

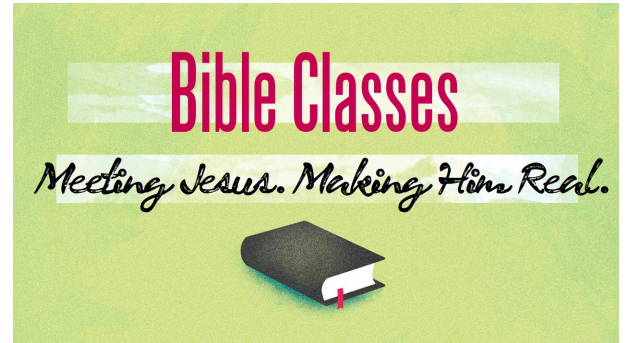


Six Reasons Bible Class is Important

New Winter Quarter Bible Classes Begin Today! Please check the posters at either end of the lobby for classes and locations. We encourage you to take part in Bible classes each Sunday and Wednesday!

- 1.** Bible Class improves your Bible knowledge. When you know and understand God's Word for yourself, you are more likely to obey the Lord. The Bible knowledge gained in Bible Class also helps you become more proficient in using God's Word, the Bible.
- 2.** Bible Class assists your spiritual growth. Think of Bible Class teachers and class members who have modeled the Christian life. You learned from their examples how to live for Jesus. Most importantly, spiritual growth often occurs best in the context of small group Bible study.
- 3.** Bible class provides a "place to belong." In a Bible Class you are known, personally recognized, and transparency is more likely to occur. You can share needs and concerns from your life. As you participate in class discussions, you become part of the group.
- 4.** Bible class helps you build meaningful relationships. You meet people, learn their names, hear their stories, and meet their families. You share fellowship times with class members. You minister alongside others.
- 5.** Bible class gives you opportunities to serve and minister. Contact with visitors gives you the privilege of sharing your faith. You show the love of Jesus by ministering to class members who have needs.
- 6.** Bible Class is a place for the whole family. In one trip to church your entire family can participate in the important purposes of Bible study, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism. You gain the assurance of knowing every member of your family is involved in weekly, small-group Bible study, which is growing their Bible knowledge and helping them grow spiritually.

Adapted from www.brightstarchurchchicago.com



Use Our Online Church Directory

We want to remind you that the printed church directories, both the black binder and the photo directory, are very much out of date. Please do not use them. We have been using an online directory for the past two years. You are encouraged to make use of it.

- **For security purposes, to use this directory, you must be a member of the Pitman Road church and you must be listed in the directory with your current email address.** If you are not listed in the directory, or your email address needs to be updated, please contact **Manny Vander Vennen**.

- **How do you access the online directory? There are two ways:**



Instant
Church Directory™

- ♦ **On your cell phone, go to the App Store and search for "Instant Church Directory" and download it.** Follow the on screen prompts to create an account. **You must enter the email address you have listed in the directory in order to gain access.**
- ♦ **For access on your computer, go to www.instantchurchdirectory.com.** Click on "Church Member Sign In" on the top right corner, and then on the next page, click on "Create a login now" and follow the on screen prompts. **You must enter the email address you have listed in the directory in order to gain access.**

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

I Read *The Christian Chronicle*... And I Think You Should Too!

I just finished reading the December issue of *The Christian Chronicle*. If you want to read good news stories involving Christians that major media typically misses, read "The Chronicle." If you like to read thought-provoking articles, it has plenty of those. If you like to look at photos, it has lots of them! In case you haven't heard of it, or don't typically read it, let me tell you a bit more about it. It is "an international newspaper for Churches of Christ." It is published once a month. It always touches my heart and my soul. We do all we can to encourage our members to subscribe. It is free, though they do request a contribution periodically. You can also read it online at www.christianchronicle.org.

Check out some articles from the December issue:

Texas Hero Risked His Life to Save Others (About the man who shot Sutherland Springs gunman.)

Speaking Out After Years of Hidden Pain (#MeToo movement)

A Church of Christ on Wheels

NEW YORK: Act of Terror Created Fear in City's Muslims

After Massacre, a Prayer Vigil

How to Make Churches Safer

Prayer and Physical Therapy for Africa

An Imprisonment "...deserving of our outrage." (from occupied eastern Ukraine)

Tell Your Parents, "We need peace."

"THESE PEOPLE ARE AMAZING," says Iranian Immigrant

"Not everybody can muck. But everybody has different talents and things they can do."

"Churches have done far more than the government." (after Hurricane Harvey.)

Growing up African, American and Christian

Southwestern Christian College Wins \$150,000 Prize

DeHart Featured on *The Voice*

Enjoy some really good reading, *Dan the Reading Preacherman*



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Andy Mychajlowycz
Minister

All of us are called to "see and reflect the glory of the Lord."

- 2 Corinthians 3:18

At the Crossroads

What's your albedo? How well do you reflect God's glory?

When I was seven years old, a carnival came to town. For a whole week, I saved my milk money so I could buy tickets for the carnival that weekend. My favorite attraction was the fun house, which had many rooms. One was completely filled with mirrors. I was fascinated - I could be short and fat when I looked at one mirror and extra tall and thin when I looked at another.

In 2 Corinthians 3:13-18, Paul talks about mirrors. First, he describes Moses as a mirror: When Moses returned after being in God's presence, his face shone so brightly (reflecting God's glory) that he needed to wear a veil (Exodus 34:29-35). Next, Paul describes us as mirrors: "Whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away... So all of us who have had that veil removed can mirror (see and reflect) the glory of the Lord. And the Lord - who is the Spirit - makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image."

We have not been made (and saved) to shine on our own, but to reflect God's Glory! How well we do that depends on how far along we are in the process of being transformed into a perfect mirror ("into his glorious image") by His Spirit.

Planets and other heavenly bodies reflect, to a greater or lesser degree, the light of their neighboring star. The measurement of this is called *albedo* - how much starlight a heavenly body reflects. In our solar system, the planet Venus has the highest albedo; 65% of the sunlight that Venus receives it reflects back into space. Our moon has an albedo of only 7%; it appears bright only because it is between 100 and 680x closer to the Earth than Venus.

Our goal, as Christians, is to have an albedo of 100% - perfectly reflecting God's light to those around us. Are we allowing the Spirit of God to be transforming us into a perfect mirror? Or are we satisfied, because of persistent sin and other defects, to reflect God's glory in a weak or distorted way?

- **Andy**

TONIGHT



Come and enjoy festive goodies and songs of the season tonight at REFUGE! The devotional time will focus on "Looking Forward" with eyes fixed on Jesus this holiday season and into the New Year! As always, EVERYONE is invited and welcome. Come as you are!

This Friday...

... Give Something that Means Something!

Twice each year we host an **American Red Cross Blood Drive**; the next will take place on **THIS Friday, December 8, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. We welcome our new blood drive coordinator, **Mandy Mansdoefer**, and thank her for taking on this important task.

Appointments are preferred, but not required.

Sign up for an appointment at the Welcome Center, or go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Pitman Road.

To save time on the day of donation, go to:

www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass

For donor eligibility guidelines, go to:

www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood/eligibility-requirements

For donation tips (and tips for after donation) go to:

www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood/donation-process

For tips to boost your iron level, go to:

www.redcrossblood.org/learn-about-blood/health-and-wellness/iron-rich-foods

Maximize your donation! Help more patients! Power Red Cell collection is an automated process that safely allows for the collection of two red cell units rather than one. Power Red donation is ideal for O-, O+, B-, and A- donors. Ask a Red Cross staff member for more information. Consider making a Power Red donation. It can make twice the difference for patients in need!



2018 pocket
calendars are
available now.
Pick one up in
the lobby!

Cardboard Testimony Participants...

Your cardboard testimonies are yours to keep. Thank you again for the powerful sermon that you helped to preach. Please take your pieces of cardboard home with you TODAY if you want them! If you leave them at the building after Sunday, they will be put in the recycling bin.

Helping the Hungry and the Homeless

Volunteers are needed for the Feeding the Hungry meal in Trenton THIS Saturday December 9!

Sign up at the Welcome Center. The church van will depart our parking lot at 10:00 am and return at about 2:00 pm. Each year, we provide the funds and help serve this meal, coordinated through the Clinton Avenue Church of Christ. **We still need \$350 for the cost of the meal.** If you can contribute, please note "Trenton Meal" on your check, drop it in the collection plate, or give it to Dottie.



Want to help homeless and needy people keep warm this winter? Donate to our annual **Blanket Drive**. **Barbara Robinson** is coordinating this effort. Please bring new, or clean slightly used blankets to the building and drop them in the designated bin. **We hope to take blankets when we serve in Trenton.** If you would like to send

blankets with our group, please bring them to the building by this Friday, December 8.

"Dinner at Joe's Place" - On Saturday, December 16, **Adam and Helena Cerquoni** will be preparing and serving at Joe's Place at Broadway and Ferry Avenue in Camden. The meal is provided for homeless and indigent Camden residents. We have a really great time doing this!

We set up from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, serve from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, and cleanup from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Any help purchasing food, cooking, set up, serving, and clean up will be much appreciated.

Contact Adam or Helena at

856-275-1581 or helenasophia53@gmail.com.



Financial Peace University

This changes EVERYTHING! Your money. Your story. Your life.



Learn God's way of handling money with **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University!** Financial Peace begins January 18, 2018, at the church building. This course is for adults and older teens. If you are unable to attend any night, make-up classes are available online.

Please register ahead of time and order your class kit at this website: www.fpu/1054125, and a \$10 discount will be available to you.

If you have previously taken FPU, bring your old kit to use again, but do register as well. Consider purchasing a gift membership kit for someone for Christmas!

Any questions, or for help with registration, contact **Adam and Helena Cerquoni** at 856-275-1581 or helenasophia53@gmail.com.

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	94
Worship	179
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	46
Contribution	\$8,562.00
Weekly Goal	\$9868.00

This Week's Prayer Requests

The monthly ongoing prayer list for December is now available in the lobby.

Prayers Requested:

John Grillo will be having surgery for an abdominal aortic aneurism on December 12. Please pray that it can be done laparoscopically.

Mike Lazar had an epidural that will hopefully relieve the debilitating pain he has from a pinched nerve in the area of his neck.

Zack Rizzuto had surgery this past Friday to remove a malignant brain tumor.

Isaac Isaziga will have spinal fusion surgery to correct and stop scoliosis on January 18. The surgery will take about 4 hours and he will be in the hospital for 5 days. Carlos is requesting our prayers.

Brian, the brother of a friend of Ashley Corey. He has diverticulitis and a perforated bowel. Doctors are treating him with strong antibiotics in hopes of avoiding surgery.

Larry Point, awaiting results of cardiac testing.

Ray Holmes, prostate cancer; considering his treatment options.

Cindy Holden is recovering from wrist surgery.

Dwight Thompson, lymphoma, chemotherapy.

Jacob Thies, continued chemotherapy treatment.

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Elder on Call for November and December: Dave Perine

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Hope DeStefano
Kids For Christ	Debby Durham & Tina Broyles
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Mandy Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Back Entrance	Ron Dargan
Information Center	Dawnna Hale
Ushers	Waverly & Austin Hale
Shepherd's Call	Brian Holden
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Jonathan Steward

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Sheehan's at noon	215-901-3113
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	609-561-8532
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	Kellum Sr.'s at noon	856-881-1219
Teens	Church Bldg. at noon	610-476-9057
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6 pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. FLC, Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Married	TBA	856-899-9466

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 @pitmanroadcoc  www.facebook.com/pitmanroadchurchofchrist  @pitmanroadchurch

We Extend Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to **Kelly, Troy, Trent, and Donovan Spencer** on the unexpected passing of Kelly's dad, **John Oncay** on November 27. Funeral services were held yesterday. If you recall, Kelly's mother passed a year ago, so the family is dealing with a lot of loss in a short time. Please keep the Spencer and Oncay families in your prayers. You may send cards to the Spencers at their address listed in the church directory.

Sixty Families Served!

Thanks to your generosity, we provided Thanksgiving baskets to 60 families this year! A special thank you goes to **Dottie Grillo** for coordinating our largest outreach project year after year. Thanks also goes to **Tim and Melody Davis, the Pitman Road Youth Group and their parents, the Cornerstone ministry, and Larry Kellum, Jr.** for their efforts and manpower that makes this all happen on the Sunday before Thanksgiving every year.

Holiday Schedule

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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- On both Christmas Eve and New Years' Eve, we will have our regularly scheduled Bible classes at 9:00 am and worship service at 10 am. LIFE Groups will not meet on either of these days.
- We will not meet at the building on Wednesday, December 27.
- The church office will be closed for the holidays on Tuesday, December 26 and Tuesday, January 2.