



PITMAN ROAD

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School is June 24-27!

For Children ages
0 thru 6th grade!



Sunday - Wednesday
June 24-27
6:30 - 9:00 pm

Each evening during VBS, through the parables of Jesus, children will learn about the important qualities of a Christian life, such as gratitude, compassion, forgiveness, grace, and faithfulness.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE OUR VBS A SUCCESS!

Bible Teachers • Game Leaders • Snack Servers • Song Leaders • Decorators • Crew Leaders
Puppet Performers • Nursery Attendants • Registration Coordinators

If you want to make our VBS an awesome experience for kids, see **Robin Steward** in our lobby today!

★OR★ contact Robin at robinsteward2002@yahoo.com.

For Adults and Teens

Sunday, June 24
at 9:00 am, 10:00 am,
& 6:30 pm

Monday - Wednesday,
June 25-27
at 6:30 pm

Featuring
Guest Speaker:
Matt Fortunato

**MORE INFORMATION
TO COME!**



Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

The Garden of Gethsemane



This garden is not your typical American garden. There are no tomatoes, carrots, eggplant, or squash in this garden. Rather, it is an olive garden, just outside of Jerusalem, in the Kidron Valley. What strikes you most about the Garden of Gethsemane, even today, is its peacefulness (after all the tour buses have left for the day). It is one of the few places in Israel where you can personally experience something almost identical to the way Jesus would have experienced it.

In anticipation of our 13 day trip to Israel and Greece, I've been reading a lot about biblical sites we will visit. And this week, I've been reading about Gethsemane.

It is in this garden that Jesus prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me." Each of us who has ever anticipated a time of great pain or suffering has prayed something similar to what Jesus prayed that night. Then later, the prayer that we wish we could pray, but find it so difficult to utter, "Yet not as I will, but as You will." Then, Jesus goes to connect with, and find support from His closest friends...and He finds them sleeping.

"I don't know about you, but for me, submission is not easy. I really don't like having to obey. I'm a wild stallion that doesn't want to be tamed. I'm a two year old whose favorite words are 'Mine' and 'No,'" says F. LaGard Smith.

When extremely hard times come, it is okay to pray, "may this cup be taken from me." That is human. May we then follow that prayer with another prayer to our loving Father, "but not as I will, but as you will."

-Dan the Wild Stallion Preacher, Still in Training



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

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Brian Mansdoerfer
Deacon:
Jr. Worship
Building Maintenance

How long after you commit to making improvements in your spiritual life does it take before you face a challenge ...?

A Servant Speaks

Perspective

It's been said that all good things will be attacked. The older I get the more I understand this; it applies to both our physical and spiritual lives. If you are a gardener, how long after you plant are weeds and bugs ready to steal the good you've started? How long after you commit to making improvements in your spiritual life does it take before you face a challenge that has potential to not only knock you off course, but take you backwards? Satan is the weeds and bugs in our spiritual garden.

John 16 :33 states, **"I have told you these things so that in me you have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world!"** We often forget we **will** have difficulties! We also forget where these attacks originate. Ephesians 6:12 reminds us our battle isn't against flesh and blood. I often blame God and not Satan for my trials. I have a tendency to ask, "Why? Why me? Why this?" Several years ago, during a particularly difficult time, I confided in a friend and spiritual mentor about my struggles. He told me something that has stuck with me. My friend told me I was asking the wrong questions! He said, "God isn't bringing you these troubles, but he will use them. Start asking God, 'What? What do you want me to see? What do I need to learn? What will this problem be turned into to give glory to God?'" All I needed was a little change in perspective. Instead of griping and whining, I need to let God grow me through the trials! **"Consider it pure joy my brothers and sisters whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."** -James 1: 2-4. The trials won't stop, but our focus on God and a little change in perspective will help us desire and be grateful for the positive growth He will surely give us as we battle our spiritual weeds and bugs!

-Growing in faith - Brian Mansdoerfer

Persecution of Christians Still Exists

"How can we help our brothers and sisters in persecuted churches?"

"Voice of the Martyrs" is hosting a FREE conference! Many Christians around the world today are persecuted because of their faith in Christ, yet through their lives and words they continue to advance the gospel. Come and be encouraged by persecuted believers' testimonies of courage and faith, and hear how God is working in restricted and hostile nations. Learn how we can be a part of advancing His Kingdom!

Speakers include:

Gracia Burnham of New Tribes Mission, Philippines; **Faisal John** of Pakistani Christians; **Dr. Hormoz Shariat** of Iran Alive Ministries, **Cole Richards**, President, Voice of the Martyrs

Sovereign Grace Church, 111 W Greentree Rd, Marlton, NJ 08053

Saturday, April 28

9:00 am - 4:00 pm (Doors open at 8am for registration, prayer)

This event is free. (An offering will be received.)

Bring a friend! Walk-ins welcome!

Register at: vomadvance.com or 800-747-0085

**You are invited to a Ladies' Day
hosted by 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

Jackie Fenton will be attending the Ladies' Day at Garretson Road. If you would like to ride with Jackie, she can comfortably accommodate 5 passengers, or up to 6 "cozily." Meet at Jackie's home at 7:00 am. If you are interested, contact Jackie by email: jacquelinefenton25@gmail.com or text: 609-351-2488.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY IN TRENTON

SATURDAY, May 12 • 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**SIGN UP AT THE
WELCOME CENTER
TO VOLUNTEER TO
SERVE THE MEAL.**

**\$240 IS STILL NEEDED
TO COVER THE COST OF
THE MEAL. If you are
willing to contribute,
note "Trenton Meal" on
your check, drop it in
the collection plate, or
give it to Dottie.**



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.

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.**

**Join the Pitman Road Church of Christ
for a tour of the**



museum of the Bible

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Cost: \$70 for adults • \$60 for children (4-12 yrs.)

- Cost includes bus transportation, museum admission, and dinner at Golden Corral.
- Arrive at the church building no later than 7:45 am on September 15; the bus departs promptly at 8:00 am.
- All payments are due by Sunday, August 5. Checks should be made out to Pitman Road Church of Christ.
- To reserve your tickets, please sign up now at the Pitman Road church Welcome Center OR contact Brian Holden at 856-881-6792 or bchandle94@hotmail.com for tickets and information.

The Museum of the Bible, located in Washington, D.C., exists to invite all people to engage in the Bible. Explore six floor of museum space that host both permanent and traveling exhibitions which highlight the stories, history, and impact of the Bible through the ages. "The Museum of the Bible aims to be among the most technologically advanced and engaging museums in the world. Showcasing rare artifacts spanning 3,500 years of history, the museum offers visitors an immersive and personalized experience with the Bible, and it's ongoing impact on the world around us."



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	115
Worship	224
LIFE Groups	100
Wednesday	41

Giving for March 2018

March GOAL	\$39,472.00
Total March Contribution	\$39,198.00
Fiscal YTD GOAL	\$384,852.00
Fiscal YTD Contribution thru March	\$380,696.00

This Week's Prayer Requests

Prayers:

Mandy Mansdoerfer, surgery went well and she is recovering at home.

Kareem Rutledge, Jr. has been moved to a step down unit and plans are being made for a move to a rehabilitation facility. Kareem continues to make appropriate improvement in what is expected to be a lengthy period of recovery and rehabilitation. Please continue to pray for Kareem, his parents, and sisters. They appreciate your prayers and acknowledge God's goodness and provision during this time.

Nancy Smith has been moved to Woodbury Mews, 122 Green Ave., Woodbury, NJ 08096; room 8 in the Memory Care Unit. Nancy would welcome visitors. Call Woodbury Mews at 845-384-6600 for information.

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Elder on Call for April: Mike Broyles

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Hope DeStefano
Kids For Christ	Robin Steward
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Derrick and Brenda Busch
Greeters: Back Entrance	George & Cookie Rowe
Information Center	Jackie Fenton
Ushers	Horatio Fenton & Adam Cerquoni
Shepherd's Call	John Peoples
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Clay Olley

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	Ashton's at 6 pm	609-233-4330
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	Britton's at 6 pm	609-682-4502
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	A. Destefano's at 1 pm	856-899-9466

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  www.facebook.com/pitmanroadchurchofchrist
  @pitmanroadchurch

Camp Manatawny Sponsorships



Here at Pitman Road, making sure all of our children are able to go to Camp Manatawny is a priority. So far, we have had three requests for sponsorships for this coming summer, and we do expect to receive more requests. **If you would like to contribute to sending a child to camp, this would be the appropriate time to let Dottie**

know. This summer's base camp fee is \$325, but there may be discounts that apply depending on each particular child's eligibility. You may contribute all or part of the fee; any amount is welcome! Write your check to the Pitman Road Church of Christ, note "camp sponsorship" on the memo line, and drop it in the collection plate or give it to Dottie.

Sympathy

We received word that a frequent visitor to our church, David Darrah, passed away last week. Funeral arrangements were private. If you would like to send a note of sympathy to his wife, this is her contact information: **JoAnn Darrah, 2797 Coles Mill Rd., Franklinville, NJ 08322.**

