuesdays at 9:45 am
in Family Life Center.**

The study of Genesis continues...

All women are welcome.

Childcare available.

women's
**BIBLE
STUDY**



Attention women:

**🍁Fall Prayer Groups
starting soon! 🍁😊**

Come share the joy of the women of our church
as we begin another **3-month prayer journey!**
(October, November, December)

Learn how to pray and to be more disciplined in
prayer as

you gather with a small group of women. 🎧

If you would like to ...

Pray with one other woman ...

Pray with a small group of women ...

Join with another woman as

"accountability partners" ...

then please join us:

Sunday, October 1, immediately after service

in the Chapel Room for a brief meeting. We
will discuss
the purpose and organization of prayer groups/
partners for the fall.

This is an informational meeting, so no obligation! 😊

If you cannot attend the meeting but are interested,
please contact: Brenda Busch (646-258-5031;
bhall727@optonline.net)

or Diana Hutchinson (856-381-9095;

drh13013@gmail.com)

Thank you!

SPECIAL PRAYER
EVENT

SEE YOU

at the

POLE

WEDNESDAY,
SEPT. 27 AT 7PM

Everyone will meet in the Auditorium.
Preschool children, elementary children,
teens and adults!

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	110
Worship	194
LIFE Groups	141
Wednesday	56
Contribution	\$7386.00
Weekly Goal	\$9868.00

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praises: Lynne Sbaraglia continuing her recovery at home.
Pat Schuehler, now home and recovering from successful throat surgery.

Prayers:

Dianne Perales, serious health issues

Harry Steward recovering at home

Larry Kellum Sr., and his ongoing treatments

Annette Perine continuing her recovery from wrist surgery.

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Elder on Call for September and October: John Peoples

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Diana Hutchinson
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Patricia Monteleone & Diana Hutchinson
Greeters: Back Entrance	Brian & Cindy Holden
Information Center	Rebecca Guy
Ushers	Justin Guy & Steve DePrince
Shepherd's Call	Garth Hutchinson
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Larry Kellum, Jr.

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Baby Shower/Men @ Bldg. Noon	856-981-9755
Brook Besor	Durham's Tuesday at 7 pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Monday at 7pm	856-4190544
Cornerstone	Baby Shower/Guys helping teens	609-226-4031
Hammonton	Baby Shower/Men at Broyles	609-561-8532
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	Baby Shower	856-223-1699
Teens	Church Bldg. at noon	610-476-9057
Vineland	DePrince's at 6pm	856-293-1011
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. FLC Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Married	Baby Shower	

TWO GOSPEL MEETINGS

The Church of Christ at 411 N. Clinton Ave, Trenton, NJ invites you to their Annual Gospel Meeting - October 8 - 13, 2017.

Sunday 11:00 am & 3:00 pm. Weeknights at 7:30pm. Speaker is Bro. Howard Wright of Camp Creek church of Christ, Atlanta, GA.

Overbrook Park Church of Christ, in Pennsylvania, is inviting you to their Fall Gospel Meeting/Revival. October 8th - October 11th. Sunday 11am, 2:30pm - Songfest, 3:00 Afternoon Worship - Monday - Wednesday 7:30pm.

"I Am Still Standing" is a one day conference hosted by the First State Church of Christ in Wilmington, DE

Date: Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Location: the beautiful Sheraton Hotel in New Castle, DE

Includes: Guest Speakers and Lunch

Registration: www.imstillstandingconference.com

Minister and Contact Person: Domingo Reyes

Dan is one of the speakers. Cost: \$35

Please mark the following Sunday and Wednesday dates

This Wednesday, Sept. 27th at 7:00 PM, we will all join in the Auditorium for a special Devotional Service, planned around prayer. This is a national movement which encourages believers around the USA to join around the flag pole in local schools for a time of prayer. In honor of that day, we will once again set aside our Wednesday evening assembly time to have all classes (Children through Adults) meeting in the Auditorium for a time of prayer and devotion.

Next Sunday, Oct. 1 at 9:00 AM

On this Sunday morning we are asking that all Teens and Adults meet in the auditorium during the 9:00 Bible Class hour for a meeting with our consultant from Hope Network, regarding our minister search. Greg Anderson will both lead the combined classes during the 9:00 o'clock hour, and then preach during the 10:00 o'clock hour. Be prayerful about this process. And you will not want to miss the 9:00 or 10:00 service next Sunday.

Wednesday, October 25th at 6:15 PM, we are all invited to join the Trunk or Treat Celebration in the Church Parking Lot! There will be no regular classes that night, but there will be a meal. Come and decorate your car, mix and mingle with church kids and visitors. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to Make a Difference and to touch someone with the love of Jesus.

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