



## Eagles Players: Why is Bible Study So Important?



**TREY BURTON**

"A lot of times, people are going to pastors and religious leaders instead of going to God's word. You hear stories where people revolve around pastors, and that's not the way it should be. It should be around God's word. You won't understand it until you open it up."



**JORDAN MATTEWS**

(recently traded)

"Sometimes, I just want God's word. Too many times, we'll take situations and people will expound on one verse and go away for the word towards one person's opinion. Bible study is important because it's the word of God."

**ZACH ERTZ**

"In order for me to consistently grow as a follower of Jesus Christ I need to be in the living word. No matter what season I'm going through in life, it allows me to learn about the grace we have all received and what Jesus Christ did for all of us."



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**CARSON WENTZ**  
QUARTERBACK, PHILADELPHIA EAGLES



**NICK FOLES**

"Obviously, it fills your heart. It changes you. Reading scripture... allows you to grow in wisdom and humbles you."



**CARSON WENTZ**

"[The Bible] is really the secret to life. If you're not rooted in God's word, this world will eat you up... In the NFL, you don't have to look far for a temptation or distraction. You'll go astray so fast. I'm thankful that God has given us His word. His word is true. He's got a pretty good track record in keeping His promises."



**CHRIS MARAGOS**

"If I want to outpour as an athlete, I have to intake the right things. If I want to grow in the Lord, I have to intake the right things, as well. So it's extremely important to read the Bible and grow in the grace of the Lord and read about what Jesus did on the cross."

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## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## *A Month of Thanksgiving...To Honor and Worship God...say "Thank You!"*

In his opening statement to the church in Colossae, Paul and Timothy said to the Christians there, ***"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you."*** (Col. 1:3) They continue, ***"May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints of light."*** (Co. 1:11-12)

The theme of thankfulness continues half way through the book, ***"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual song, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."*** And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, ***giving thanks to God the Father through him***. (Co. 3:15-17)

Then Paul and Timothy conclude, ***"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."*** (Col. 4:2)

Next Sunday, November 19, after the **Pack the Pulpit** celebration, we are going to be blessed by a **Cardboard Testimony Sunday**. We are looking for volunteers to share what you are grateful for. On one side of your cardboard you will write ***I am grateful for this church because...*** and on the other side of the cardboard you will write ***One wonderful blessing...*** I am looking for 20 volunteers, males and females, young and old, to participate. If you volunteer, you need to write down two blessings, one for each side of the cardboard. Be prepared to write out your blessings this coming Wednesday night, November 15, before class. Count your many blessings, name them one by one... Dan the Preacherman



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

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Colossians 3:17



**Horatio Fenton**  
Shepherd

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## Shepherd's Voice

### **John 15:13: Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.**

I recently did an internet search on Veterans Day, and to my astonishment a clear majority of the responses were for Veterans Day deals and freebies. Lost along the way was the original intent of the holiday, which was to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living veterans.

As Christians, we too are considered soldiers and veterans of war. In 2 Timothy 2:3-4 Paul instructed Timothy to "endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." Knowing that "no one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier."

At Pitman Road, we have been blessed with many men and women who have served and continue to serve this great country of ours with distinction and honor, while serving as soldiers in the army of God. Yes... We are not a physical army fighting with physical weapons, nor do we fight against a physical foe, but we are engaged in battle nonetheless.

Ephesians 6:12 tells us that "we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, and against spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places."

As we celebrate and honor our veterans each year on Veterans Day, let us extend honor and gratitude also to those who have fought and continue to fight the good fight of faith. **-Horatio**



## Countdown to Thanksgiving

**NEXT Sunday is Pack the Pulpit!** If you have not yet done so, please pick up your "official" grocery bags and shopping list today! Reading this online? Here's the list:

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



**We still need of turkeys and fresh pies. Please see Dottie ASAP if you can donate. We plan to provide Thanksgiving dinner for at least 50 families!** Please don't bring them in until next Sunday, as we do not have room to store them.

**TODAY IS THE FINAL SUNDAY TO SIGN THANKSGIVING CARDS.** Please take a moment to sign the 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 some card recipients? That's okay! A simple "Happy Thanksgiving" and your name will be welcome encouragement.



**You are invited to the Pitman Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service!**

**Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 pm**

at Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish, Our Lady Queen of Peace Roman Catholic Church  
161 Pitman Avenue, Pitman, NJ 08071

The service lasts about 45 minutes, and refreshments will follow.

### **IMPORTANT THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE INFORMATION**

**There will be no Wednesday night meeting on Thanksgiving "Eve," Wednesday, November 22.**

**Church Office schedule Thanksgiving week:**

The office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 22 (Any items for the bulletin must be submitted by noon on Tuesday, November 21), and be closed all day on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.



## Holiday Fun!

**Mark your calendars for some holiday fun!**



**Bring Your Own Craft Day is Saturday, November 25, from noon to 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center.** It's a great opportunity to finish off your crafty Christmas gifts. Snacks are provided.

**The Annual Cookie Exchange is Sunday, December 3 at 1:00 pm at the home of Donna Lazar, 214 Harrison Ridge, Mullica Hill.** Please bring 6 dozen cookies wrapped in half dozen packages (6 cookies per pack). You can contact Donna at 856-223-1699



## Holiday Outreach Opportunities

The **Eleanor Corbett House** in Glassboro houses families and single women in need of shelter. Their Adopt-a-Family program matches families in need with individuals who adopt them for the holidays. Last year, Pitman adopted four families and your generosity was overwhelming.

**Embark Ministry** is once again asking our congregation to participate and help bring joy during this holiday season to those less fortunate. The program works the same as last year.

- The Eleanor Corbett House sends a profile of a family and their wish list.
- Purchase at least one new toy or gift for a child, or a gift card for the parent.
- Gifts must be wrapped and brought to church by December 10.



A table will be set up in the lobby today, with a list of families, and a wish list for each family member. Monetary donations are welcomed to help fund the holiday party for the families on December 17, coordinated by Tim & Melody Davis and the teens.

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done." Proverbs 19:17

**Leza Davis & Carla Clements**, Embark Ministry Coordinators

This December...



Give the  
Gift of Life

Pitman Road Church of Christ  
AMERICAN RED CROSS  
BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, December 8, 2017 • 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Appointments are preferred but not required.

Sign up at the Welcome Center -or- go to  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), enter sponsor code: Pitman Road

FEEDING THE HUNGRY  
IN TRENTON

Saturday, December 9 • 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

SIGN UP AT THE  
WELCOME CENTER  
TO VOLUNTEER TO  
SERVE THE MEAL.

If you are willing to contribute to the \$500 cost of the meal, note "Trenton Meal" on your check, drop it in the collection plate, or give it to Dottie.



### **Time for a BLANKET DRIVE!**

Want to help keep homeless and needy people warm this winter? Here is your opportunity! **We will be taking blankets to Trenton when we serve the "Feeding the Hungry" meal on Saturday, December 9.** You can bring new or clean and slightly used blankets to the building by December 8 and drop them in the designated bin. Barbara Robinson is coordinating this effort, see her with any questions.



## 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	144
Worship	216
LIFE Groups	147
Wednesday	44
Contribution	\$11,321.00
Weekly Goal	\$9868.00

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**Elder 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	Mary & Lee Collier
Greeters: Back Entrance	Steve & Jayne DePrince
Information Center	Mary Lea Thompson
Ushers	Larry Peterson & Corny Walker
Shepherd's Call	Dwight Thompson
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Waverly Hale

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Cooper's at noon	856-589-4197
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
Hammonton	Ashton's at 6 pm	609-214-8522
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	Church Bldg. at noon	610-476-9057
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6 pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. Tuesday at 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Married	TBD	

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 @pitmanroadcoc  www.facebook.com/pitmanroadchurchofchrist  @pitmanroadchurch

## This Week's Prayer Requests

**Praise:** The state granted the approval for our retention pond remediation plan! This is a huge step toward getting our final certificate of occupancy.

### Prayers Requested:

**Flossie Dixon**, Larry Kellum, Sr.'s twin sister, is hospitalized after a stroke.

**John Lindsey**, Dave Lindsey's brother, has been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. He will be traveling to a cancer treatment center in Detroit.

**Ray Holmes** has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

**George Rowe**, cardiac testing was once again inconclusive.

**Cindy Holden** is recovering from wrist surgery.

**Dwight Thompson**, chemotherapy treatments. It was great to see Dwight here last Sunday!

**Jacob Thies**, chemotherapy treatment.

**Larry Point**, continued testing for cardiac concerns.

**Rachel Stetser**, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

## Baby Baby!



We are very happily experiencing a baby boom at Pitman Road this year! So far, we're four for four with boys (but there is a little girl on the way next month).

We want to be sure that each little one gets his moment in the spotlight! **Chase Anthony Corey** was born on September 29! He was 8 pounds and 21 3/4" long. He was welcomed into the world by his

parents, **Chris and Ashley Corey**, and his big brother **Caden**, along with grandparents **Tim and Kathy Monica**. Chase is quite a bit bigger now, and made his debut at church last Sunday.

Also making a debut last Sunday, his grand debut into the world, was **Parker Alan Spaeth** born on November 5! He was 8 lbs. - 10 oz. Welcoming him were his parents, **Dan and Brittany Spaeth**, and his big brother **Bryson**, along with grandmother **Lynne Sbaraglia**.

We congratulate these families and pray for God's blessings upon them.



## Thank You for Your Support

Thank you for the beautiful flowers. We deeply appreciate your kind expression of sympathy.

Love, **Ted Schuehler and family**

Thank you for all your calls, texts, and words of comfort during my sister Cheryl's passing. The flower arrangement was beautiful. I'm so proud of my PRCC family for all your support. Difficult days are ahead. However, we stand on Christ's holy word. Love, Your Sister in Christ, **Rebecca Brown-Wesley**.