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Next Sunday



Next Sunday is Mother's Day, and we will commemorate the day with a special time of blessing for seven families who have had new babies in the last year!

Timothy Patrick Clayton Bush - July 12, 2017
Sebastian Matthew Angel Bobe - September 9, 2017
Zoe Magnolia Murrow - September 23, 2017
Chase Anthony Corey - September 29, 2017
Parker Alan Spaeth - November 5, 2017
Delaney Wren Adams - December 5, 2017
Charlie Bennett Steffy - January 1, 2018

Dan will share a special message on Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Ten Things You Didn't Know About Mother's Day. We will honor and celebrate all of the women in our church who, whether mothers or not, have played a significant role in the life of a child.

We hope you will plan to be with us for this morning of special blessings!

In Two Weeks



The Day of Pentecost was 50 days after the crucifixion of Jesus, and it is the day we mark as the birthday of the church. Jesus rose from the dead and walked in Palestine; eating, drinking, and talking with people before He ascended back into heaven. Ten days later the Holy Spirit fell on apostles who were gathered together in Jerusalem. They began speaking in tongues (languages) so all who were assembled, regardless of where they were from, could hear the good news about Jesus.

Although May 20 is not the actual Day of Pentecost, we will celebrate it during our worship service, as Peter's sermon, recorded in Acts 2, is read in many languages: **English • French • Greek • Hebrew • American Sign Language • Chinese • Russian • Italian • Twi • Korean • Japanese • Armenian • Creole • German • Hungarian • Polish.**

In addition, this will be "Mission Emphasis Sunday." There will be displays in our lobby highlighting mission opportunities that we have been, are, or plan to be involved with. You will learn ways that you can **connect** and **make a difference** by spreading the good news around the world. Light refreshments will be served in the lobby following the worship service. **We hope you'll join us as we focus on the world, cultures, and people outside our walls!**

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

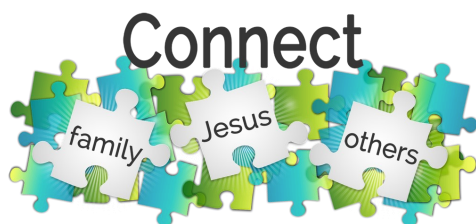
I forgot part of my sermon last Sunday! • **Connecting With Others**

While several individuals favorably commented about my 20 minute sermon last Sunday (*thank you*), I realized afterwards that it was short because I forgot one of my main applications!

- **When we connect with others, we eventually earn the right to share what is really important to us.**

Have you been to the post office lately? It is frequently crowded...very crowded. Every week, a sweet little old lady waited in line at the post office to buy two stamps. One day, as she got to the counter, the postal worker told her, "You know, you don't have to wait in line to buy stamps. You can get them from the machine over there in books of twenty." The little old lady responded, "Yes, but the machine doesn't ask about my arthritis."

People long to be connected. The demon possessed man in our story from Mark 5 needed a place to belong. He desperately needed a place to connect! You may have those kind of friends. They need cleansing. They need a fresh start! They need a place to belong. And you have friends that need to belong to Jesus and His church! We have some really exciting days coming up!



- **Next Sunday, May 13: Mother's Day with a special time of Family Blessings.**
- **May 20, Pentecost Sunday: Hear Acts 2 in 16 languages and learn about our mission efforts.**
- **June 24-27 VBS for children, adults, teens... the whole family!**

"Showing and Telling" friends what the Lord has done for you still moves people, **Dan**



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

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Derrick Busch
Minister

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We're All A Mess

Never Alone

Have you processed your thoughts and feelings? What theological and/or faith questions are you pondering? To acknowledge and embrace the heaviness of heart that we're all feeling, **KNOWING** that our sister Bonnie Wilson is with our Lord whom we **ADORE** and **LONG FOR** is to be expected. **"We are Family!"**

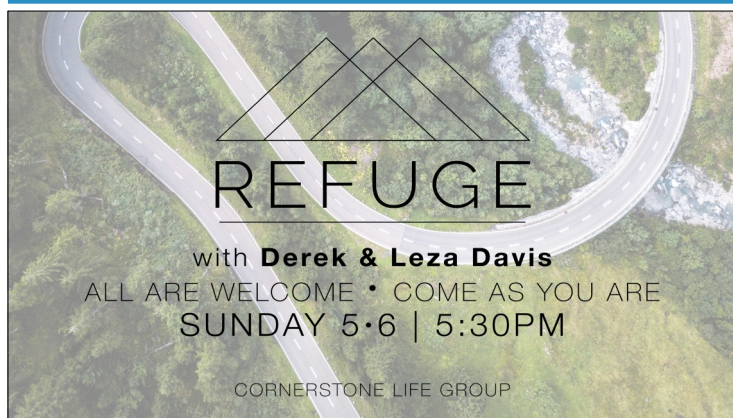
Resting in Jesus Christ as our foundation is the first step towards healthy grieving and true healing. What might we experience as the grieving process begins? Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, a Swiss-American psychiatrist is often referenced for those experiencing the journey of the grieving process. Her five stages of grief help to categorize this difficult, but hopeful process. Here's a very brief summary. The first stage is **Denial**. It's described as being in a state of shock and or going numb! Denial actually helps us pace our feelings of grief and helps us survive the loss. The second stage is **Anger**. According to Ross, anger is a necessary stage of the healing process. It's a pathway of truly embracing the loss so that you can heal. This anger might extend to friends, the doctors, your family, yourself and your loved one who died; but also to God. The third stage is **Bargaining**. In this stage, one might find themselves making, "If then," promises with God. "If you allow my loved one to live, I'll serve you for the rest of my life." The fourth stage is **Depression**. After bargaining, our attention moves to the present. Here, empty feelings present themselves, and grief enters a deeper level. It's important to note that this depression is not mental illness, but a very appropriate response to a great loss. The fifth and final stage is **Acceptance**. This stage is about accepting the reality that our loved one is physically gone and recognizing that this new reality is the permanent reality.

If you need to process your thoughts and feeling, please do not hesitate! I'm here for you. **"We are Family!"**

1 Corinthians 12:26 • 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

-Derrick

Tonight!



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Honor Roll!

Dominick Hernandez has made the Dean's List at Atlantic Cape Community College for Fall 2017. He accomplished this with

a full class schedule while also working full time. Dominick your church family is SO proud of you!

Graduations!

Cory Peoples will be graduating from Rowan College at Gloucester County College with an Associates Degree in Communications on May 10. He will be completing his bachelors degree at Rowan. Congratulations Cory!

Zack Olley graduated yesterday from Lipscomb University with a Bachelors Degree in Business Management. He has already accepted a full time position at Northwestern Mutual in Nashville as an investment specialist, and will be settling in Nashville. Zack also spent four years as the student manager of the Lipscomb University Men's Basketball Team, going with them to their first ever participation in the NCAA National Tournament. He earned a much coveted "Lippy Award" from the athletic department for his service in going above and beyond the call of duty. Congratulations Zack on all of your accomplishments! You will be missed, but we wish you Godspeed on the next chapter of your life!



Thank You

Dear Pitman Church,

I'm writing this letter of thanks for the plaque of remembrance for my son Cori, who passed away last May at the young age of 23.

Losing a child is the most painful thing I have been through. My faith, however, remains steadfast. I have done what I need to do to get back to a place that is close to normal, instead of the nightmare I felt I was, and sometimes still am, in.

I want to express gratitude to Dan as a spiritual guide and a man of God who I have personally counted on when it's really mattered.

May you be blessed, **Cornelius (Neil) Walker III**

Coming Up

Bring Your Own Craft Day

Saturday, May 26

Noon to 5:00 PM

in the Family Life Center

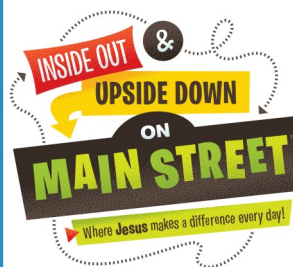
Snacks are provided!

Hope to see you there!



Save the Date!

Mark Your Calendars for Vacation Bible School!



For Children ages
0 thru 6th grade!
Sunday - Wednesday
June 24-27
6:30 - 9:00 pm

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



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	113
Worship	191
LIFE Groups	63
Wednesday	35

This Week's Prayer Requests

Kareem Rutledge, Jr. continues to make wonderful progress as he recovers from a traumatic brain injury. Please continue to pray!!! He will soon be transferred to Magee Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia.

Dwight Thompson still hospitalized being treated for fever and infection. Test results are pending.

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

Lynn Sbaraglia, feeling better from upper respiratory illness.

Lisa Maden, neighbor and family friend of Dottie Grillo, in grave condition from injuries sustain in car accident.

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Serving Us Today

Nursery	Robin Steward
Kids For Christ	Tina Broyles
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Mary & Lee Collier
Greeters: Back Entrance	Derrick & Brenda Busch
Information Center	Mary Lea Thompson
Ushers	Andy & Donna Mychajlowycz
Shepherd's Call	Dan Cooper
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	TBA

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Lunch and Quilt Exhibit	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	REFUGE at 5:30 pm	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	Britton's at 6 pm	609-682-4502
Teens	Church Bldg. at noon	610-476-9057
Vineland	TBD	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

Bearing One Another's Burdens



We express our sympathy to **Ray, Courtney, and Billy Wilson** on the sudden passing of their wife and mother, and our sister in Christ, **Bonnie Wilson**. Bonnie's passing reminds us that we are not guaranteed tomorrow. But Bonnie's life reminds us of the importance of a life well and fully lived.

Bonnie and Ray have been active members of the Pitman Road church for over 45 years. Bonnie is well loved here. She was known for her vitality, her style, and her smile. Bonnie had a no-nonsense personality,

yet she had a huge heart full of compassion. She was a self taught carpenter, and she did many odd jobs around the building when we first moved here that helped get us settled in. Bonnie and Ray's active life and social circle outside of the church gave them the opportunity to introduce others to the Pitman Road church. Roseann Savastano, and Charlie and Doryann Seitz are here due in part to their friendship with Bonnie and Ray.

This is a time of grief and loss for the Wilson family, as well as our entire church family. So many of us were close to Bonnie, and some were especially close. This is a time we will bear one another's burden by offering comfort to one another in our grief.

A Celebration of Life was held yesterday in honor of Bonnie. If you would like to honor her memory in a tangible way, donations can be made to the Pitman Road Church of Christ Capital Fund. Honor/Memorial Gift forms are available at the Welcome Center. Write your check to Pitman Road Church of Christ and note Bonnie Wilson/Capital Fund on the memo line.

Cards can be sent to Ray at the address in the directory.

Cards may also be sent to:

Courtney Wilson	Bill Wilson
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Cranbury, NJ 08512	Magnolia, DE 19962

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