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MAY 20, 2018

ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST, an international audience heard, each in their native languages, Jesus' disciples proclaim a message miraculously enabled by the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday, May 20, during our worship service we will celebrate the day of Pentecost, as recorded in Acts 2, through the reading of scripture and singing in many languages.

This will also be a day that our Local and World Missions ministries will be in the spotlight. Photos and information about our past, present, and future mission efforts will be on display in the lobby.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers, especially those who celebrate and live out language and cultural diversity!

We are seeking volunteers to read 2 or 3 verses of Acts 2 in languages other than English. Also being sought are singers interested in learning songs in other languages. (You would need to learn these songs in advance of May 20.) If you are interested in participating, please speak with Jay Schneider or Bethany Schneider, 856-264-9485.

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

My Reflections on the Movie, *Paul, Apostle of Jesus Christ*

Last Sunday afternoon our LIFE Group attended a matinee showing of this movie. I love that those who produce movies are seeing the value in producing biblically based movies. (Much better than the alternative!). After the movie, we had a yummy lunch at Texas Roadhouse; I enjoyed my favorite meal on their menu...it's called "Roadkill!"

The movie was not exactly what I expected. It is, for lack of a better way of describing it, it is a true story, based on scripture, with a little imagination about the way things could have happened. It takes a few details about the Apostle Paul and his life after his trial while awaiting his death, and fills in the blanks with educated guess work. I didn't see much that I thought COULD NOT have happened that way, so it did not leave me angry about biblical inaccuracies. The story line is reasonably feasible, but the addition of the captain of the prison, his sick daughter, and his wife is totally speculative (no hint of such exists in scripture). In the movie, Luke writes Acts during this same period of time from Paul's memories; I think it is more likely Luke wrote a short time after the last events recorded in Acts took place.

The struggles of the church in Rome during those days is also conjecture, but certainly could have happened exactly as it is portrayed. What I thought was very powerful was the faith of the martyrs who went to the arena to their deaths for the entertainment of the Romans, and the unwavering determination of Paul to finish the work God had given him to do. Many words of scripture from Paul's writings were worked into the dialogue. The movie contains significant violence, so I would not recommend taking children under 12 years old.

I'm glad I went, I left inspired, and I would encourage you to see it.

To get the entire story as it is recorded in scripture, read the last half of the book of Acts (chapters 12-28).

-Dan the Preacherman



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Derrick Busch
Minister

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We're All A Mess

Inseparable! Connection with God and His Body

This past Sunday, we worshiped our God and fellowshiped with one another, or did we? We set a goal to drawing attention to God's faithfulness, glory, love, provision and to acknowledge our great need for Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior! We fixed our hearts and minds on our need to connect and abide in Christ as our first connection point as we dig deeper into our theme of connecting with Jesus, family, and others. Here are the four practical ways mentioned in regards to abiding in Christ: **Feeding ourselves on the Word of God - Colossians 3:16, Acknowledging Him in ALL our ways - Proverbs 3:6, Always rejoice, unceasingly pray, and in everything give thanks - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Bear fruit for God - John 15:8.** Did we accomplish our goal?

As we truly abide in Christ, there is an inseparable need that arises, that is the need for intimate connection with His body: the church family! Paul Tripp, in his November 17, 2016 article entitled, "**Why We Desperately Need the Body of Christ,**" makes this statement: "Your walk with God is a community project. The isolated, separated, loner, Jesus-and-me religion that often marks modern church culture is not the religion that is described in the New Testament." So, as we abide in Christ, the New Testament progression and blessing must result in deeper fellowship with one another; if we're truly abiding in Christ. What is meant by deeper fellowship? According to Paul Tripp in the above mentioned article, he states the following regarding fellowship, "Many of us live in endless networks of terminally casual relationships, in which conversations seldom go deeper than weather, food, politics, the coolest movie that's out, or the latest cute thing your child did." WOW! He further states, "Most of what we call fellowship never really rises to the level of the humble self-disclosure and mutual ministry that make fellowship actually redemptively worthwhile."

So, while "connecting" in Jesus Christ, we must go beyond terminally casual relationships, in which conversations seldom go deeper than weather, food, politics, the coolest movie that's out, or the latest cute thing your child did. Are we ready to go deeper? Stay tuned for Part 2.

-Love you deeply, Derrick

Senior Saints DINNER

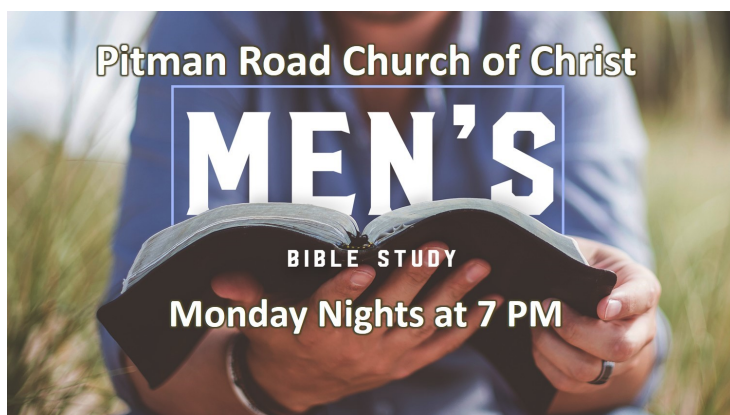
Saturday, April 28

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

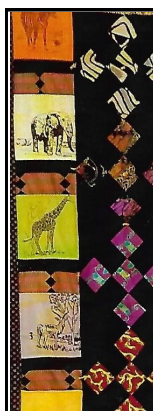
Everyone 55+ is welcome to attend!

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!!

If you are planning to attend the Senior Saints Dinner, please be sure to stop by the Welcome Center and sign up, even if you had signed up for the previous date.



FREE EAGLES JERSEY... will not be given away at the Monday Night Men's Bible study. However, we will begin the study of Book of James this Monday evening at 7:00 pm, here at the church building. This is the first of four lessons to be presented by Harry, and will include an 8 minute video presentation, followed by the reading of the entire epistle, and ending with a fun quiz. Coffee, fresh fruit, and cookies will be served. We plan to finish by 8:15. **All men are invited and encouraged to come and participate.**



Let the Quilts Speak!

by Phyllis Walker

An Artistic Expression of Black Culture Through Quilting

A new exhibition at the
OLD TOWN HALL MUSEUM
62 South Main Street Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

March 17 - May 20*

Open Weekends from 1:00-4:00

*Closed on Mother's Day

Volunteer and Outreach Opportunities

VBS VOLUNTEERS raise your hands!

This year, Pitman Road VBS will be June 24-27.

Please see Robin Steward in the lobby today to volunteer to make our VBS an awesome experience for kids! We will need Bible teachers, game leaders, snack servers, song leaders, decorators, crew leaders, puppet performers, nursery attendants, and registration coordinators. Will you help our children meet Jesus this summer?



We are seeking a volunteer to assist with communion preparation and clean up. If you would like to volunteer, or want more information about what this entails, please contact Becky Vander Vennen or Kathy McClelland.

The Angels Community Outreach is hosting a



THE ANGELS COMMUNITY OUTREACH
PROVIDING A HAND UP TO THOSE IN NEED

Prom Outreach for girls AND guys in need. Many "Prom Drives" are for the girls, so let's include the guys too! When prom arrives, not every teen has the money to buy a gown or rent a tux. We will be assisting local high school girls & guys who want to attend their proms, but can't because of financial difficulties. We are asking for YOUR help! We want to make this a night to remember for a teen, who despite financial hardships, would love to attend prom just like their classmates.

We encourage you to donate your prom or special occasion dress. We are also collecting tuxedos or black suits. (Dresses and suits should be clean and of a current style.) Our Prom Outreach collection will run now through April 28, 2018.

Don't have a dress or suit to donate? Angels Outreach is also collecting \$25 Visa gift cards that teens can use to purchase flowers, get hair and nails done, etc.

Prom donations may be dropped off during any of our regular drop off hours (Tue., Wed., and Sat. 9:00 - noon) or you may call 856-625-8652 to set up a drop off time that works for you. The Angels Community Outreach is located at 334 South Broadway Pitman, N.J. 08071. Please do not bring donations to the Pitman Road church building.

For more information, call the above phone number or go to www.angelsogod.org

goodnews

Lewis Forman received a special recognition from the **Minority Engineering Program at the University of Dayton**. Lewis received this honor due in part to his consistent activity in MEP since his freshman year, his role as a Peer Mentor, his participation in undergraduate research through the Minority Leaders Program, and his position as a Flight Simulator Technician in the School of Engineering at U of D. Lewis will be graduating this spring with a degree in Mechanical Engineering with a concentration in Aerospace Engineering.

Mason Steward, a freshman in the culinary program at Gloucester County Technical Institute of Technology, was chosen by his school to participate in the state level **Family Career and Community Leaders of American (FCCLA)** competition.

Congratulations to both of these fine young men!

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	102
Worship	191
LIFE Groups	134
Wednesday	50

This Week's Prayer Requests

Prayers:

Mandy Mansdoerfer is having laparoscopic hysterectomy surgery on tomorrow. She expects to be hospitalized overnight and will go home on Tuesday.

Kareem Rutledge, Jr. is making progress as he recovers from a traumatic brain injury. Recovery is expected to take months, and changes and improvements may not be seen daily. Over the last week he had craniotomy surgery, follow up surgery to clear clots and fluid, and surgical procedures for a tracheotomy and feeding tube. All of these surgeries/procedures are to be expected with the kind of injury Kareem sustained, and all have made him more comfortable and facilitate progress and recovery. Please continue to pray for Kareem Jr., his parents, his sisters, and the rest of the family as they go through this long recovery process. Texts of encouragement to Kareem and Ty are very appropriate. Contact them before visiting. The church will continue to forward updates on Kareem's progress as we receive them.

Glenn Oncay, Kelly Spencer's brother, is now home recovering from triple bypass surgery.

Brian Raymond, friend of Ashley and Chris Corey, recovering from surgery to reverse ileostomy and reconnect bowel.

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Elder on Call for April: Mike Broyles

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Tina Broyles
Kids For Christ	Carla Clements
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Larry & Lea Ann Kellum
Greeters: Back Entrance	Corny & Phyllis Walker
Information Center	Shachara Adams
Ushers	Terry Rhymes & Diana Hutchinson
Shepherd's Call	Garth Hutchinson
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Steve DePrince

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	Church Bldg. rm B2 at noon	609-226-4031
Hammonton	Broyle's at 6 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	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	

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Thank You for Your Love and Support

We want to offer a loving thank you to our Christian family for all the calls, prayers, support, and encouragement you offered our family this past week since Dad passed away. As many of you know, Dad split his time attending church with us and my brother and his wife. What a blessing and outpouring of love he received these last few years from both church families! Your visits to him, cards, and phone calls meant so much. We thank you for the kind words, prayers, and songs at the viewing, funeral, and burial. And also for the preparations, food, and servant-heartedness at the luncheon, along with the beautiful plant. Sharing the celebration of his life with you comforted our hearts.

Love in Jesus, **Stephanie and Tony DeStefano, Bobby and Pam Musso, and Steve's grandchildren**

**You are invited to a Ladies' Day
hosted by the Garretson Road Church of Christ**

And I Still Rise

FINDING HOPE IN A FALLEN WORLD

Saturday, May 5, 2018

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

570 Garretson Road • Bridgewater, NJ

Continental breakfast and luncheon to be served.

Please register no later than **April 21** at www.fb.me/grcofc

Dan is conducting an abbreviated form of his Friendship Evangelism Seminar in Wilmington, Delaware at the Northeast Church of Christ next Saturday and Sunday. If you've ever wanted to hear this series, or if you would simply like to be of encouragement to a small church in Delaware, this would be a great time to go. It runs from 9 to 3 on Saturday and 9 to 3 on Sunday.

The address of the Northeast church is 2611 Northeast Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802. Frank Watson is the minister there. If you'd like to ride with Dan, please call the church office or send him a text message.