



# PITMAN ROAD

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# Happy EASTER

*He is risen*

"The great gift of Easter is hope - Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake." -Basil Hume

"There are times when I feel that he has withdrawn from me, and I have often given him cause, but Easter is always the answer to 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me!'" -Madeleine L'Engle

"The Cross will be for us as it was for Christ: proof of the greatest love." -Mother Teresa

"Earth's saddest day and gladdest were just three days apart." -Susan Coolidge

"A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act."  
-Mahatma Gandhi

"Here is the amazing thing about Easter; the Resurrection Sunday for Christians is this, that Christ in the dying moments on the cross gives us the greatest illustration of forgiveness possible." -T. D. Jakes

"If man had his way, the plan of redemption would be an endless and bloody conflict. In reality, salvation was bought not by Jesus' fist, but by His nail-pierced hands; not by muscle but by love; not by vengeance but by forgiveness; not by force but by sacrifice. Jesus Christ our Lord surrendered in order that He might win; He destroyed His enemies by dying for them and conquered death by allowing death to conquer Him." -A.W. Tozer

"Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with the resurrection."  
-Watchman Nee

"Jesus cannot forget us; we have been graven on the palms of his hands."  
-Lois Picillo

## Our Mission

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



# From Daniel's Den



## That Day!

About one thousand nine hundred and eighty five years ago the most tragic, yet simultaneously the most loving event of all history played out in Jerusalem. A man who had been born to a poor, unwed mother, and raised as a common carpenter, was executed. He was guilty of no crimes. He was a good man, and had done no wrong. He was put to death by one of the cruelest forms of punishment ever known to man. It was barbaric, even savage! He was, without being shown any mercy or compassion, nailed to a cross, and he hung there for hours as he suffo-

cated and was mocked and ridiculed by the crowd. Before he was crucified, he was physically abused, verbally taunted, and mocked. It was so humiliating that most of his closest friends turned their back on him. It appeared the evil one had been successful in destroying the best man that ever lived; Satan was victorious.

**That's the bad news!** You can read the entire story in the Gospel of John, chapters 18 and 19.

But the story does not end there. His torn body was placed in a borrowed grave, and three days later the stone in front of that borrowed grave was rolled away, and that innocent man (if we dare call him a man) rose from the grave. Yes, it was a miracle! The women were the first to see him alive; then the men who had only days earlier denied him discovered the empty tomb (John 20:1-10). He went on to demonstrate that he was alive to more than 500 at one time (1 Corinthians 15:1-11). Join us in that celebration.

**Celebrate the good news that the tomb is empty and Jesus Christ is alive!**

Let the cruel death, burial, and the wondrous resurrection of this man direct your life every day this year.

*- Dan the Forgiveness Preacher*



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

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**Derrick Busch**  
Minister

## We're All A Mess

### Rejoicing Over You & the RESURRECTION

Our God is an AWESOME God! What a blessing to know that our God encompasses ALL that is good, ALL that is wise, and that His timing is always perfect. *"I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom."* (Psalm 145:1-3) Brenda and I want to thank each of you for your love, your words of encouragement, and the expanded ministerial opportunity to serve you, the surrounding communities in South Jersey, and beyond. To say that we're excited and humbled would be an understatement! We love our Pitman Road family and we're looking forward to learning, growing and celebrating life in Jesus Christ with each of you on a very personal level!

There is no better reason to declare with an *"I will"* statement, filled with exaltation and praise, than the victorious celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; He is worthy of ALL praise! It's always an eye-opening experience that leads to praise, exaltation, and joyfulness as we ponder life without Jesus Christ; life without the resurrection of Jesus Christ, in comparison to life *in* Christ. Oh how we have just cause for continuous rejoicing! Meditatively read these 10 facts and Biblical text about the resurrection, and let them motivate us to declare loudly and boldly, *"I will joyfully praise and live my life for Jesus Christ."* The resurrection means: Justification before God - Romans 4:25 and 6:28, Isaiah 59:2, Ephesians 2:3. Jesus defeated death - Romans 6:9 and 23, 1 Corinthians 15:55-57. Believers are united with Christ - 2 Corinthians 4:14, Romans 6:8. Confirms the truth of Scripture - Isaiah 53, Psalm 16. The gospel is true - 1 Corinthians 15:1-19. Proves that Jesus Christ is the Son of God - Romans 1:4. The Holy Spirit will be poured out into the hearts of those who believe - Acts 2:33. Christians have a living hope - 1 Peter 1:3-4. We will be raised like Him - 1 Corinthians 15:20-22; 42-44. Christ will judge the world in righteousness - Acts 17:30-31. Rejoice!

*-Derrick*

"I will exalt  
you, my God  
the King; I will  
praise your  
name for ever  
and ever."  
-Psalm 145:1



## Egg Hunt Fun!

Last Sunday was our annual Easter Egg Hunt and photos with the Easter Bunny! Over 60 children attended; we had many visitors. Thanks to all who made the event a success!

**Official Egg Hunt Report:**  
*"We hid eggs and they've all been found."*



15 lbs. of chicken nuggets and 16 lbs. of tater tots were consumed at lunch.



The Easter Bunny was "escorted" to the event by Donovan Spencer.



There were 1100 eggs hidden for this year's hunt!



Thanks to Sherri Herndon for the photos! (See our Facebook page for more!)



## NEXT Saturday

### 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 sign up at the Welcome Center or call Melody at 609-335-6572! Thank you!!**



## NEXT Sunday!

VBS Idea Session is planned for NEXT Sunday, April 8, following the worship service. Please join Robin Steward and share your ideas about this summer's VBS. We will need Bible teachers, game leaders, snack servers, song leaders, decorators, crew leaders, puppet performers, nursery attendants, and registration coordinators. Snacks will be provided during the meeting in room B1, across from the library. **Will you help our children meet Jesus this summer?**



The Ageless LIFE Group will be going to see the movie, **Paul, Apostle of Christ** next Sunday, April 8. We will eat together either before or after the movie, depending on the movie time. We invite others to join us. Since we will be seeing the movie

at the UA theaters in Williamstown (the ones with the recliners), Andy M. will be buying reserved seating tickets several days in advance. So, please call, email, or text Andy if you are interested and committed to joining us so he can purchase a ticket for you.

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with Annette Perine & Mallory Keeks

SUNDAY 4•8 | 5:30PM

CORNERSTONE LIFE GROUP

Please mark your calendar now and join us next week for a very special REFUGE. **Annette Perine and Mallory Keeks** will share a personal message about **EL ROI: the God Who Sees Me**. When life is darkest, God sees you and will provide all you need. As always, there will be refreshments, fellowship, live praise music, and singing.

**ALL ARE WELCOME • 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	155
Worship	249
LIFE Groups	100
Wednesday	44

## This Week's Prayer Requests

**Praise:** This will be **Ray Holmes'** last week of radiation treatment! Ray has done remarkably well and has been able to continue working through the treatment period. To God be the glory!

### Prayers:

**Val Steffy**, Tyler Steffy's mother, recovering from hip replacement surgery.

**Brian Raymond**, friend of Ashley and Chris Corey, major surgery to reverse ileostomy and reconnect his reconstructed bowel. This has been 4 month long process since removal of his sigmoid colon; please pray for an uncomplicated recovery.

**Van Edwards** recovering from back surgery. Cards can be sent to: Evangeline Edwards, c/o of Todd Edwards, 30 Pine St., Bridgeton, NJ 08302

**Larry Point** is undergoing treatment for a serious eye problem.

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

**Gwen Phillip**, undergoing chemo therapy

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

**Jacob Theis**, cancer treatment.

**Dwight Thompson** chemotherapy.

**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 April: Mike Broyles**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Jayne Schofield
Kids For Christ	Yvonne Pearl
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Frank & Sandy Sheehan
Greeters: Back Entrance	Andy & Donna Mychajlowycz
Information Center	Brenda Peoples
Ushers	Dave & Annette Perine
Shepherd's Call	Horatio Fenton
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Tim Davis

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

## Find Us on Social Media:

 @pitmanroadcoc  www.facebook.com/pitmanroadchurchofchrist  @pitmanroadchurch

## Credit Where Credit is Due

Did you enjoy the dynamic theatrical performance by our youth last week and today? We have some very talented young people! Diana Hutchinson would like to give credit to Scott Krippayne for his rendition of "**Were You There?**" from his album entitled "**Hymns**," which was used during the performance.

## Books for Sale!

**Bibles: ESV (English Standard Version)** We have just recently come across a great deal on the English Standard Version of the Bible. World Bible School distributes this Bible and it has a small concordance, a chronological reading guide, as well as over 100 pages of resources at the back of the Bible. And you can get it all for only \$5.00. We have over 20 copies available. They make great gifts!

## Volunteer Opportunities!

**FAMILY PROMISE:** There are still a number of volunteers needed for our upcoming host week, beginning on April 15. Please see John Ashton in the lobby, or call him at 609-214-8522 to sign up!

**CAMP MANATAWNY:** Camp is always looking for volunteers... not just during the weeks of Summer Sessions, but ALL year! On April 14, volunteers are needed for the annual Spring Work Day; all ability levels, from raking leaves and cleaning to skilled carpentry and maintenance. Camp is also in need of staff for the upcoming Jr./Sr. High Retreat, and also to staff the kitchen/dining hall for both area church events as well as rental groups. For more information, see the bulletin board next to the library, visit the Camp Manatawny table in our lobby, or contact Valerie Gemmell at 610-689-0173 or [valerie.gemmell@manatawny.org](mailto:valerie.gemmell@manatawny.org).