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# **CONNECT in 2018!**



Last Sunday, Dan, Derrick, and Mike Broyles introduced our emphasis for this year: **Connect.** There will be a very intentional effort in the coming months to connect our members with Jesus, with one another, with others, and with our mission, vision, and spiritual growth plan. And, there will be an expanded effort to serve the community in which we are located.

We have hopes and dreams for our church, this is our **Vision** for what we want our church to "look like" as we move forward: **A place where God's love is experienced, known, and shared by all.** We have a plan for getting our church to look like that, which is outlined in our **Mission Statement**: **Meet others where they are and together be transformed into the image of Christ.** And we have a detailed process to help us accomplish that mission, and we call that our **Spiritual Growth Plan.** It is a three step process: **Meet Jesus, Move Into Family,** and **Make a Difference.** Within those three phases of spiritual growth, we use our **Core Beliefs** and **Core Values** to help us to define and communicate who we are and what we believe as a congregation... a common language that unites us.

Our shepherds plan to implement more intentional efforts for the congregation to become more acquainted with the language and purpose of our Vision, Mission, and Spiritual Growth Plan throughout the coming year. Through these efforts, they hope that we will connect more and more with Jesus, with one another, and that our desire to connect with others will grow.

Expect to see some new and exciting things here at Pitman Road in the coming months! In an effort to connect with our community, and hopefully to help others meet Jesus, the shepherds are asking the congregation to become more involved in outreach efforts, and they will be backing these efforts with financial commitments in our budget.

First, the congregation is being called on to recommit to our Family Promise ministry. There are 60 volunteer "jobs" that need to be to be done each week we host Family Promise. This last host week, 36 of our members volunteered, some covering multiple jobs. We also had several volunteers from outside of the church family. Our next host week is April 15-22, and our shepherds have set a goal of 50 of our own church family to sign up to volunteer that week. So mark your calendars now and look for John Ashton in the lobby in March to sign up!

**Second,** we will expand our efforts to aid two local organizations: **Angels of God Outreach in Pitman**, and **Eleanor Corbett House in Glassboro**. Through our Women's Embark Ministry, we have already partnered with these organizations in the past. Going forward, our shepherds will designate financial support, and we will be encouraged to become more involved with these organizations. Keep your eyes and ears open for announcements and opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus with these two groups.

**Third,** after a successful first ever appearance in the Pitman July Fourth parade, the shepherds will also back that effort with a greater financial commitment and will encourage more of us to get involved with the float preparation and marching in the parade, and also with the evening festivities as we "host" the community in our parking lot to view the fireworks.

And fourth, the shepherds will be seeking our involvement and ideas in a new, building based outreach opportunity. This will be something completely new, and nothing has been decided yet. YOUR ideas and YOUR involvement will be key in establishing a new ministry this year!

These are only the first of some new, different, and more intentional efforts to help us **CONNECT** to **JESUS, FAMILY**, and **OTHERS.** Our shepherds want us to each feel valued as individuals, encouraged to use our God-given gifts and talents, and included in the church efforts to serve Jesus, each other, and our community. Their desire is for us to all **CONNECT in 2018!** -Annette Perine

# From Daniel's Den

## **Records Set at Super Bowl LII**

Check out these impressive records from Super Bowl LII, as Eagles triumph over Patriots... And for me, the last one is the most impressive record of all!

- Most combined total yards: 1,151
- Most passing yards in post season game: 505 Tom Brady
- Most points scored by losing team: 33 Patriots
- Most total passing yards in a Super Bowl (both teams): 874
- Most Super Bowl appearances by a Quarterback: 8 Tom Brady
- Most career touchdown passes in Super Bowls: 18 Tom Brady
- Most passing attempts in a Super Bowl without an interception: 48 -Brady
- First player to throw and catch a touchdown in the same Super Bowl Game: Nick Foles
- First quarterback to catch a touchdown pass in a Super Bowl: Nick Foles
- First undrafted rookie to have 100 receiving yards and a TD reception in the Super Bowl: Corey Clement (He is just the second rookie ever to accomplish this in any Super Bowl.)
- Most postseason passing yards in history: 10,226 Tom Brady
- Most competitions of 20 + yards in a Super Bowl game: Tom Brady
- Most Super Bowl appearances by a franchise: 10 Patriots
- Most Super Bowl losses by a franchise: 5 Patriots
- Most statements of praise to God and Jesus Christ by head coach and players in postgame interviews: Philadelphia Eagles - Super Bowl LII Champions (Not an "official" record... just my observation.)

Dan the Preacherman



Dan Cooper aka "Dan, Dan, the Preacherman"





Mike Lazar **Shepherd** 

# Shepherd's Voice

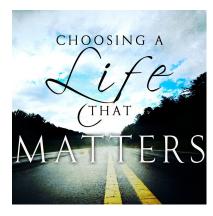
#### Prayer on Behalf of Others.

1 Timothy 2:1- 2 says to offer prayer, supplication, intercession, and the giving of thanks on behalf of all men.

Scripture brims with stories of God answering prayers that lead his people to marvel at the magnitude of his might and care. In my case it was neck surgery for pinched nerves. I wish to thank the Pitman Road church for their prayers on my behalf. My surgery was successful!

However, the answers to prayer in our own lives pale in comparison to the greatest answer to a prayer that arrived following four centuries of silence and hope (Luke 2)... the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. God's grace and our Lord's sacrifice is a sufficient prayer answer for all of us.

Our new sermon series, *Choosing a Life That Matters*, begins today. For your consideration, here are "10 Ways to Ruin Your Life" or "7 Decisions You'll Never Regret." You get to choose which list/life you live.



#### 10 Ways to Ruin Your Life

- Assume your problems are unique.
- 2. Wait for someone to help you.
- Cope with your pain in a way that adds to your pain.
- Fixate on immediate comfort.
- Refuse to love others in order to protect your heart.
- Never learn how to use your money.
- 7. Allow past mistakes to forever define you.
- 8. Ignore the important questions of life.
- Refuse to forgive others (and yourself).
- 10. Reject gratitude and choose bitterness.

-Kevin Thompson

#### 7 Decisions You'll Never Regret

- Seek God, not sin.
- Fear God, not men.
- 3. Love God, not the world.
- 4. Believe God, not the deceiver.
- 5. Obey God, not your feelings.
- Worship God, not comfort. Serve God, not self.

-Dennis Rainey

A limited number of books are available in Dottie's Office for \$8 ea.



Everyone is invited to **REFUGE** at 5:30 pm here at the church building! **TONIGHT: DISRUPT** by **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!** 





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

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

## Testimony of Debbie Schreiner:

"I looked forward to getting together with the ladies in our prayer group as often as we could! In a small group, you can really open up and become close. I always left feeling so blessed, and I highly recommend it!!"

Questions? Please contact:

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

# Children's Ministry Workers Needed!

You can make a difference in the lives of young children here at Pitman Road. Help them meet Jesus, move into family and learn to make their own difference by teaching a Sunday morning Bible class. Curriculum and teaching resources are provided. You can support our families with babies and toddlers by volunteering to supervise playtime in the nursery during the Sunday morning service. Bible class teachers are needed for spring quarter and nursery attendants are needed immediately in February. Please contact **Robin Steward** at 856-264-9003 or robinsteward2002@yahoo.com to work in this fun and rewarding ministry.

# **New Members**



Mark & Linda Pugh came to NJ from Texas, 3 1/2 years ago. The Pughs retired and moved 1800 miles to be near their only two grandsons (and daughter & sonin-law). They live near Washington Crossing, very close to the Delaware River. Linda retired from 23 years of teaching and Mark from 40 years of preaching. The Pughs have a son and

daughter-in-law in Saudi Arabia and a single son in Austin, TX.

They love the friendliness of the Pitman Road church family and the encouragement they have already received from their visits here. They have ministered with churches in Kentucky, California, Virginia, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. Though they live at a distance, they hope to be as involved as possible.

Welcome to the Pitman Road church family Mark and Linda!

# Let's Hear Some Good News!

It's amazing all of the great news you can find about our church family on Facebook! Here's what was circulating over the past few weeks:

Clay Olley was awarded Special Teams Player of the Year by the Cedar Creek High School Football Team after a "one and done" season as a kicker/punter.

**Luke Olley** was named by Representative Frank LoBiondo to his Youth Advisory Council.

Wesley Olley passed the Health Education Systems Inc. (HESI) exam. He plans to apply to nursing school and to study to be a nurse anesthetist.

**Ashely Pearl** won Second Place in the Engineering category of her school's Science Fair.

**Zack Olley** was offered and accepted an internship with Northwestern Mutual to work as a financial advisor.

**Andrew Holden** will travel from West Point to Harding University to speak at Chapel about being a Christian in the military .

**Timothy Holmes** was part of a team of engineers who broke a world record by using Loctite Adhesive to pull a train. See the video at <a href="https://youtu.be/2tfo98Ansxo">https://youtu.be/2tfo98Ansxo</a>.

Do you have good news you want to share! We want to hear it! Posting good news about our church family is a habit we've gotten out of. We WANT to do it more... but you have to SHARE it with us. Please send an email to <a href="mailto:annette.perine@gmail.com">annette.perine@gmail.com</a> whenever you have good news to share!

# A SUPER Thank You!

Thank you once again to **Tony and Stephanie DeStefano** and **Larry and Lisa Peterson** for coordinating the annual "Souper" Super Sunday Pre-Game Party! We also thank all who pitched in to help them set up/clean up, and all who contributed food and desserts. It was a great beginning to a long day of eating and celebrating!

Thanks to all who were **SUPER GENEROUS** by contributing to the Family Promise Ministry fund. **\$445** was given at the Pre-Game party and evening parties in homes. This money will go directly to help fund our Host Weeks here at Pitman Road.

## 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	121
Worship	213
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	41

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Elder on Call for February: Dwight Thompson

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### Serving Us Today

Information Center

Nursery Lori Hernandez Kids For Christ Yvonne Pearl

Jr. Worship Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance Derrick & Brenda Busch
Greeters: Back Entrance Justin & Rebecca Guy

Ushers Steve DePrince & Anthony Phillip

Donna Mychajlowycz

Shepherd's Call Dave Perine
Song Leader Mike Broyles
Communion Mike Grove

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Mychajlowycz's at noon	908-294-4056
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. 5:30 pm	609-226-4031
Hammonton	REFUGE/Church Bldg. 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	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. FLC, Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Married	A DeStefano's at 1 pm	856-899-9466

#### Find Us on Social Media:



www.facebook.com/ pitmanroadchurchofchrist



Giving for January 2018	
January GOAL	\$39,472.00
Total January Contribution	\$33,914.00
Fiscal YTD GOAL	\$305,908.00

# This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: Harriet Wensel is feeling much better!

Fiscal YTD Contribution thru January

#### **Prayers:**

**Dwight Thompson** had chemotherapy this past week.

**Larry Kellum, Sr.** is at home after being hospitalized for A-Fib briefly last weekend.

**Jacob Theis** had surgery yesterday to remove tumors/tissue from his thyroid.

**John Goodman** will have shoulder surgery on Tuesday and is requesting our prayers.

Diane Perales has been diagnosed with the flu.

**Matthew**, Julie Church request prayers for this young man who overdosed and is on life support.

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

Nancy Smith, transferred to Cumberland Manor.

Harry Steward is 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.

# Thank You Church Family!

"Thank you for the prayers," says **James Wasusa**, our brother from Ghana who has been worshipping with us recently. James frequently comes to church with "Aunt Rose." In recent weeks he's been dealing with serious medical issues, and has not been able to attend. He is now out of the hospital, and feeling somewhat better.

To My Dear Church Family in Pitman,

I want to give a very big thank you to everyone there. I keep up with all of your activities through the church bulletins that are sent to me by Dottie, worked on by Annette, Dan, and many others. I thank God and pray for all of you - and miss you all a lot! May our Wonderful God keep blessing you!

Love in Jesus, Anne Peoples

#### To Our Pitman Family,

Our heartfelt gratitude for all of the kind expressions of love and sympathy. The floral arrangement from the church was beautiful. My brother was a new Christian and eagerly shared his faith and love for the Lord. He attended worship here on his visits to New Jersey, and often commented on how friendly everyone was. His home going service was a true celebration.

#### Cordelia Holmes

(Family of Albert Booker)

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