



## Scriptures for COURAGE

*"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...without being frightened in any way" (Phil. 1:27-28).*

In the estimation of the scriptures, more bad life decisions are made on the basis of fear than any other motive. To live as a Christian is to be different. That means living courageously with a calm assurance borne of knowing God is with us. This confidence is available to any Christian because it is based on the LORD, not our own abilities or opinion. If you look to the news every day your will live in fear; if you look to the Lord you will know inner peace.

In Your bible, look at where the focus is:

*"Be strong **in the Lord** and in His might power" (Eph. 6:10).*

***The LORD** is my light and salvation- whom shall I fear? **The LORD** is the stronghold of my life- of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 56:4).*

*"**In God I trust** and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" (Psalm 56:5).*

*"So do not fear, for **I am with you**; do not be dismayed, for **I am your God. I will strengthen** you and help you; **I will uphold** you with my righteous right hand" (Isa. 41:10)>*

*"**The Lord** is my shepherd, I lack nothing....Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for **you are with me**" (Psalm 23:1,4).*

*"For **the Spirit God gave us** does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline" (2 Tim. 1:7).*

*"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope **in the LORD**" (Psalm 31:24).*

*"Peace I leave with you; **my peace I give you....Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid**" (Mark 5:36).*



There is nothing in the news, or society, or life that can ultimately harm you. god is for you. He is with you, and nothing can stop that. You belong to Him and He will take you to heaven because you are forgiven through Christ. You really are alright! It's your privilege to live courageously! Mark Finn to Mark's list of scriptures, I'll add "*The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever **trusts in the Lord** is safe*" (Prov. 29:25).

Ed. Note: Mark Finn has faithfully served the Collingswood church of Christ for over 30 years. Mark and his wife, Becky, have made a long term commitment to serve Christ and His church here in the Northeast. Their oldest daughter, Katherine, is now married to Constantin Tertov and together they serve as missionaries in Marseille, France. Katherine was introduced to the work in France when she joined one of our mission trips in 2009.

During our country's time of uncertainty and our church's' time of transition Mark's article is particularly timely.  
Dan

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## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## Tangible Ways to Get Involved in Kingdom Business in Coming Days!

- 1) **Have You Completed the Congregational Survey?** An important part of the process in our selecting a new minister is for you to complete a survey that will be compiled by Hope Network, the consulting company assisting us with our search. It is best if you complete the survey on line, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PRCoC>. However, if you cannot complete the on-line survey, a hard copy is available at the Information Center in the Lobby. The survey must be completed by this Wednesday, Oct. 4.
- 2) **Family Promise Week!** Once again, it is time for us to do more than talk about loving strangers and homeless people. It is time to get involved and really make a difference in the life of a family that is in need. It is time to do something more than write a check! If you can drive... you can help! If you can cook...you can help! If you can sleep on an air mattress, even for one night...you can help! If you can run a washing machine or a vacuum cleaner...you can help! If you can help a kid with homework, or play a game with a little kid...you can help. If you can carry on a conversation...you can help. Sign up at the **Family Promise** table in the Foyer. Be Jesus, "to one of the least of these!"
- 3) **"I'm Still Standing" Conference** is being sponsored and hosted by our sister congregation just on the other side of the Delaware River. We want to encourage the **First State Church of Christ**, and you can do just that by registering for their conference, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 14. The cost is \$35. This is an all day conference, which includes both keynote lectures and break out classes. It is being hosted at the beautiful Sheraton Hotel in New Castle, DE. You can register by going to their web site, [www.imstillstandingconference.com](http://www.imstillstandingconference.com)

If Not you, Who?  
Love You One and All, **Dan**



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

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**Andy Mychajlowycz**  
Minister

**Stand at the crossroads and look. Ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, and walk in it. And you will find rest for your souls.**

**- Jer 6:16**

## At the Crossroads

Each of our days are filled with a series of choices – some small and seemingly insignificant, and others large and imposing (maybe following a death, or a job loss, or a serious illness). And periodically, those that appear insignificant turn out to be hugely important. So, how do we know the path to choose?

- 1) Often we are commanded to choose, with a clear indication of the better choice:
  - *Choose this day whom you will serve* – Joshua 24:15
  - *Choose life* – Deuteronomy 30:19
  - *Choose what is right* – Job 34:4
  - *Choose the good* – Isaiah 7:15 and 16
- 2) Sometimes we are given a clear indication of which would be the wrong choice:
  - *Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness?* – 2 Corinthians 6:14
- 3) Other times we can follow brothers and sisters on the path who are full of the Spirit, experienced, and living out the "pattern" of Christ in their lives:
  - *Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.* – 1 Corinthians 11:1
  - *Join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.* – Philippians 3:17
- 4) And still other times we "just know", because all the indicators surrounding the decision become clear and unambiguous
  - *Your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, your eyes shall see your Teacher. And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.* – Isaiah 30:20-21

In all these situations, there is one thing in common – we need to be keenly attuned to God's will. We must stand (stop what we're doing, get rid of distractions), look (examine our choices carefully, applying Godly criteria), ask (pray, question, study), listen (seek advice and guidance, don't toss aside what we don't want to hear), believe, and get moving! God is not out to confuse us, play jokes on us, or create stumbling blocks in our decision process. He wants us to choose the best way forward in every situation.

– **Andy**

Northfield is having "Invite a Friend Day on October 08th. The Bible Class (9:30) and Lesson (10:30) will be followed by fellowship and a covered dish at Noon. We would love to have you join us. Bill & Noreen Wills



**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!

"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](http://www.imstillstandingconference.com)

Minister and Contact Person: Domingo Reyes

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



**Saturday, October 21**

**2:00—4:00 PM**

**Rain or Shine!**

**Games and activities for children ages 2—12!**

**Cost: Free!**

**This is a family event, so please plan to accompany your children through the activities and enjoy the afternoon together!**

## 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.

For all the details see the bulletin board in the B Wing Hallway.



**Wednesday, October 25**

**6:15—7:00 PM**

**Rain or Shine!**

A safe, traffic free environment for your children to Trick or Treat!  
Please accompany your children through the parking lot while they Trick or Treat.

Refreshments for all will be provided inside our building.

**Following Trunk or Treat:**  
**Fun activities in our Family Life Center!**

There will be no regular classes! 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.

*You're Invited!*

"Celebration of Gratitude" Ladies Luncheon

Saturday, November 4

12:00 – 2:00 pm

*As the holidays draw near, enjoy a time of celebration to count your blessings and share the gift of friendship. We are too blessed to be stressed!*

*Various soups & salad will be served*

*Bring a Friend!*

Pitman Road Church of Christ · Family Life Center



## 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	142
Worship	199
LIFE Groups	n/a
Wednesday	40
Contribution	\$6896.00
Weekly Goal	\$9868.00

## This Week's Prayer Requests

**Dwight Thompson**, Lymphoma has returned. Treatment to be determined.  
**Ray Wilson**, surgery on October 13 to remove skin cancer from his face.  
**Diane Perales**, diagnosed with PTSD. She is undergoing treatment.  
**Pat Schuehler** is in ICU at Pennsylvania Hospital, 8th and Spruce, Philadelphia.  
**Elinda Hunter**, right knee surgery, to repair a meniscal tear. October 4, Kennedy Hospital - Same Day Surgery.

### Dan is Excited to be Back in the Pulpit Next Sunday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>

After a break from the pulpit of nearly two months, I will be thrilled to share a scripture filled message. If you have been following our New Testament Reading Plan, Ownit365NewTestament + Plan, you already know that we will have just finished reading the book of Acts. If you have fallen behind in your reading schedule, now is a great time to catch up! And, if you have not been keeping up with that schedule, by simply reading four chapters per day for the next 7 days, you can read through all 28 chapters in the book of Acts.

My Topic? Conversion Stories of People from Different Races from the Book of Acts.

**I do hope you'll make a special effort to be present; Dan**

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

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Jenn Pearl
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Andy & Donna Mychajlowycz
Greeters: Back Entrance	Patricia Monteleone
Information Center	Dawnna Hale
Ushers	Waverly & Austin Hale
Shepherd's Call	John Peoples
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Ray Holmes

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Frank & Sandy Sheehan	609-828-3494
Brook Besor	Durham's Tuesday at 7 pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Monday at 7pm	856-419-0544
Cornerstone	Church Bldg. rm B2 at noon	609-226-4031
Hammonton	Tabernacle CoC Hymn Sing 6pm	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	Lazar's Noon	856-223-1699
Teens	Church Bldg. at noon	610-476-9057
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. rm B4 Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Married	A. DeStefano's @1pm	856-899-9466

## Thanking God For You!

Family in Christ,  
Words are not sufficient to express ur gratitude for every kind word, prayer and act of kindness. May God in His faithfulness return more grace to you!

Chris & Carlotta Jones



**An excellent organization to help those in Puerto Rico... Healing Hands International...**

**If you are like Katherine and me, you are looking for a good way to help those who have suffered such devastating loss in Puerto Rico.**

**Some of our church members have family still living in PR, and want to help family directly. That is great. Do it! It is Christ's will!**

**However, if you do not know of a trustworthy, Christian organization to give to, here is an organization I know about and we are sending money directly to "Healing Hands International." This way, we know that the resources are well managed, there is not huge overhead, and Jesus Christ receives the glory for the donations!**

**Remember Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than it is to receive."**  
**Dan**

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