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Ways to Stay Connected...

There's always something going on at Pitman Road and we provide multiple ways for you to stay connected and informed!



Church Emails

Church emails go out several times a week as needed; they are our most targeted form of communication, going directly to our members. This is an appropriate way to communicate personal announcements such as prayer requests, furniture give aways, etc. **Dottie Grillo is responsible for our church email, please contact her via**

phone or email if you have an item to go in a church email, or if you don't receive these emails and would like to.

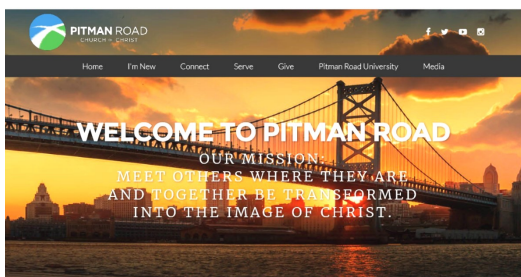
The Bulletin

Our bulletin is targeted to our members, guests and online readers. In addition to being available in our lobby, it is posted on our website. The bulletin provides information on our upcoming events, spotlights good news about our members, and each week features short articles by ministers, shepherds, and deacons. **If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please contact Annette Perine via email. Deadline for bulletin items for the upcoming Sunday is Wednesday at 4:30 pm.**

Our Website

Most everything you need to know about our church can be found on our website. There is an event calendar with information about our scheduled events, as well as

LIFE Group descriptions, Pitman Road University class listings, our Mission, Vision, and Core Beliefs and Values, as well as our ministries. The bulletin is posted each week, as well as issues from the past three years. You can connect to the live stream of our worship service on Sunday morning via the Media tab. Please make use of this valuable resource! Find our website at www.pitmanroadcoc.com.



Social Media

We are on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. These are great tools to stay informed, but the primary focus is outreach. This is

why we do not post personal information or personal announcements on our social media. We do post Facebook "events" and we ask that you please share on your own timeline! Please "Like" and "Follow" us on social media!



www.facebook.com/pitmanroadchurchofchrist



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Instant Church Directory



We have a web-based directory with up to date member contact information. The Instant Church Directory is available via an app for your mobile phone, or on your computer. **Our online directory is for our members only, and you must be listed in the directory to have access to it. This is for security purposes!** If you are a

Pitman Road member, not listed in the online directory, and want to be, please contact Dottie Grillo or Manny Vander Vennen. To use the app on your mobile phone, go to the appropriate app store, download the app, and follow the onscreen prompts to gain access. To access the directory on your computer, go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> and follow the prompts. Again, you must be a Pitman Road member AND listed in the directory to gain access.

Emergency Text System

Andy Mychajlowycz has set up an emergency text system for emergency announcements only, such as cancellation of church services due to weather. You must request/give permission to be included in the text system. **If you want to be included, contact Dottie; she will confirm your cell phone number, and ask you for your carrier (ATT, Verizon, Sprint, etc.) as they each have their own free system we can use to generate the texts.**

Live Stream

Each Sunday at 10:00 am, our worship service is broadcast via live stream on YouTube. Not only can you view the worship service live, you can go back at your convenience and view it later. Did you love a sermon and wish you had taken notes? Watch it again on YouTube! Did your children participate in the Christmas Eve play? Watch it again or share it with family and friends on YouTube! Find us at <https://www.youtube.com/user/Pitmancochrist>.



Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Love God, Not the World!



While my “tug of war” illustration did not go exactly as I had it planned last Sunday, the point was powerfully made all the same. There is a tug of war going on for Christians. On one end of the rope is “Loving God” and



Dan Cooper
aka
**“Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman”**

the other end of the rope is “Loving the World.” And, sin is crouching at the door! (Genesis 4:7) Who is winning the “tug of war” in your life? You and I can chose to live a life that matters, or we can chose to go with the flow!

As was illustrated powerfully last Sunday in our unrehearsed tug of war, sin will trip us up. It will flip us over in a split second! The struggle is real.

What are the Evil One’s primary ways of tempting you personally? Be honest! Reflect. Check out 1 John 2:16. According to scripture, there are multiple answers to the question and here are your choices: 1) Pleasure: Lust of the Flesh; 2) Possessions: Lust of the eyes; 3) Power: Pride of life; or 4) All of the above

But, we have a wonderful promise from God. You can take this promise to the bank: **No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**

-1 Corinthians 10:13

-Dan the Preaching, Teaching, and Motivating Preacherman

There is a tug of war going on for Christians. On one end of the rope is “Loving God” and the other is “Loving the World.”



Derrick Busch
Minister

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We're All A Mess

Choosing a Life That Matters “Believe God, Not the Deceiver”

As I would hope and imagine that with many of us, this series entitled **Choosing a Life that Matters**, based on the book by Dennis Rainey, has been both enlightening and convicting. Today we’re setting our attention and hearts on the blessing and admonition to “Believe God, Not the Deceiver.” If you have ever participated in the mental gymnastics of trying to figure out what life is all about, exhausted yourself pondering your purpose and calling, or simply tried to make sense of your world, here again is the pivotal contrast requiring our daily decisive choice, “Believe God, Not the Deceiver.” Our choice in this very foundational matter will greatly impact our ability to answer the above questions for the glory of God, and it will positively or negatively impact our fellowship with our neighbors.

Now, you may be thinking, “This is an obvious choice!” I would agree, but, it is a daily choice, and in it there is one who has been described as “more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.” (Genesis 3:1) In the context of John 7:37-38 and 8:42,44, he is described as a murderer, one who does not stand in the truth, one who has no truth in him, a liar, and the father of lies. With such opposition on our daily spiritual journey, how can we strengthen our faith and deepen our belief in the God who loves us and has already made us victorious through Jesus Christ? Dennis Rainey outlines six spiritual disciplines that will add “muscle” to our faith. They are as follows: 1. Be intentional about Bible intake. 2. Search, discover, write, and take “Vitamin A” (Application) daily. 3. Start a “rock collection.” 4. Obey. 5. Read books and mine hearts. And finally, 6. Evict unwelcome houseguests. Today is a great day to attend a LIFE Group to collectively unpack and discuss these six spiritual disciplines. See your bulletin for LIFE Group times and locations. - **Derrick**

Be sober [well balanced and self-disciplined], be alert and cautious at all times. That enemy of yours, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion [fiercely hungry], seeking someone to devour.

-1 Peter 5:8, Amplified Bible



Everyone is invited to **REFUGE** at 5:30 pm! 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!**

Special Wednesday Night Spring Quarter Kick Off THIS WEDNESDAY!

Let's start the Spring Quarter off right!

BBQ Meal in the Family Life Center
at 5:30-6:30 pm. Grilled Hamburgers
and Hot Dogs, Salads, Beans, and
Desserts! **Sign up today!**



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

Whether or not you eat dinner here, plan to attend this 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!

Women's Prayer Groups

There are currently four Women's Prayer Groups that will meet together through March, April, and May.



Phone Group: Join a conference call each Monday at 6:00 am! For information on how to connect to the conference call, contact Carla Clements at 856-803-0591 or Melody Davis at 609-335-6572.

Sewell Group: Meeting Monday night at 7:00-8:00 pm at the home of Gloria Myerson. For more information contact Gloria at 609-970-3855.

Vineland Group: Meeting at the home of Yvonne Pearl. For more information contact Yvonne at 609-805-0228.

Wednesday Night Group: Meeting at the church building in room B4. For more information contact Annette Perine at 609-980-5103.

If you are interested in forming a group or joining with a prayer partner, contact Diana Hutchinson at 856-381-9095 or Brenda Busch at 646-258-5031.

goodnews

Tim, Paige, and Olivia Holmes have moved back to NJ! Their new address is 40 B Sumac Court, Mt. Laurel, NJ. 08054.

Congratulations to Stephanie Pierre-Jacques on making the Dean's List at SUNY Fredonia two semesters in a row (Spring 17 and Fall 17)! This is an amazing accomplishment especially since she carried 19.5 credit hours in each of those semesters.

Zack Olley was profiled for his work as student manager for the Libscomb University Basketball team over the last 4 years. Read all about it at <http://luminationnetwork.com/olley-mr-lipscomb-basketball/>.

Watch Andrew Holden's chapel talk at Harding University at <http://hu16-vod.harding.edu/CablecastPublicSite/show/471?channel=1>. Andrew will graduate from West Point this spring!

Jenn Pearl completed a half marathon last Sunday in Orlando! Then she arrived home to receive her certification in Acute/Critical Care Nursing. Way to go Jenn!

Clay Olley has accepted admission to Susquehanna University with a major in Honors Global Business and a minor in German. Clay will attend as a student athlete, playing football.

Sarah Pearl will be departing on Wednesday for a 10-day student exchange program in Germany!



Sunday, March 25, 2018

Children ages 0-12

Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM

Egg Hunt begins at 12:30 PM

Photos with the Easter Bunny at 1:00 PM

We need YOU to make our Egg Hunt a success!

Sign up at the bulletin board in the Children's Wing.

Please give donations of candy and plastic eggs, or money, to Aaron or Jenn Pearl.

Bring a basket to collect your eggs.

(Bags will be provided if you don't have one.)

Adults are asked to accompany their children throughout the festivities.

Invite a friend!

Invitation cards are available at the Welcome Center

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	127
Worship	213
LIFE Groups	91
Wednesday	50

This Week's Prayer Requests

The monthly list of ongoing prayer requests for March is now available.

Praise: Karelle Pierre-Jacques says that her uncle is doing much better. The family is very grateful for our prayers.

Prayers:

Harry Steward, please remember him in prayer during this time of declining health.

Tamme DeLoskey is having surgery for an abdominal hernia on March 15.

Van Edwards, further testing after mammogram. Spinal surgery on March 19 & 21.

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.

Ray Holmes, radiation treatment for prostate cancer ongoing.

Nancy Smith, in rehab at Cumberland Manor.

Steve Musso, in Lincoln Specialty Care, declining health.

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

Thank You!

Thank you to the women of the Prayer Quilt Ministry for the beautiful quilt that you made for Doug. He is in the hospital as of the writing of this note, and he has the quilt with him. It is providing him with much love and comfort. Thank you again for your love and devotion to us.

In Christ, **Doug and Janice Oliver**

Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the Cooper and Mitchell families.

Valeria Mitchell, Katherine Cooper's mother, passed away unexpectedly in her sleep overnight Wednesday into Thursday. Katherine received the news Thursday morning. No funeral details were available at the time of this writing, and travel plans for Dan and Katherine to Nashville were pending. Information will be provided via email as it becomes available.

We extend our sympathy to **Derek and Leza Davis** on the passing of Derek's father, **Theodore Fuller**, on Thursday morning. Derek says, "Please continue to pray for me, and our family, as we go into the next phase of this difficult, but joyous time (because he knew the Lord.)" Cards can be sent to the Davis' address in the directory, and if you so choose, memorial donations can be made to West Atco Youth In Action, Inc., P.O. Box 116, West Atco, NJ 08004.

Addition to Sunday Bible Class Schedule

PRAYERS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT - Dave Perine, Room B4

The New Testament contains many prayers that we can use as examples in our own prayer life. Jesus, Paul, Stephen, and others prayed powerfully. We will explore the power of prayer through a study of these New Testament examples. This class is primarily a study of prayer, but there will be 5 to 10 minutes for prayer at the end of each class.

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Elder on Call for March and April: Mike Broyles

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Becky Vander Vennen
Kids For Christ	Jessica Forman
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Brian & Cindy Holden
Greeters: Back Entrance	Larry & Lea Ann Kellum
Information Center	Shachara Adams
Ushers	Dave Perine & Brandon Keeks
Shepherd's Call	John Peoples
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Joe Marshall

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Camden Church Celebration, van leaves at 12:30	
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	REFUGE at 5:30 pm	609-320-9260
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	Lazar's at noon	856-304-4996
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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