



# PITMAN ROAD

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### **NEXT Sunday May 27 • 1:00 PM Annual Memorial Day Church Picnic**

*New Location!*

*at the home of  
Larry and Lisa Peterson!  
725 North Chew Road  
Hammonton, NJ 08037*

#### **Here are the details:**

- **Beverages, buns, chips, and paper products will be provided.**
- **Each family should bring hamburgers OR hot dogs (enough for your family and to share) AND a side dish.**
- **Desserts will be provided by the elders' and deacons' wives.**
- **The pool will be open, so if you would like, bring your bathing suits, towels, and a chair!**
- **There is a field suitable for softball, so bring your softball equipment if you would like to play!**
- **Lawn games will be set up!**
- **In the case of rain, the picnic will be held in the Family Life Center at the church building.**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!**

#### **Our Mission**

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

# From Daniel's Den

## What a Phenomenal Sunday!



Our Mother's Day **Family Blessing** was super encouraging to me, and I strongly suspect you will say the same! It was so exciting to see eight young families and their little gifts from God up front. I love how our shepherds prayed over each family. I have three words for last Sunday, and those three words were frequently spoken by my mother, especially the last five years of her life... "God did that!" (Alma Cooper)

It reminded me of the song we all sang when we were children: "Jesus loves me, this I know; for the Bible tells me so! Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me; Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so!"

I love this interaction between Jesus and his disciples, **"Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."** –Matthew 18:1-2

What is coming up next for these families and the children?

- Today: Pentecost Sunday: Acts 2 in fourteen languages and learn about our mission efforts.
- June 3: New Classes for all children and their parents as the Summer Quarter begins!
- June 24-27: VBS coming for children and families... *Building a God-Centered Home!*
- July 4: Fireworks at the church building with hot dogs and cold drinks!
- Camp Manatawny: Seven weeks at Camp, starting in June, and ending in August!

Jesus Loves the Little Children...and the Big Adults, **Dan**



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

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**Derrick Busch**  
Minister

Spiritually blind people are blind to their blindness.....

## We're All A Mess

### Inseparable! Connection with God and His Body

Well, as I conclude this third and final reflection on Paul Tripp's article entitled, "Why We Desperately Need the Body of Christ," we must turn our attention to an area that is not so easily seen in each of us. This area in our lives, if present, is extremely elusive and difficult to detect; that is on our own. If you, like myself, have ever become what we call defensive when confronted about an area in your life, if you have ever become your own defense attorney seeking to justify your position or attitude with an unceasing emotional drive that's laced with pride and arrogance, your desperate need for the body of Christ has been uncovered! This elusive area that Paul Tripp concludes the article with keeps you and I from seeing who we really are. What is this area that's not so easily seen? What is this area of our lives that's extremely elusive and difficult to detect on our own? It's spiritual blindness. Paul Tripp states, "Because sin blinds me to me, as long as there is still sin inside me there will be pockets of blindness in my view of me." He further insightfully states, "It's actually more serious than what I have just described, because whereas every physically blind person knows that he is blind, spiritually blind people are blind to their blindness; they actually think that they see, when in fact they don't." Wow!

Why do I need you, the body of Christ? Why has God in His awesome and divine wisdom placed me in the body of Christ? I proclaim with Tripp; I am a blind man in need of your daily ministry as the body of Christ! How about you? Here are a few reflective questions offered by Paul Tripp: Have you embraced your daily need for the help of the body of Christ? Who knows you? Whom have you invited to intrude into your private space to function for you as an instrument of seeing? Do you have a name in mind right now? Finally, when someone who knows you points out a sin, a weakness, or a failure, are you thankful? Let's be blessed and bless one another as the body of Christ!

**-Derrick**



**The Children's Ministry is in need of nursery attendants during worship for May and June. Please sign up on the nursery door.**

**The VBS Team is looking for a game leader, nursery attendants, a skit actor, and crew leaders to escort**

**kids through VBS. See Robin Steward to join the fun leading kids to Jesus!**

### Giving for April

April GOAL	\$49,340.00
Total April Contribution	\$47,538.00
Fiscal YTD GOAL	\$434,192.00
Fiscal YTD Contribution thru April	\$428,234.00



## Helping Those in Need

### choices OF THE HEART

In the Bible, we often see Jesus coming along side people in need. He told his disciples: "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me." The Pitman Road Youth Group, along with the teen parents, believe that God has given us a unique opportunity to come along side some people in need in our community: single moms and young families with crisis pregnancies. "Choices of the Heart" in Turnersville provides a vast number of free services to these women and families. We can help them by raising funds in a very creative way!

We would like to invite the congregation to participate in a "Baby Bottle Campaign" fundraiser. Each church family and single adult will be asked to take a baby bottle home and fill it with spare change (dollars and checks will fit also!).

Our kick-off Sunday is May 27, and we will have until Father's Day, June 17, to fill those bottles! At the end of our campaign, all bottles will be delivered to "Choices of the Heart," and the tally will be reported to the church.

What a unique opportunity to come alongside those in need! Please pray for the unborn, and for women experiencing crisis pregnancies right in our neighborhood. More information to follow in the coming weeks...

Choices of the Heart Pregnancy Center  
108 Greentree Road, Suites LM, Turnersville, NJ 08012  
(856) 374-2445 • <https://choicesoftheheart.com/>

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A  
BRIDAL SHOWER HONORING

*Toria Davis*

WHO'S FOUND HER PRINCE CHARMING

*Saturday, June 9th, 2018*

AT 1 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

PITMAN ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST  
500 PITMAN ROAD | SEWELL, NJ 08080

RSVP TO MELODY AT (609) 335-6572 BY JUNE 1ST

THE COUPLE IS REGISTERED AT  
BED, BATH & BEYOND, CRATE & BARREL, AND MACY'S

### 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!



Jenn Pearl recognized as the **2018 AtlantiCare iCARE Caritas Nurse of the Year**, for being the most caring nurse on staff. We know how wonderful she is, now the entire staff of AtlantiCare knows too! We are so proud of you Jenn!

goodnews

**Steve DePrince** was inducted into the **Southern High School Alumni Hall of Fame** for athletics. Steve excelled in football, baseball, and swimming, and maintained an A/B average throughout high school! Congratulation Steve!

**Luke Olley** received two honors from the Cedar Creek JROTC: the Superior Performance Ribbon, and the American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award (which is awarded to the cadet in the top 10% of his/her academic class, demonstrating outstanding qualities in military leadership, and participates in constructive student activities). Luke was also selected to represent his school at the American Legion Boy's State. Way to go Luke!

**Toria Davis** was accepted to Wesley College Graduate School in Dover, DE. She will be working towards a degree in **Occupational Therapy**, beginning classes in August. Congratulations Toria!

**It's graduation season, and we have some more college graduates!**

**Lewis Forman** graduated from University of Dayton on May 6, earning a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering with an emphasis in Aerospace Engineering. From a previous post in "good News" you've seen that Lewis is quite an accomplished student at U of D. He will continue there, going on to the Master's in Engineering program.

**Lucas Hutchinson and Claire Hutchinson** both graduated from Pepperdine University on April 27. Lucas received a B.A. in International Relations with an emphasis in Management. His immediate plans are to tour with Pepperdine's singing group "Won by One" for 9 weeks this summer. He has yet to determine what his plans after that are. Claire graduated cum laude with a B.A. in International Relations and a B.A. in Hispanic Studies (double major). Her desire is to serve the Lord as a missionary. She has decided to join an existing mission team in Ishinomaki, Japan as an intern for two years, beginning this September. This summer, she will serve as a camp counselor at Camp Harmony Christian camp in France.

**Do you have good news to share? Please send it to Annette at [annette.perine@gmail.com](mailto:annette.perine@gmail.com).**

### Women Encouraging Women presents Journeys with Jesus

Please come join us in June for our annual event. You will be encouraged by the prayers, songs, and speakers. Afterward we fellowship while enjoying light refreshments. This year we will be painting together on the second and third Monday; creating your own masterpiece to remind you of this year's event.

Mondays, June 4, 11, 18, and 25, at 7:00 pm  
Folsom Church of Christ  
1530 4th Avenue, Folsom, PA 19033

For more information,  
contact Michelle at [mkomisor@gmail.com](mailto:mkomisor@gmail.com)

## 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	236
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	35

## This Week's Prayer Requests

### Prayer Requests:

**Van Edwards** has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She is waiting on additional test results before a treatment plan can be finalized. Van has had considerable loss and illness in recent times. Your prayers are very much appreciated.

**Dorice Mitchell**, Katherine Cooper's father, hospitalized for observation.

**Kareem Rutledge, Jr.** Has been moved to Magee Rehabilitation Hospital. Magee is one of the top ranking rehabilitation facilities in the nation. Praise God that Kareem was admitted! Please pray for his continued positive progress and full recovery.

**John Grillo** has an infection in his amputated leg. He is on antibiotics and doctors are hoping that it will clear up in a few weeks.

**Stephanie DeStefano**, recurrence of diverticulitis.

**John Cerquoni**, Adam's brother, hospitalized with pneumonia. He has existing heart, lung, and kidney problems, which complicate his recovery. He has turned a corner and is improving!

**Jim Davis**, Tim's dad, is hospitalized with hip pain and mobility issues, and possible heart problems.

**Dwight Thompson**, new diagnoses is Lymphoma Hodgkin's, which is good news because it is treatable. Dwight has a new treatment plan! Please don't stop the prayers.

**Lee and Mary Collier** request prayers for their traveling safety, May 19-24.

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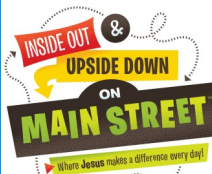
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**Elder on Call for May and June: Brian Holden**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	TBA
Kids For Christ	Yvonne Pearl
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Andy & Donna Mychajlowycz
Greeters: Back Entrance	Frank & Sandy Sheehan
Information Center	Mary Collier
Ushers	Adam Cerquoni & Patricia Monteleone
Shepherd's Call	Dave Perine
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	TBA

## Mark Your Calendars for Vacation Bible School



### For Children ages

**0 thru 6th grade!**

Sun. - Wed. June 24-27

6:30 - 9:00 pm

### For Adults and Teens

**Building a God-Centered Home**

Sunday, June 24

at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, & 6:30 pm

Mon. - Wed. June 25-27 at 6:30 pm



Featuring

Guest Speaker:

**Matt Fortunato**

## Thank You!

To Our Pitman Road Church Family,  
Words cannot express the gratitude in our hearts for the act of kindness and love that have been poured out on our family in our time of need. Thank you for your love, support, visits, texts, and most of all, your prayers!!!

May God bless you always.

**-Kareem, Dee, and the Rutledge Family**

Dear Pitman Road Church Family,

Thank you so much for your continued support of Camp Manatanny, and for your special focus over the past several weeks to promote camp. Not only are we grateful for the many financial donations given for our general fund, debt reduction, and sponsoring campers, but also for all of you who give your time and talents to work at our summer sessions. God is truly blessing our ministry through you! We are looking to see many of you this summer at camp!

Your brother in Christ, **Dave Garrett**

## Selection Committee

An incomplete list of Selection Committee members was inadvertently published last week. We apologize for any oversights. Here is a complete list of the committee members:

Karlyle Adams	Lea Ann Kellum
Kathy Ashton	Andy Mychajlowycz - Chairperson
Tim Davis	Andrea Olley
Steve DePrince	Annette Perine
Anthony DeStefano	Karelle Pierre-Jacques
Mike Grove	Tyler Steffy
Sherri Herndon	Manny Vander Vennen

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