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FLY EAGLES FLY!



Join us for our “**SOUPER**” **SUPER BOWL PRE-GAME PARTY** immediately after the worship service and annual corporate meeting in the Family Life Center!

Super Bowl Sunday Night Parties

At the Walkers': Arrival time is 5:30. Please contact Phyllis and let her know you will be attending, and what you will bring.

At the Broyles': Arrival time is 5:30. Bring your favorite Big Game foods to show off and share! Beverages and pizza will be provided by the Broyles. Please contact Tina and let her know you will be attending and what you will bring.

At the Coopers': Arrival time 6:00. Pizza will be provided. Please bring whatever else you'd like, and also a beverage. Let Dan know you will be attending so he has enough pizza for all!

At Sbaraglia's: Arrival time is 5:30. Wings and Lynne's "Famous" chill will be provided. Please contact Lynne and let her know you will be attending and what you will bring.

FOR TEENS/THEIR FAMILIES, AND YOUNG ADULTS: At the home of Tim and Melody Davis: Arrival time is 5:30. **EVERYONE** please bring a **BEVERAGE**. **LADIES** please bring a dessert. **GUYS** please bring **APPETIZERS**. Pizza and wings will be provided. Please **RSVP** to the Davises so they have enough pizza/wings. **FLY EAGLES, FLY!**

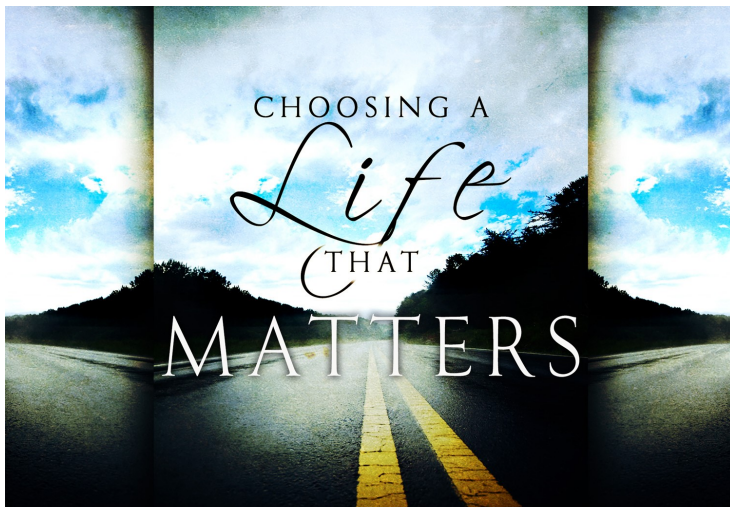


BE SUPER GENEROUS!

You will have an opportunity to make a donation to our *Family Promise* ministry at the “Souper” Super Bowl Pre-Game Party or at any of the parties being hosted in homes this evening.



New Sermon Series Begins Next Week!



Next Sunday, February 11, Derrick and Dan will begin a seven part sermon series: ***Choosing a Life That Matters***. It is specifically designed to help you grow as a Christian. Growth is not automatic. Growth does not happen spontaneously. If you'd like to go deeper into the study, you can read the book this sermon series is based on, ***Choosing A Life That Matters: 7 Decisions You'll Never Regret*** by Dennis Rainey. It's a short book, and you can purchase one at our cost, \$8.00! See Dottie to pick up a copy.

The seven sermon topics will be:

- Seek God, Not Sin (Amos 5:4 and Gen. 4:7)
- Fear God, Not Men (Prov. 9:10 and 19:23)
- Love God, Not the World (1 John 2:15-17 and Matt. 22:37-40)
- Believe God, Not the Deceiver (Gen. 3:1 and Num. 13:31-33)
- Obey God, Not Your Feelings (1 Cor. 9:24-27 and John 14:21)
- Worship God, Not Comfort (John 4:19-24 and Rom. 12:1-2)
- Serve God, Not Self (Isa. 6:8 and Matt. 28:18-20)

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Do You Remember Our Mission?

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

The mission of every professional football team is to make it to the Super Bowl...and to win the Super Bowl. Our Eagles are half way there right now! Our church's mission is bigger than making it to the Super Bowl! And, this past Sunday we were eye witnesses to the beginning of a dramatic transformation. **Doug Oliver** wrote...

I am the most stubborn person ever. I am the most incorrigible person ever. I make excuses for everything.

I delivered oil for 27 years, the last 21 years in Camden. I have been robbed at gunpoint three times. I have been hit over the head with a gun butt and received a concussion. I delivered oil to drug dealers; they trusted me. I've done marijuana and crack cocaine. I've seen a man shot to death. I've shown no fear. I've used coarse and vulgar language. I have made friends that are pure evil. But I did not belong there. I was a very lonely man. I prayed to God for help.

Now, since my pancreatic cancer diagnosis and my successful surgery, I've been given a second chance, and I'm not going to squander it.

I have sinned big and monumental sins. I have beat up people and people have beat me up. For a long time I just wanted to die. At this moment I am not fighting cocaine addiction, but I am dealing with the effects of morphine, which was used to treat my extreme pain while I was in the hospital. In the last few days, I have made peace with my son, with whom I have not spoken in over 20 years. God gave me the strength to apologize to him. God is gracious.

I want my mom and dad to forgive me and to be proud of me. Many years ago my dad was an elder at this church. I want to honor him. The last few weeks I have turned my life around. I now ask God to forgive me and I want this congregation to forgive and pray for me.

Still working on my own transformation; **Dan, Dan the Preacherman**



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Andy Mychajlowycz

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At the Crossroads

Why Am I Here? Does My Life Matter? What Is My Purpose?

Most Christians find themselves asking questions like these at various points in their lives. Often, when life's burdens become difficult to bear, perhaps because of death, pain, illness, or other stressors, we can question our reason for being. Such thoughts are placed in our heads by the devil, the father of lies (John 8:44) and ruler of this dark world (Ephesians 6:12). As Christians, we should not be deceived. God's word is a lamp unto our feet (Psalm 119:105), providing us clear and unambiguous answers to such questions. In his book **The Purpose Driven Life**, Rick Warren summarizes the five reasons why we are on this earth:

- 1) For God's pleasure – "[God] created everything, and it is for ... [His] pleasure that [we] ... exist and were created." (Revelation 4:11b)
- 2) To be part of God's family – "God's unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 1:5)
- 3) To become like Christ – "As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him and reflect His glory even more." (2 Corinthians 3:18)
- 4) To do God's good works – "we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good works he planned for us long ago." (Eph 2:10)
- 5) For the Gospel mission – "The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me – to tell people the Good News about God's grace." (Acts 20:24)

It's not about ME. It all begins and ends with GOD. We were born BY his purpose and FOR his purpose. That is why we're here. And that is why our lives matter.

It has been an honor for me to serve the congregation in a part-time capacity these past months!

– **Andy**

Thank You Andy!

This was Andy's last week serving as part-time on our ministerial/office staff. We want to thank Andy for being available at a very critical time when additional support was needed on our staff. His gifts, talents, and skill set not only helped to fill in the gaps, but Andy was also able to complete some additional important tasks, such as the implementation of our new Text Message Alert System. The good news is that Andy isn't going anywhere! We look forward to Andy's continued leadership in the LIFE Group ministry and the Welcome Ministry. Thank you Andy for being willing to serve!

–**The Pitman Road Ministerial/Office Staff**

NEXT Sunday!



Everyone is invited to **REFUGE** next Sunday at 5:30 pm here at the church building! Sharing the devotional this month will be **Garth and Diana Hutchinson**. As always, there will be snacks, coffee, and tea along with great fellowship and a time of live praise music and singing. We hope to see you there. **Come as you are!**

Women's Ministry Events



Women's
Saturday, February 24

Movie

Matinee and Ministry Meeting

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship!

12:30 - 1:30 pm Women's Ministry Meeting (Chapel) All women are welcome to attend. Please come and share your dreams and visions for our Pitman Road Women's Ministry

1:30 - 2:00 pm Fellowship, Popcorn and Snacks (Lobby)

2:00 - 4:00 pm Movie: *Wonder* (Auditorium)

Bring a Friend! The movie and snacks are FREE and the fellowship will be PRICELESS!



Be a part of a movement of prayer among the women of our church!

Prayer Groups and Prayer Partners are forming soon for a 3-month journey in March, April, May 2018

Testimony of Gloria Myerson:

"My prayer life has been greatly enriched by participation in the Women's Prayer Ministry of the Pitman Road church. God loves when we honor him in prayer as individuals, but also as a united body of believers."

For where two or three gather together as my followers, there I will be also. -Matthew 18:20

Please join us for an informational meeting (no obligation) on Sunday, February 25, in the Chapel, immediately after the worship service.

Questions? Please contact:

Brenda Busch: 646-258-5031 or Diana Hutchinson: 856-381-9095

Church Logo Merch!

Sherri Herndon is in the lobby again today with Pitman Road church logo merchandise for sale.

There are some great deals on items with both the old and new logo available on the spot! **If**

you are interested in a new, custom order church logo button front shirt (available in men's and women's sizes) today is the final

day to order those shirts! Please fill out an order form, including sizes and colors, and give it to Sherri before you leave today.

We never sell any of our church logo merchandise (or anything else for that matter) for a profit. You get our cost, and in some cases, as with some of the available merchandise, you can even get a bargain. So see Sherri in the lobby today!



Cornerstone Events

The Cornerstone (Young Adults) Ministry has two events coming up:

Saturday, February 10

• **Feeding Philadelphia**

Meet at the church building at 10:00 am to pack lunches. We will take the church van into Philadelphia and hand out lunches to the unsheltered.



Saturday, March 3

• **Tubing/Skiing/Snowboarding**

Meet at the church building for a 9:30 am departure in the church van to Blue Mountain, PA. More details to follow.

Have questions or need information? Contact Brandon Keeks at 347-922-2248.

Need Cabinetry?

We have some very talented people in our church! From doctors and nurses...to heating and air conditioning specialists...to accountants and business owners... to teachers and tug boat captains...to lawyers and engineers. Probably none are more talented with furniture making and cabinetry than **Roseann Savastano**.



Roseann wants to serve, and she is currently looking for people from our church to serve with her unique skillset. Due to her current health, any projects must be done her workshop, and you would be responsible to move the items to their final destination. If you are interested, please contact Roseann directly, via her contact information in the church directory. Help Roseann to "Make a Difference!"

Blanket Drive Resumes!

Want to help keep homeless and needy people warm this winter? Barbara Robinson is resuming our annual **Blanket Drive**. Please bring new, or clean

and slightly used blankets to the building and drop them in the designated bin. Barbara will see that these blankets are distributed to homeless people in southern NJ.



Our Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship

Wednesday

7:00 pm Bible Classes

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Last Week

Bible Class	116
Worship	178
LIFE Groups	81
Wednesday	80

This Week's Prayer Requests

The February list of long-term, ongoing prayer requests is available as an insert in this bulletin, and in the lobby. New, urgent, and immediate prayer requests will appear in the bulletin. If you do not see your recent, ongoing, prayer request here, it was moved to the ongoing list.

Sunday Morning Responses/Praise:

Mike Lazar came forward last Sunday to request prayers for his neck surgery. Mike says: "Prayers were answered. Surgery extremely successful. God is great! Thanks you!"

Doug Oliver came forward to ask for forgiveness after years of rebellion from God. His full testimony in in Daniel's Den on page 2. Please continue to pray for Doug as he recovers from surgery for pancreatic cancer.

Prayers:

Harriet Wensel was diagnosed with the flu and has been very sick.

Ray Holmes, radiation treatment for prostate cancer scheduled for 8 to 9 weeks.

Scott McKnight, John Goodman's brother-in-law, critically ill, bowel rupture, lymphoma, and other complications.

Nancy Smith, transferred to Cumberland Manor.

Harry Steward is now in Manor Care in West Deptford.

Steve Musso, in Lincoln Specialty Care (room #128), 1640 South Lincoln Ave., Vineland, NJ 08361. His phone number is: 856-692-8080.

Jacob Thies, surgery to remove tumors from thyroid, Feb. 10.

JoAnn Ruhland, broken bones in her leg and foot.

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Elder on Call for February: Dwight Thompson

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Tina Broyles
Kids For Christ	Desna Yanzuk
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Andy & Donna Mychajlowycz
Greeters: Back Entrance	Brian & Cindy Holden
Information Center	Brenda Peoples
Ushers	John Peoples & Corey Peoples
Shepherd's Call	Mike Broyles
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Ron Dargan

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	SUPER BOWL PARTIES	
Brook Besor	Durham's Tuesday at 7 pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Monday at 7 pm	856-419-0544
Cornerstone	SUPER BOWL PARTIES	
Hammonton	SUPER BOWL PARTIES	
Life Challenges	SUPER BOWL PARTIES	
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7 pm	856-217-3956
Solid Gold	SUPER BOWL PARTIES	
Teens	SUPER BOWL PARTIES	
Vineland	SUPER BOWL PARTIES	
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. rm B4 Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Married	SUPER BOWL PARTIES	

Thank You for Your Support

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers on the passing of our wife/mother, **Sharon Hall**. Dan's message at the funeral service was extremely moving and compassionate, highlighting Sharon's interesting life. We are fortunate to have your support.

-Risher and Tim Hall

Our Contribution




Beginning this month, the way we share information about our contribution will change. Over the last year there has been a significant increase in the amount of money contributed through **easyTithe**, our electronic giving app. The amount given through e-giving is reconciled monthly, therefore, "weekly" contribution numbers are not a good reflection of our true giving. To show a more accurate accounting, contribution figures will be shared once a month. Along with our total giving for the previous month, we will compare it with the goal for that month, and we will also show year to date figures. As an example of how this will look, here are the contribution figure for this past December:

Giving for December

December GOAL	\$49,340.00
Total December Contribution	\$53,060.00
Fiscal YTD GOAL	\$266,436.00
Fiscal YTD Contribution thru December	\$262,854.00

Please check the bulletin mid-month for the prior month's contribution figures. If you have any questions regarding our contribution, please see Dave Perine or Ray Holmes.

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