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***Our very own Pitman Road harbinger of spring
arrives NEXT Sunday...
NEW 2018 SPRING QUARTER CLASSES!
Here's what's being offered for adults
in March, April and May:***



Beginning Sunday, March 4 through Sunday, May 27 at 9:00 am

The Fundamentals of Our Faith Teacher: John Peoples • Location: Family Life Center



Many Christians fail to grow and thrive in their faith because they never learned the basics. Just as every successful sports team, musical organization, and hobbyist knows, it is important to get back to the fundamentals every now and then. This series seeks to (1) ground followers of Christ in the basic truths of our faith so that we can be solid and grow up in Christ, and (2) equip followers of Christ to share truth with others in a world of counter-truths. **(This will also be the Young Adult class offering this quarter.)**

Raising Faithful Kids in a Fast Paced World Teachers: Brian & Cindy Holden • Location: B3 Chapel

This class is based on the book of the same name written by Dr. Paul Faulkner. The focus will be on strategies to help parents raise their children with the love, discipline, and spiritual guidance they need to be faithful into adulthood.

Parke Place Worship Coordinator: Jay Schneider Location: Parke Place

Join a worship assembly each Sunday morning at Parke Place on Delsea Drive. If you would like to support or help lead this time of worship, your participation would be welcome. We are thankful for those who have supported this outreach for years, and we'd love more participation from our church family.

Beginning Wednesday, March 14 through Wednesday, May 30 at 7:00 pm

Witnesses for Christ: Continuing Mission in the Book of Acts Teacher: Dan Cooper • Location: B3 Chapel



The New Testament's book of Acts is actually the sequel to the Gospel of Luke. Luke says it is a continuation of "all that Jesus began to do and to teach." (Acts 1:1) The gospel historian wants to help his friend Theophilus "know the certainty of the things you have been taught." (Luke 1:4) Allow Luke to take you on a journey as the apostles and the early church take up the mission Christ began, empowered now by the Holy Spirit, to take the message of repentance and forgiveness of sins to the whole world.

Barnabas Ministry Coordinators: Donna Lazar and Fran Point • Location: room B1

Barnabas of the New Testament was an encourager. The goal of our Barnabas Ministry is to spread encouragement! The group accomplishes this goal through cards to our members, family, friends, and our guests. Birthdays, illness, anniversary, etc., you'll probably hear from our Barnabas Ministry! Join us as we share God's love.

Women's Wednesday Night Prayer Group: Coordinator: Annette Perine • Location: room B4

Be a part of the Women's Ministry three month prayer journey! This group is for women who are having a hard time carving out additional time during the week to join a prayer group, or who cannot make a weekly commitment. Join us every week, or join us when you can ... *"For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them."*
-Matthew 18:20

O U R M I S S I O N

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

From Daniel's Den

We Care Deeply About Parents and Children!

We are committed to connecting with young families. We are doubling our efforts on that front during the upcoming Spring Quarter, which begins next Sunday. We are refreshing our Cradle Roll class for the smallest children, aged three months to two years. We are introducing a new series of lessons called "God Made Families." Two of our devoted teachers and loving mothers, Tina Broyles and Brenda Peoples, are teaching Cradle Roll this quarter. If the babies are too young to sit at the special table, they can participate in an infant carrier or a bouncy seat. It is staggering what these little ones can learn about God, creation, and family! Moms and/or dads are welcome to sit in on the class while the little ones adjust. Then, we hope parents will attend the parenting class or one of our other excellent classes this quarter. Cradle Roll will be meeting in room D7.

In addition to teaching our children, we are committed to equipping parents with Godly and loving approaches to parenting. Ask any brand new parent if parenting is easy, and they will say "No!" Ask any parent with pre-school children if parenting is easy, and they will say "No!" Ask any parent of a middle school student if parenting is easy and they will say "No!" Ask any parent of teens if parenting is easy, and they will say "No!" Two sets of our experienced parents have agreed to teach a class written by a PhD marriage and family therapist and teacher. Dr. Paul Faulkner's book, *Raising Faithful Kids in a Fast-Paced World*, is the resource that will be used for this class, beginning next Sunday. This class will be meeting in Room B4. Brian Holden, one of the teachers, says, "We will discuss strategies that we should focus on in order to raise our children with love, discipline and the spiritual guidance that they need."

-Dan the Preaching, Parenting, Preacherman



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

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Tony DeStefano
Deacon: Body Life and Fellowship

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A Servant Speaks

See the Sermon

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." -Matthew 5:16

He didn't come to call the righteous, but the sinners. -Mark 2:17

Nothing brings people together like success. Philadelphia Eagles fans are still sharing their joy at the team's winning season. But greater than their many wins perhaps is the team's public demonstration of their faith. Many of the Eagles' lights were shining brightly on their way to their first Super Bowl victory. At the parade, Christian coaches and players gave glory to God. Even those who did not focused on unity and brotherly love among teammates as a huge part of their success.

We often see players give glory to God, kneel together after a game or pray when someone is seriously hurt. So, why are the Christians on this team getting so much attention for their faith? Why does it seem that their faith is unusually contagious? The following excerpt from an article on the website "Faithit" may reveal the answer.

"I'm going to be genuine, I'm going to be authentic with believers, non-believers—it doesn't matter. I am going to love on them. I'm going to treat them all the same. I'm going to respect them. At the same time, as the leader of the football team, I am going to lead everybody the same... I think guys are willing to talk when you don't have this self-righteous attitude; when you have that mutual respect, it just makes it a healthier environment." -Carson Wentz (<https://faithit.com/philadelphia-eagles-faith-inspiring-millions/>)

It seems that these young men are "Jesus-like" in relating to their teammates. They share joy, not condemnation. Wentz makes it clear that the goal is not simply conversion, but rather to love God and love His people. Yet, several of the Philadelphia Eagles players have found Christ through the love and examples set by their teammates. Reminds me of that old adage: "It is better to see a sermon than hear one."

-Tony DeStefano



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

Please join us **TODAY** for an informational meeting in the Chapel, immediately after the worship service.

Janet Betts on Prayer Groups:

"My prayer group meets by phone each week because we don't live near each other. It's been a blessing to get to know two sisters on a more personal level. I've become more comfortable asking for prayer as well as praying for others - two areas that I'm so happy to be growing in. Our conversations during prayer time are much richer than some other times I see them. We make time for each other, and it has been an unexpected blessing. Sharing your prayers with a sister can provide a new perspective, support and accountability, as well as laughter, fun, and deeper relationships."

Questions? Please contact:

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

Secret Sister Revealing Party

NEXT Saturday, March 3

at 1:00 at the home of

Mary Lea Thompson



If you are interested in being a Secret Sister this year, please let me know and I will give you a questionnaire to fill out.

Please bring your favorite finger food to the party!

If you are unable to attend the party, please be sure that your gift is given to me or to Mary Lea, so that you are "revealed" to your Secret Sister along with everyone else. **-Dottie**



It's that time of year again to participate in the Purple Bag Challenge for Angels Community Outreach in Pitman.

In addition to gently used clothing, toiletries and non-perishable food items are needed as well. Place something in the bag every day during the Lenten season.

The purple bags have not yet arrived but this gives you time to get your items together. Bags will be collected on Sunday March 25. You can leave them in the Family Promise room. An email will be sent as soon as the bags arrive.

Thank you for giving to such a worthy cause.

Leza Davis, Women's Embark Ministry



Three families are offering a matching gifts challenge to help us reduce the mortgage debt on our church building. Between now and June 30, all memorial/honor gifts given to our Capital Fund will be doubled and used to pay down the mortgage.

All memorial/honor donations received from January 1 until June 30 will be matched **dollar for dollar**. If we collect the entire \$10,000, we can reduce our mortgage by an additional \$20,000!

If you would like to honor or to memorialize a friend or family member, use one of our forms provided at the Welcome Center; drop it in the collection plate or give it to Dottie.

SPECIAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT!!!

Special Wednesday Night Spring Quarter Kick Off on March 7

BBQ Meal in the Family Life Center at 5:30-6:30 pm

Dan is coordinating a cook-out dinner and everyone is invited! The warm weather this past week has probably given you a hankering for some burgers and dogs on the grill, so plan to attend! Here's the irresistible menu:

Hot Dogs and Burgers by **Joe Marshall**

Baked Beans by **JoAnn Ruhland**

Potato Salad by **Jenn Pearl**

Pasta Salad by **Barbara Robinson**

Banana Pudding by **Lucy Fair** and

Pineapple upside down cake by **Judi Campbell**

Set up and Drinks by **Harriet Wensel**

Shopping and Chips by **Dan Cooper**



THEN - the Annual Winterfest Report from our teens at 7:00 in the auditorium.



Whether or not you eat dinner here, plan to attend the special program. We will hear about the exciting spiritual experiences our teens had at this year's Winterfest. These young people are the future of the church, and they deserve our support and attention. The enthusiasm and renewal they return with each year is contagious and we can all use the encouragement!

REFUGE is NEXT Sunday!



Everyone is invited to **REFUGE** next Sunday at 5:30 pm here at the church building! One of the members of Refuge, Raymond King, will be sharing his testimony. 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!**

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	90
Worship	154
LIFE Groups	136
Wednesday	41

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: Praises for the taste of spring we had this week!

Sunday Morning Request for prayer: Karelle Pierre-Jacques asked that the congregation pray for her critically ill uncle.

Prayers:

Susan Morales, Teresa Point Sussman's family member, hospice care; death is imminent. Prayers for peace and comfort for the Sussman and Morales families.

Anita O'Hara recovering from cataract surgery.

Jacob Theis, recovering from surgery.

Dwight Thompson chemotherapy.

John Goodman is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Ray Holmes, radiation treatment for prostate cancer ongoing.

Nancy Smith, in rehab at Cumberland Manor.

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

Mike Lazar, recovering from neck surgery. Physical therapy for shoulder.

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Elder on Call for February: Dwight Thompson

Area Church Events

The Camden Church of Christ
lovingly invites you to attend their
35th Anniversary & Homecoming Celebration
on Sunday, March 4, 2018.

Morning Worship Service: 11:15 am • Lunch: 1:30 pm
Celebration program: 3:30 pm

Located at 818 N. 27th Street, Camden, NJ 08105; on the corner of 27th & Garfield across from VETS Middle School. There is ample street parking along 27th Street and adjoining side streets.

The Ageless Life Group will be going to the luncheon and celebration and are inviting others to join them. Departure from our building will be 12:30 pm next Sunday.

Newark Church of Christ in Newark, NJ, will be hosting **The Carrie Woodward Memorial National Dinner Day for Southwestern Christian College** On Sunday, March 4. This is part of a national fundraiser for Southwestern College and will feature Dr. Edward Robinson, Professor of Religious Studies at Southwestern. Tickets are \$40 each. Southwestern Christian College is our only predominantly African American College within the churches of Christ fellowship. Katherine and I have sent them a check and I would encourage all of my brothers and sisters to do the same. Support a very worthy cause. (If you would like more information, please see the letter posted on the bulletin board next to the library.) -Dan

The North Clinton Ave. Church of Christ in Trenton
invites you to their **Annual Ladies Luncheon**
Old Fashioned Faith: Getting Us Through Modern Times
- Hebrews 11:6

Saturday, April 28, 2018

9:00 am Breakfast • 10:00 am -2:00 pm Program and Luncheon
Speakers: Sister Telita Williams and Nakia Wood



Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/north-clinton-avenue-church-of-christ-ladies-day-2018-tickets-42942332673>

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Kelly Spencer
Kids For Christ	Robin Steward
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Mary & Lee Collier
Greeters: Back Entrance	Ron Dargan & Mandy Mansdoerfer
Information Center	Jackie Fenton
Ushers	Horatio Fenton & Terry Rhymes
Shepherd's Call	Garth Hutchinson
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	Mark Pugh

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Sheehan's at noon	609-828-3494
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	CONNECT -Meet w/other group or family today	
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'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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