



# PITMAN ROAD

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# You're Invited!

to the  
**Pitman Road Church of Christ**

# Easter Egg Hunt

**Join The Fun!**

## NEXT Sunday, March 25

For children ages 0 to 12 years old

Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM

Egg Hunt begins at 12:30 PM • Photos with the Easter Bunny at 1:00 PM

Rain or Shine

Please 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 TODAY.

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 Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## Don't be Fooled by Me! • Some Thoughts on How to "Connect"

*Don't be fooled by me. Don't be fooled by the mask I wear! For I wear a mask. I wear a thousand masks—masks that I'm afraid to take off—and none of them is me! Pretending is an art that is second nature with me, but don't be fooled.*

*I give the impression that I'm secure, that all is sunny and unruffled, within and without; that confidence is my name, and coolness is my game; that the waters are calm, and I'm in command and I need no one. But don't believe it. Please don't.*

*I'd really like to be genuine, spontaneous, and me; but you have to help me. You have to help me by holding out your hand, even when that's the last thing I seem to want or need. Each time you are kind, gentle and encouraging, each time you try to understand because you really care, my heart begins to grow wings – very small wings, very feeble wings, but wings. With your sensitivity and sympathy, and your power of understanding, I can make it. You can breathe life into me. It will not be easy for you. A long conviction of worthlessness builds strong walls. But love is stronger than strong walls, and therein lies my hope. Please try to beat down those walls with firm hands, but with gentle hands, for a child is very sensitive, and I AM a child.*

*Who am I you many wonder. I am someone you know very well. For I am every man, every woman, every child...every human you meet.*

These thoughts are taken from **Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families** by Stephen Covey. They were shared at the New England Church Growth Conference last weekend. Andy, Derrick, and I attended. If your interested in attending this enriching conference next year, mark your calendar for March 8-9, 2019.

- Dan the Preacherman



Dan Cooper  
aka  
"Dan, Dan,  
the Preacherman"

Each time you  
are kind,  
gentle and  
encouraging...  
my heart  
begins to grow  
wings...



Derrick Busch  
Minister

In the midst of  
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injustice, and  
confusion,  
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to worship  
God!

## We're All A Mess

### Respectful Meditation

**Respectful Meditation:** As I respectfully meditate on the students, staff, and people that have been hurt and or killed in the far too many school shootings, (*pause to reflect with God*); as I respectfully meditate on all of the people that have been hurt and or killed as a result of racial bias and comprehensive prejudicial hatred, (*pause to reflect with God*); as I respectfully meditate on the various divisions and the overall state of our country, (*pause to reflect with God*); as I meditate on the impact that sin has had on my life, your life, and mankind as a whole (*pause to reflect with God*); I cry out to God for wisdom, for mercy, for patience, for strength, and for a renewed willingness to be salt and light in the midst of so much lawlessness and hurt! I'm coming to realize more and more that being salt and light requires my willingness to be *made* uncomfortable! My part as a Christian is to be willing to be uncomfortable for the sake of a hurting world that needs Jesus Christ. **Biblical meditation: Matthew 26:36-56, Luke 23:34, Matthew 9:36, John 3:16**

In the midst of all the sin, hurt, injustice, and confusion, we are called to worship God! Is it possible to worship God in the midst of so much lawlessness and hurt? How can we remain focused and encouraged? What is the fuel and motivation for our worship in the midst of so much lawlessness and hurt?

What does it mean to worship God? Worship includes expressions of reverence, adoration, love, devotion, and care for God and His plans; being fully immersed in His mercy! When we reflect on the mercies of God (**Romans 12:1-2**), our hearts should be encouraged. What are the mercies of God? God's mercies are everything He has given us that we don't deserve! Here's a list of just some of what we have in Jesus Christ: eternal love, eternal grace, the Holy Spirit, everlasting peace, eternal joy, saving faith, comfort, strength, wisdom, hope, patience, kindness, honor, glory, righteousness, security, eternal life, forgiveness, reconciliation, justification, sanctification, freedom, and intercession to name a few. Worship God, not comfort.

-Derrick



## Bring Your Own Craft Day

Saturday, March 24  
Noon to 5:00 PM  
in the Family Life Center  
Snacks are provided!

Hope to see you there!



# goodnews

Congratulations to **Brianna Peoples** who has moved on to the DECA National Competition with her teammates from Williamstown High School!

Congratulations to **Clay Olley** for being honored with a \$500 scholarship from the South Jersey Chapter of the National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes!

**The Lipscomb men's basketball team, the Bisons, clinched their first ever bid to the NCAA tournament!** The Bison, ranked a 15 seed, at this writing are set to play no. 2 seed North Carolina. Whether they win or lose, they've made history! We are so excited for all of the Lipscomb students and alumni here at Pitman, but we especially excited for **Zack Olley**, who has been student manager of the team for the past four seasons, to have the opportunity to accompany his team to the most important tournament in college basketball!

## Invite a friend on Easter Sunday!

April 1, 2018

### Our schedule:

- 9:00 am - Bible classes for all ages.
- 9:40 am - Coffee and donuts in our lobby.
- 10:00 am - Worship service featuring the sermon *Were You There?* and a special theatrical presentation by the Pitman Road youth.

Invitations available at the Welcome Center.

## Senior Saints DINNER

Saturday, April 7

6:00 – 8:00 PM in the Family Life Center

Everyone 55+ is welcome to attend!

COME AND ENJOY A NIGHT OF FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR TEENS!! Please RSVP to Melody at 609-335-6572! Thank you!!



## Wednesday Night Spring Quarter Classes

After a delay due to the Winterfest Report and inclement weather. Wednesday Night Spring Quarter Classes begin **THIS** Wednesday. There will be three offerings for adults on Wednesday nights for March, April, and May:

**Witnesses for Christ: Continuing Mission in the Book of Acts - Pitman Road University**, teacher: Dan Cooper, room: B3 Chapel



**Barnabas Ministry**, coordinators: Donna Lazar and Fran Point, room: B1

**Wednesday Night Women's Prayer Group**, coordinator: Annette Perine, room B4. **PLEASE NOTE: The prayer group WILL NOT meet this Wednesday. Please join us beginning on Wednesday, March 28.**



We love to celebrate marriage at Pitman Road, especially lasting marriages! **Happy 50th Anniversary to Larry and Fran Point!** The Points' actual anniversary was this past Friday, March 16. Congratulations you two love birds! You show us how to do marriage right!



**A new LIFE Group?** So many of our Pitman family visited together in Florida last weekend that this photo was entitled **Solid Gold LIFE Group, Southern Division!** Pictured from the left are: Jimmy and Clare Hightower, Linda and Greg Krinks, Paul Stanford, Josephine Mackin, Brian Kleineweber, Melva and Tom Toy, "Willie" Toy, Bud and Barbara Britton, and "Willow" Britton. We miss you all!

## 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	123
Worship	208
LIFE Groups	93
Wednesday	81

## This Week's Prayer Requests

### Sunday Morning Requests for Prayer:

**Ron Dargan and Jonathan Rivera** requested the prayers of the church for Carolyn Dargan, who had been hospitalized for blood clots last week.

**Terry Rhymes** was moved by the sermon to requested prayers from the church that he be less reactive to his emotions and not let anger get the better of him.

### Prayers:

**Van Edwards**, is having major spinal surgery tomorrow at University of Pennsylvania Hospital. She is expected to be hospitalized for about a week, and then in rehab for up to two weeks.

**Samuel Cruz**, Rebecca Guy's father, hospitalized. He has been in an induced coma, on a ventilator, and has suffered seizures while intubated. He may have suffered a stroke.

**Larry and Fran Point** both have eye health concerns and are seeing specialists.

**Tamme DeLoskey** is recovering from abdominal hernia surgery.

**Gwen Phillip**, unfortunately Gwen's breast cancer has returned and metastasized, but the good news is that it is very manageable. Praise God! She will have chemotherapy infusions for 2 to 3 weeks, and then switch to a pill form of chemo. Please pray for both Gwen and Anthony.

**Emma Clemons Drummer**, continuing eye problems, treatment at Wills Eye Hospital.

**Anita O'Hara** recovering from cataract surgery.

**Jacob Theis**, cancer treatment.

**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**, recovery from neck surgery. P.T. for shoulder.

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**Elder on Call for March and April: Mike Broyles**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Jayne Schofield
Kids For Christ	Tina Broyles
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Andy & Donna Mychajlowycz
Greeters: Back Entrance	Patricia Monteleone
Information Center	Brenda Peoples
Ushers	Mike Lazar & Terry Rhymes
Shepherd's Call	Dwight Thompson
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	Carl Steiner

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Sheehan's at noon	215-901-3113
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	DeStefano's at 6 pm	609-567-9607
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	856-223-1699
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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## Sympathy

We extend deepest sympathy to **Joe and Nancy Calabro** on the unexpected passing of their son, **Stephen Calabro**. A memorial service was held this past Friday. Our love and prayers are also extended to **Ray and Bonnie Wilson** who are extremely close to the Calabros; the Wilson and Calabo children all grew up together. Cards can be sent to the Calabros at the address in the church directory. Memorial donations can be made to the Pitman Road Church of Christ Capital Fund. Forms for memorial donations are available at the Welcome Center.

## Thank You!

I would like to thank all of the servant-hearted people who helped with the funeral luncheon for Harry Steward. The giving of your love an time was much appreciated.  
God's blessings to you! **-Harriet Wensel**

## "Purple Bag" Challenge

If you are putting aside items for the Angels Community Outreach annual "40 Day Purple Bag Lenten Challenge," please use a bag of your choice to collect those items in. There are no "purple bags" available to us this year. Also, please bring your bags to the church building by next Sunday, March 25. Any questions, please contact Leza Davis.