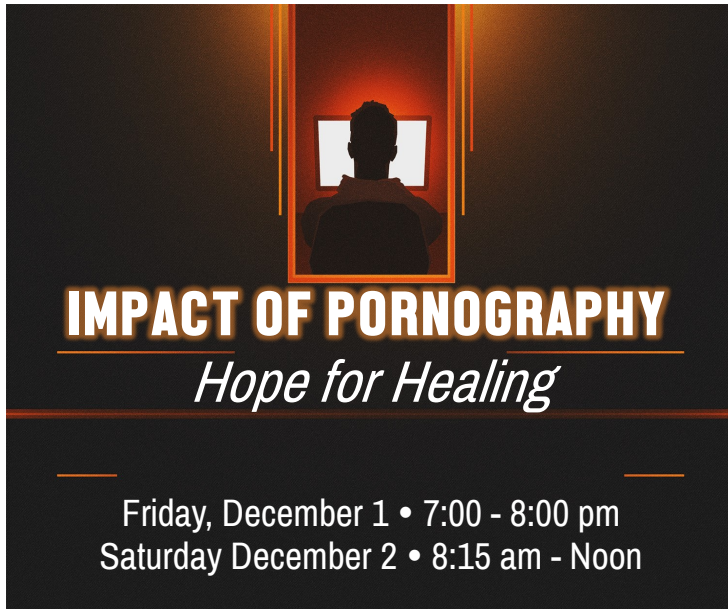




Be Educated and Equipped to be of Assistance!



Seminar Schedule:

Friday, December 1

7:00 pm:

"What's the Big Deal with Pornography?"

Saturday, December 2

8:15 - 8:50 am: Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 9:50 am:

"How Does Addiction Affect the Brain?"

10:00 - 10:50 am:

"What are the Underlying Issues that Lead to Addiction?"

11:00 - 11:50 am:

"Is Help, Hope, and Healing Actually Possible?"

11:50 am - Question and Answer period

According to the Center for Christian Broadcasting, 50% of both men and women who use the internet regularly view pornography. The church can no longer overlook both the importance of this issue and the devastation it is causing. In an effort to educate our members and the surrounding community, our shepherds have scheduled a free seminar, ***Impact of Pornography: Hope for Healing*** on Friday and Saturday, December 1 & 2.

All of our members, men and women, are encouraged to attend. And we encourage you to invite family, friends, neighbors, etc. **You or those you invite may say, "I don't have a problem with pornography, and neither does my spouse."** This is such a pervasive issue in our society today that in all likelihood, you will encounter a family member or friend who is dealing with the use of/addiction to pornography, or a marriage and family being affected by it. **The main purpose of this seminar is to educate and equip our church to help and support those who struggle with the use of and addiction to pornography.**

Take this opportunity to equip yourself to be of support! Flyers are available at the Welcome Center, and you may contact **Justin Guy** or **John Peoples** for more information.



Seminar Speaker: Dr. Lou Butterfield

Lou Butterfield is the founder and Director of Center for Christian Broadcasting, Inc. CfCB's mission is "to use the power of media and today's technology to fulfill the 'Great Commission' by providing professional quality,

Biblically accurate materials that will help strengthen families, support the church and evangelize the lost." Prior to establishing CfCB, Dr. Butterfield was a Professor of Communications at Harding University for 38 years. He has also served as pulpit minister, deacon and youth director in various churches in Arkansas, Mississippi and Indiana. He is a sought after speaker on church growth and on the dangers of Internet pornography.

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

A Month of Thanksgiving... What are you willing to do to say "thank you?"

In 1904 Ole, a man from Milwaukee, set the standard of saying "thank you" fairly high. I don't know of anyone who has topped his way of saying "Thank You!"

Bessie Cary, Ole's neighbor, finally agreed to a date.



He was beside himself with glee that she accepted his invitation to a picnic lunch on an island in Lake Michigan. The day arrived. They drove to Lake Michigan where Ole rowed them out to enjoy a delicious lunch. While relaxing after finishing their meal, Bessie got a craving for a cool, refreshing dish of ice cream.

Ole, being the perfect gentleman, rowed two and a half miles back to the mainland to satisfy Bessie's request. Unfortunately, the summer heat melted that dish of ice cream by the time Ole rowed two and a half miles back to Bessie.

While Bessie was gracious for his gallant effort, Ole wanted to find a way to not only thank her for the date but let her know how serious he was about the relationship. So, he used this embarrassing incident as motivation.

While they continued to date, this young mechanic was also searching for a more efficient means to propel a small boat across a body of water so the next bowl of ice cream would not melt.

Five years of effort resulted not only in Ole Evinrude patenting his revolutionary outboard motor, he finally found a way to say "thank you!" to Bessie. They married soon after.

Talk about dreaming big dreams and finding a grand way to be grateful for a date! You may simply need to make a thoughtful phone call or write a card to appropriately express your thanks. **-Dan**

-Illustration borrowed from Tim Archer.



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

Talk about...
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Andy Mychajlowycz
Minister

After the wind
... earthquake
... and fire
there was
the sound
of silence.
- 1 Kings 19:11-12

At the Crossroads

The Sound of Silence

When I was a child growing up outside New York City, I never knew what silence was. Every night, while trying to sleep, I was assaulted by the sounds of fire engines and police cars, people shouting, boom boxes on shoulders, even the occasional gun shot. Those were the sounds of city life. It wasn't until I went up to the mountains one summer and stared at the night sky that I experienced the deafening sound of silence. I must admit, it made me a bit uncomfortable.

In 1 Kings 18-19, Elijah confronts King Ahab and then defeats the false prophets on Mount Carmel. But Ahab refuses to repent and his wife, Jezebel, threatens to kill Elijah. So, he flees to Horeb, the mountain of God. Why? He is despondent, to the point of death, and is seeking some confirmation from God of what to do next. What better place to hear the voice of God than this place, where God spoke with fire and thunder? But when Elijah experiences the wind, earthquake, and fire, the Lord is not present in those manifestations. When he exits the cave in which he's hiding, what does Elijah hear? Jewish scholars translate what comes next as "the sound of silence". What does this silence "say" to Elijah? The answer you seek is not here! The Lord tells Elijah that this is not a time to run away, but to get back to business. And Elijah acts!

In Isaiah 53:7, the prophet writes about Jesus: "He was beaten, he was tortured, but he didn't say a word. Like a lamb taken to be slaughtered..., he took it all in silence." Jesus' "sound of silence" also speaks volumes. His commitment to remain silent led to his death, and his death makes it possible for us to respond to his offer of eternal life.

When God speaks to us through the "sound of silence", how do we respond? Does it make us uncomfortable? Does it provoke us to act? Or is God's attempt to speak to us through silence completely drowned out by the sounds of the world?

-Andy

The Survey Says...

We want to thank our congregation for good participation in the Congregational Health Survey, which was administered in conjunction with the visit of Greg Anderson, the consultant from Hope Network.

The purpose of the survey was to assess the overall health of our congregation during this transition time. Gauging where our congregation is with respect to confidence in the leadership, un-

derstanding of our mission, overall satisfaction, motivation and enthusiasm, and receptiveness to change will help the leadership guide the congregation through the transition time and minister search. Our overall health score was at the high end of the average range (see Chart 1). At first glance this may not be impressive, but Greg told us that we are healthiest "church in transition" that he has worked with.

There were five categories that were assessed in the survey to make up the overall health score (see Chart 2). These categories were rated on a scale of 1 to 3. Overall, the results were generally positive and very encouraging. None of the scores were in a

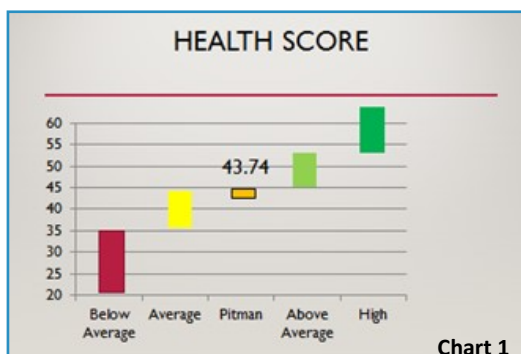


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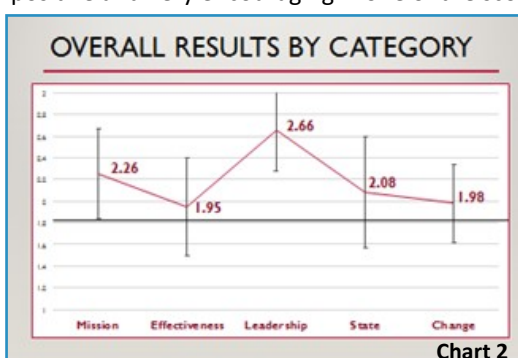


Chart 2

range that would be considered "bad," however there was some level of dissatisfaction expressed. The shepherds want you to know that we hear you, and we will take a deeper look into those less than

- Average feedback on understanding of our mission statement was high (2.26).
- Average feedback on confidence in our leadership was very high (2.66). We thank you for your support and trust. We very much appreciate your confidence in us.
- The results, although still slightly positive, indicated a need for improvement in three areas: effectiveness in mission (1.95), the state of our enthusiasm/motivation (2.08), and receptiveness to change (1.98).

Again, be encouraged by our overall results. There is good news and indicators of potential growth contained in these scores. Your shepherds are committed to keeping you informed as we seek God's will during this time of transition, and as we begin the minister search process. We ask for your fervent and continued prayers for us, for our church body, and for those God is preparing to serve here in the future.

Your Shepherds,

Mike Broyles, Horatio Fenton, Brian Holden, Garth Hutchinson, Mike Lazar, John Peoples, Dave Perine, and Dwight Thompson

TONIGHT!



Refuge TONIGHT at 5:30-7:30 pm. Andreana Barefield embarked on a mission/educational trip last summer to work with victims of human trafficking in Kolkata, India. Please come out and support Andreana as she shares her experiences on this life changing trip. There will be snacks, coffee and tea! We hope you will join us! **Come as you are!**



Pick up your "official" Pack the Pulpit grocery bag/shopping list in the lobby, and help fill our Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets for families in need.

If you are aware of a family in need who will benefit from receiving a Thanksgiving Basket, please see Dottie.

We are also in need of a total of 50 turkeys and 50 fresh pies to complete the Thanksgiving Baskets. (Pies can be fresh, store-bought pies; they do not need to be homemade.) If you can donate either a turkey and/or pie, sign up in the lobby or let Dottie know ASAP. Bring them in on November 19. (Please don't bring turkeys/pies in before then; we don't have room to store them.)

Thanksgiving Basket Grocery List:

**Stuffing • Cranberry Sauce • Instant Potatoes • Canned Gravy
Canned Fruit • Bottled Juice • Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams
Green Beans • French Fried Onions • Cream of Mushroom Soup**



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	135
Worship	189
LIFE Groups	83
Wednesday	44
Contribution	\$6,073.00
Weekly Goal	\$9,868.00

This Week's Prayer Requests

The November monthly list of ongoing prayer requests is now available as an insert in today's bulletin. Additional copies are available in the lobby.

Prayers Requested:

George Rowe, hospitalized for chest pains, awaiting test results.

Cindy Holden is recovering from wrist surgery. She will be unable to work for three months.

Dwight Thompson, chemotherapy treatments; dealing with fatigue and side effects. Prayers also for Mary Lea as she cares for him through the treatments.

Jacob Thies has had a reoccurrence of cancer. He is being treated aggressively with chemotherapy and will like have surgery after that course of treatment is completed. Please also pray for Debby, Rachel and Ethan as they go through this with Jacob.

Larry Point, a regular check-up last week revealed some concerns about cardiac health, so further evaluation is needed.

Rachel Stetser, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Retention Ponds, please pray for the state approval of our proposed solution. Necessary for our final C.O.

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"Shepherd on Call" for November and December: Dave Perine

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Brenda Peoples
Kids For Christ	Debby Durham & Tina Broyles
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Debby Durham & Dawnna Hale
Greeters: Back Entrance	George & Cookie Rowe
Information Center	Shachara Adams
Ushers	Dave Perine & Brandon Keeks
Shepherd's Call	Mike Broyles
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Derek Davis

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	<i>Inherit the Wind</i> at 3pm	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	REFUGE/Church Bldg. at 5:30 pm	609-226-4031
Hammonton	REFUGE/Church Bldg. at 5:30 pm	609-320-9260
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	Walker's at noon	856-478-6972
Teens	Hutchinson's at noon	610-476-9057
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. Tuesdays at 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Married	Adam's at 1 pm	609-922-4510

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We Extend Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to **Rebecca Brown-Wesley** on the passing of her sister, **Cheryl A. Brown**. Funeral services were this past Friday.

You may send cards to Rebecca at 128 West Centre Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096 .

We extend our sympathy to **Corny and Phyllis Walker and family**, on the passing of Corny's brother, **Thomas Walker**. Services are tomorrow at the Good Samaritan Church, 1812 Monroe Ave., Neptune, NJ. Viewing at 10-11:00 am, funeral service 11:00 am to noon. You may send cards to the Walker's address in the church directory.

Thank you!

The bandages on my knee are all off and I have been cleared to walk without using any device! Thanks to all those who prayed for me, brought food, and sent cards. Hugs and love to all.

- **Rachel Stetser**

Note: Rachel will be having replacement surgery on her other knee on December 27.

Thanksgiving is Around the Corner!

Please take a moment to sign the Thanksgiving cards in the lobby

with a note of encouragement and love to former members, missionaries, guest speakers, and continuing supporters of our congregation. Don't know the some the card recipients? That's okay! A simple "Happy Thanksgiving" and your name will be welcome encouragement.

