



# PITMAN ROAD

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## Two Big Events!



**Something new for us this year!** We are having breakfast together on Christmas Eve. AND we are inviting very special guests: those we have served through our food pantry, those who have visited us for worship, and both the Mantua and Pitman police departments. **Please invite your friends and family to this special event!**

**Following breakfast will be a very special worship service.** This service will be designed with our guests in mind. Christmas is a time of year that people are looking for a place to worship. Please take advantage of this great opportunity!

Invitation cards for the breakfast and worship service are available in the lobby to make it easy to invite friends, family, neighbors, etc. Invite someone today!

Besides inviting friends and family, there are more ways you can help to make our Christmas Eve event successful!

- \* **Tim and Melody Davis** are coordinating this event, and they are requesting the following items. Contact Melody at 609-335-6572 if you can help or donate any of these:
  - \* **3 large griddles (to borrow) • egg casseroles • gallons of white milk and chocolate milk • juice • monetary donations**
- \* **Arrival:** If you are bringing food, please arrive with your hot food heated at 8:30. If you are helping serving please arrive at 8:45.
- \* Please leave the best parking spots for our guests. Park at the back entrance or in the rear of the building.
- \* Please be prepared to be hospitable to our guests.

What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you were debt-free, investing, and making wise spending decisions? Learn God's way of handling money with Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. You **CAN** take control of your money and start planning for your future!

**Financial Peace University begins January 18, 2018, at Pitman Road Church of Christ.**

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](http://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 please do register again. 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](mailto:helenasophia53@gmail.com).



## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## Be The Gift

This is the season that we're all thinking about gifts. God gave His Ultimate Gift: His only begotten son, born in a manger in Bethlehem. So now, because of that gift, we all think about giving good gifts to people we care about. Those of us who are parents are now thinking carefully about what meaningful gifts we might give to our children. (When our kids were young, Katherine would always buy them a gift for their mind, a gift for their spirit, and at least one gift just for fun.) And maybe, our kids are even asking us what gifts they might give to us.

Now here's a novel idea, what if each of us simply decided to "be the gift" that is given? Jesus became the gift that was given, and He's asking us to do the same. **Be the Gift** is the title of the latest book by a favorite writer of mine, Ann Voskamp. Maybe, even more important than giving gifts, Jesus wants us to "be the gift" given. How can you and I "be the gift?" Below are some helpful tips. Remember...

- \* We aren't here to "one-up" one another, but to help one another up.
- \* You do something great with your life when you do the small things with His great love.
- \* A day is a packet of possibilities; it is always here, waiting for your willing hand.
- \* Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity. -Simone Weil
- \* If your living isn't about giving, then you're already dying.
- \* We can be concerned for the poor - but those of us considered rich must be just as concerned about our motives for giving, or not giving.

I am not in the habit advertising books in this column, but this is a book that I can highly recommend. It has touched my soul deeply!

You and I can "Be the Gift," **Dan**



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

Maybe... Jesus  
wants us to  
"be the gift"  
given.



**Derrick Busch**  
Minister

Brenda and I  
want you to  
know that you  
DO NOT have  
to walk alone  
during the  
holiday season!

## We're All A Mess

### You Are Not Alone!

As Christmas and the various New Year celebrations quickly approach, I'm reminded of many childhood memories and traditions shared, then and now, with family. I'm reminded of tree decorating, watching the ageless Christmas specials on television, baking cookies and promising myself that I will have just one more and that's it... NOT! More importantly, this time of the year is special because of the love, laughter and rich fellowship that's shared with family and friends. Please, keep reading.

While we enjoy all of the festivities mentioned above Brenda and I are, by God's grace, sensitive to the reality that many of you find this time of year extremely difficult for various reasons. Perhaps this time of year is difficult because of the loss of a loved one, unpleasant family experiences past and present, financial strain exacerbated by the holidays, and the like. One of the greatest psychological struggles experienced by many during this time of the year is depression. Whatever the difficulty, Brenda and I want you to know that you **DO NOT** have to walk alone during the holiday season! We are here for you! It is our desire to walk with you through your difficulties by way of counseling, phone calls, and perhaps sitting across the table in fellowship eating too many cookies as mentioned above. Please, **DO NOT** endure another holiday season in the grasp of hopelessness and despair. There is hope and help in fellowship! Please, contact us.

-Derrick

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." -Galatians 6:2

## Holiday Schedule

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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- On Christmas Eve there will be no Bible classes, instead we will have the Pancake Breakfast at 9:00 am followed by the special worship service.
- 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 December 24 or 31.
- 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.



## Thank You for Serving!

We want to thank **Mandy Mansdoerfer** for organizing our most successful American Cross Blood Drives in recent years!

<b>Goal</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>American Red Cross</b>
Presenting Donors	26		
Power Red	5		
<b>Total Units Collected</b>	<b>29</b>		

Mandy received this thank you note that we want to share with you:

*Congratulations on a VERY successful blood drive! We could not be happier that we were not only able to reach, but exceed our goal, coming in at 132%! These donations will be reaching up to 87 hospital patients, helping them to be able to enjoy the holidays with their family and loved ones! I was just looking at past results, and this is honestly the best results we have seen in more than 5 years! I can't thank you enough for all of your hard work re-cruiting all of the donors!*

*Thank you so much, again!*

**Mary DePasquale**, American Red Cross of Penn Jersey

Our next American Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Friday, June 8, 2018.



Thank you to the hearty souls who traveled to Trenton to serve a hot meal to needy people. We also thank **Barbara Robinson** for coordinating the blanket drive, which went into these care packages that include socks, gloves and toiletries for individuals who are homeless.

**If you would like to help, we still need \$250 to cover the cost of this meal.**



Thank you **Leza Davis** and **Carla Clements** for coordinating the Women's Embark Ministry's Adopt a Family for Christmas program on behalf of the Eleanor Corbett House again this year. Our members provided gifts for 5 families this year. We thank everyone for their generosity!

## Family Promise



**Our next Family Promise Host Week is coming up! Please sign up now to volunteer the week of January 21-28.** Sign up sheets are posted with all available openings. Rumor has it that **John Ashton** has put "a full roster of volunteers for our January Host Week" as the number one item on his Christmas list! So let's give John a peaceful and relaxed holiday, free from concern about the schedule! (Need inspiration...see Dan's article on the facing page about Being the Gift!)

**Mark your calendar now with rest of the Host Week dates for 2018:**

April 15-22  
July 15-22  
October 28 - November 4

**Each host week the following volunteer positions are needed:**

Shopper	Evening Hosts	Morning Drivers
Room Setup	Overnight Hosts	Evening Drivers
Room Breakdown	Van Transfer	
Cooks	Laundry	

Contact **John Ashton** regarding Family Promise at 609-214-8522.

## Bake Some Bread in 2018!

First, I would like to say "THANK YOU" to all of the 2017 Bread of Life Ministry volunteers. I truly appreciate all of the work that you have done to make this ministry a success throughout 2017.

It is time to sign up to as volunteer baker for the Bread of Life Ministry in 2018. We ask our volunteers to provide one month of bread, either by bringing it to the church weekly, or putting one month's worth of bread into the freezer here. Please stop by the Welcome Center to look over the 2018 schedule and pickup an information letter. If you volunteered for a particular month in 2017, you have the option of keeping that month for 2018. Or, you can change to another month, or even add an additional month!

Again, let me say THANK YOU for your service to this ministry. Any questions, please contact me at 215-888-0646.

**-Mary Collier**

## It's a Girl!



It's been quite a boy population explosion here at Pitman Road this year, but we finally have a new little girl! **Carlyle and Shari Adams** welcomed **Delaney Wren** on December 5. She was 7lbs and 7 oz. and 20" long. Mom and baby are doing well. We send love and congratulations to the whole family, including big sisters **Jade** and **Addie**, and big brother **Liam**! Welcome to the Pitman Road family Delaney, there are lots of people here who can't wait to meet and love on you!

## 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	124
Worship	203
LIFE Groups	123
Wednesday	35
Contribution	\$7,599.00
Weekly Goal	\$9868.00

## This Week's Prayer Requests

**Praises:** Praises that John Grillo's surgery was able to be done laparoscopically! John is recovering at home. Cards, calls, and visits are welcome and appreciated.

### Prayers Requested:

**Jason Hall**, Sandy and Frank Sheehan's grandson, had surgery this past Friday to remove his gall bladder and appendix.

**Dwight Thompson**, lymphoma; he had the third round of chemotherapy this past Wednesday and Thursday.

**Rebecca Guy** requests prayers of healing for her daughter Hannah.

**Judi Campbell**, surgery to remove squamous cell skin cancer was able to be done with minimal cutting.

**JoAnn Ruhland**, broken bones in her leg and foot.

**Barbara Smith**, a woman who visited our food pantry, asks for prayers as she seeks employment.

**Mike Lazar** still dealing with lack of arm use due to a pinched nerve in the area of his neck.

**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.

**Larry Point**, cardiac testing.

**Ray Holmes**, prostate cancer; will have radiation, date TBD.

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

**Jacob Thies**, another round of chemotherapy coming up in one week.

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**Elder on Call for December: Dave Perine**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	TBA
Kids For Christ	Jennifer Pearl
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Justin & Rebecca Guy
Greeters: Back Entrance	Joe Marshall
Information Center	Donna Mychajlowycz
Ushers	Steve DePrince & Anthony Phillip
Shepherd's Call	Dave Perine
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Chuck Olley

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Cooper's at noon	856-981-9755
Brook Besor	<b>Winter Break/Resumes Jan. 9</b>	
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Monday at 7 pm	856-419-0544
Cornerstone	Church Bldg. rm B2 at noon	609-226-4031
Hammonton	<b>Winter Break/Resumes Jan. 7</b>	
Life Challenges	Church Bldg. rm B4 at noon	267-303-4877
Men's Bible Study	<b>Winter Break/Resumes Jan. 8</b>	
Solid Gold	Walker's at noon	856-478-6972
Teens	Service Project, noon, FLC	610-476-9057
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6 pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	<b>Winter Break/Resumes Jan. 9</b>	
Young Married	<b>Winter Break</b>	

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## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to **Dave and Kat Lindsey** on the passing of Dave's brother, **John Lindsey**. John was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and the illness progressed quickly. He leaves behind a wife and eleven children, ages, 13 to 28. John requested no funeral service, and the family is respecting his wishes. Cards may be sent to the Lindseys at their address in the online church directory.

## Donations and Giveaways



Pitman Road is known for many things, and one of them is our generosity! Many of you extend your generosity to the congregation by donating items to the church, or by giving items away to our members. Please continue to be generous, but we do ask you to follow a few guidelines:

- If you would like to donate an item to the church, we ask that you please contact Dottie and/or Annette **before** bringing it to the building. We appreciate your generosity, but sometimes we are unable to make good use of things left at the building, or we have nowhere to store it.
- If you have something you would like to give away, please do not bring it to the building. Please contact Dottie and/or Annette and we will be happy to send a church email or include a note in the bulletin about the item, with your contact information. We appreciate if you will make arrangements on your own, directly with the person interested in your item, for pick-up.
- Please don't contact our ministerial staff to make arrangements for these things, Dottie and Annette will be happy to help you with announcements for items to be given away, or to let you know if it is an item we can use here.

Your cooperation is appreciated! - **Your Church Office Staff**