



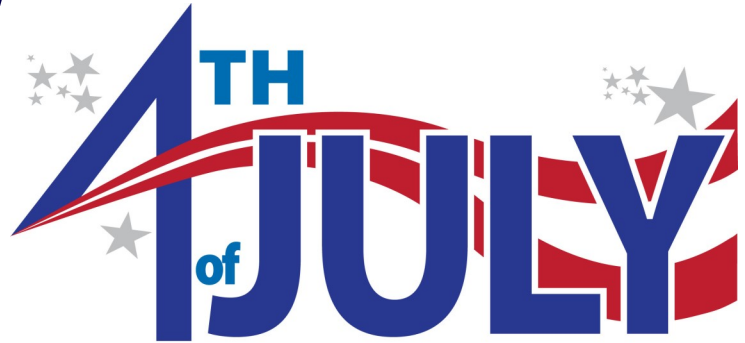
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Celebrate



with Pitman Road Church of Christ!

THIS Wednesday, July 4th, we will take the opportunity to focus on community outreach for Independence Day! We hope you can join in some or all of the events. It's a great opportunity to connect with our local community!



ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR we will be entering a float in the Pitman July 4th Parade. Volunteers are needed to walk with the float and hand out flyers along the parade route. **If you are willing to participate in the parade, contact Troy Spencer by text or call at 609-820-6071. Plan to meet at the church building by 8:00 am on Wednesday, July 4.**

VIEWING THE PARADE: The Coopers are continuing their annual tradition of opening their front lawn for prime viewing of the Pitman Parade. There will be limited shade under the tents, and cold drinks will be available. Bring chairs or blankets to sit on, and sunscreen in case you are sitting in the sun. **It is recommended that you arrive by 10:00 am and please park on Colonial Ave.** The parade typically arrives at the Coopers' about 11:00 and is over about noon.

VIEWING THE FIREWORKS: Later in the day, as always, we welcome the community to use our parking lot and grassy areas to view the Alcyon Lake fireworks. Our Pitman Road Youth Group will once again be in action, distributing free hot dogs and bottled water to our guests. The restrooms will be open to our guests as well.

Again this year! REFUGE will be performing a free Community Concert in our parking lot at 8:00 pm! Come out and enjoy Christian praise music!



If you are here to attend the concert, fireworks display, or both, we ask that you leave prime seating and parking, as well as hot dogs and water, for our guests first.

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Highlights of VBS Week!

What was the best part?



• **Robin Steward** and her **team of teens and adults** put together a wonderful VBS for our kids! Just amazing! **Larry Kellum** and those who worked on decorations outdid themselves! **Mike Broyles** did a dynamic and amazing job as our MC for the opening and closing activities. **Corey Peoples, Emma Vander Venen, and Maggie Mansdoerfer** excelled as actors! **Harriet Wensel** and her **team** provided wonderful meals for VBS workers and snack for the children. **Bert Kellum** and her **grandchildren** did a super job as puppeteers.

• Special thanks to **Dottie Grillo and Annette Perine** for their work in preparing and printing all of our advertising materials and handouts.

• **Matt Fortunato** challenged all in the auditorium with messages centered on God's Word! His family demonstrated "simple" yet "sustainable" family devotionals (two strategic words). We were simultaneously challenged and entertained. I wish someone had demonstrated these devotional ideas to me 40 years ago. This program was about so

much more than building a "God-Centered Home." It was more about how to build a "God-Centered Life."

• Our discussion panel applied the word to real life situations. A special word of thanks to all panelist who put their lives and their story on the line. God spoke through them. Their wisdom was profound. Their transparency was refreshing. (See **page 3** for more on panel discussions.)

-Grateful for this team of Dedicated Disciples, **Dan**



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"



Derrick Busch
Minister

Self-discipline: the ability to regulate one's conduct by principle and sound judgment, rather than by impulse, desire, or social custom.

We're All A Mess

Self-Discipline as a Christian

I recently found this article written by John MacArthur entitled, "*Learning Self-Discipline*." If you would like to have the full version, it can easily be googled, or I would love to give you a copy. Be encouraged!

Self-discipline is important in any endeavor of life. It's best defined as the ability to regulate one's conduct by principle and sound judgment, rather than by impulse, desire, or social custom. Biblically, self-discipline may be summarized in one word: obedience. Here are some practical tips:

Start with small things: Clean your room at home or your desk at work. Train yourself to put things where they belong when they are out of place. Learning self-discipline in the little things of life prepares the way for big successes. In the words of Solomon, it is the little foxes that ruin the vineyards (Song of Solomon 2:15). **Get yourself organized:** Make a schedule, have a to-do list of things you need to accomplish. **Don't constantly seek to be entertained:** When you have free time, do things that are productive instead of merely entertaining. **Be on time:** If you're supposed to be somewhere at a specific time, be there on time (Ephesians 5:15-16). **Keep your word:** When you make commitments, see them through. That calls for the discipline to properly evaluate whether you have the time and capability to do something. **Do the most difficult tasks first:** Most spend their time doing the easier, low priority tasks. But when they run out of time (and energy), the difficult, high-priority tasks are left undone. **Finish what you start:** If you start something, finish it! **Accept correction:** Correction helps you develop self-discipline by showing you what you need to avoid (Proverbs 19:20 and Proverbs 15:31-32). **Practice self-denial:** Learn to say no to your feelings and impulses. Occasionally deny yourself pleasures that are perfectly legitimate for you to enjoy. Refraining from those things will remind your body who is in charge. **Welcome responsibility:** Volunteer to do things that need to be done. That will force you to have your life organized enough to have the time for such projects. Live every aspect of your life to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).

-Derrick

Update on Je'ani "Jee Jee" Lyles

Je'Ani "Jee Jee" Lyles, and her mother, **Carla Ortiz**, came to our church in early 2017. They were introduced to Derek and Leza Davis through a providential meeting with a police officer at a Wawa in Winslow Twp, who was also a former martial arts student of Derek's. Carla was looking for a way to connect to their new community, and this gentleman suggested she contact Derek at the West Atco Youth in Action Center. Je'Ani enrolled in Derek's program, and from there, the Davis' invited the family to attend activities, and eventually worship, at Pitman Road. Carla was baptized here one year ago, on June 11, 2017. If you haven't gotten to know them, they are quiet and kind.

On June 18, Carla and Jee Jee, 14 yrs. old, were traveling on I-95 in Maryland when they were stopped in construction traffic and hit from behind by a truck traveling at full speed. It was a multi-vehicle accident. Jee's spine was severed, and Carla received non life threatening injuries. (Sadly, another 14 yr. old, Megan, in another car, lost her life.) On June 21, with friends and family around her, Carla shared with Jee that doctors at Johns Hopkins Medical Center believe she is permanently paralyzed from the waist down. She received that news in an amazingly positive way.

Jee is in the process of being moved into a rehab attached to Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. Carla has shared that Jee is "pushing through like a warrior" and is working hard to do everything that is being asked of her to build her strength for rehab.

Derek Davis shared the following, "Jee asked that we forgive the truck driver for what he did because it is the right thing to do!" Wow, praise God for the spirit of this amazing young woman!

Please continue to pray for Jee's recovery. While medically, this paralysis is considered permanent, we know that God is able. Cards can be sent to: **Je'Ani Lyles, Bloomberg 10 South, 1800 Orlean Street, Baltimore, MD 21287**



Many thanks to the **Vander Vennen family!** Totally unsolicited, **Becky, Jake, Emma, and Abby** just showed up to pull weeds from the landscape beds at the church building. Such a huge encouragement to see a family serving together!

Wisdom from VBS Panel Discussions

There were many excellent, convicting, soul-stirring parts of our VBS. But, one of the most impactful parts was the nightly panel discussions, moderated by Matt Fortunado. Our panel participants were: **George & Yvette Kenner, Harold & Yvonne Pearl, Brian & Suzanne Kleinewebber, Troy & Kelly Spencer, Mike Lazar, Brian Holden, Tony and Stephanie DeStefano, Ray Holmes, Karelle Pierre-Jacques, and Tim Davis.**

Here are some of the questions posed with abbreviated answers.

How do I get my grown child to come back to church?

- Don't make your kids an idol. Of course we want them back, but don't idolize them.
- Remember: God loves your children more than you do.
- Prayer, prayer, and more prayer. Pray without ceasing
- Model the right behavior. Be an example. Let them see your life as a sermon.
- Love unconditionally. Do not be judgmental.
- Remember we hold their hands for a while, but we hold their hearts forever.

What is the biggest obstacle in raising God-Centered Children?

- Social media. Read the book, *Twelve Ways Your Phone is Changing You!* by Tony Reinke.
- Technology.
- We lose connection with our kids. Stay connected.
- We (parents) lack honesty.

How can I be an encourager in the home when, in fact...I need to be encouraged?

- Go on a retreat, even a short one.
- Find a mentor, seek help/guidance (Gal. 6:10).
- Take a hike and give thanks. Pray.
- Be transparent.
- Satan likes to isolate us. Temptation is common to all
- Don't ever quit! "I am with you always," said Jesus.
- Worship music encourages me.
- Don't rely on other people for our joy. Scriptures can give great comfort.
- It is not a sin to be discouraged.

How can we stay optimistic about living for God and giving our homes to God in a world filled with negativity?

- There are 70 verses in scripture related to optimism.
- Turn off TV, phones and computer.
- Remember that Jesus said, "There will be trouble."
- Don't look to pop culture.
- Remember that there have always been negatives, we just hear more about the negatives today.
- Negativity is an opportunity for us to grow.
- Seek out "like-minded" people.
- Remember which kingdom we belong to.
- Whatever is true, honorable, commendable, pure, just, lovely, think on these (Phil. 4:8).

What are some ways to build relationships with our kids when they are small, so that we can connect with them as adults?

- Spend time with them when they are small (lots of time).
- Make certain they realize they are a priority.
- Keep them involved in positive things.
- Welcome their friends into your home.
- Intentionally involve your kids in adult activities (like letting them work with you).

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 120

Worship NC

LIFE Groups NA

Wednesday 122

This Week's Prayer Requests

The list of ongoing prayer requests for July is now available. Long term requests will be moved to this list. Immediate, urgent, and regularly updated requests will appear in the bulletin.

Je'Ani Lyles, see page 3 for full update.

Linda Prenger is scheduled for surgery on July 3 for to remove cancer from the sinuses. She has chosen to receive treatment at Jefferson in Philadelphia. Praising God that the cancer has not spread to other parts of her body!

Van Edwards, all cancer was removed in lumpectomy. Praising God that she is now cancer free!

Mary Mishoe, Jayne DePrince's in Lincoln Specialty Care, Room 203, on Lincoln Ave. in Vineland. Visits and/or phone calls are welcome. Her cell# is 757-653-1709.

Jayne Schofield, prayers for several serious health issues.

Fran Point, cataract surgery tomorrow.

Dwight Thompson, continues physical therapy, chemo scheduled July 9.

Mike Lazar recovering from shoulder surgery.

John Cerquoni, Adam's brother, moved to Lourdes Acute Specialty Hospital, Willingboro. You can send cards of encouragement to John c/o Madison Wilson, 162 Thornwood Dr., Marlton, NJ 08053.

Sandy Sheehan, recovering from endovascular aortic aneurysm repair surgery. Will retest liver enzymes in several weeks.

Kareem Rutledge, Jr. continues his stay at Magee Rehabilitation Hospital. Continue to pray for his complete recovery.

Lea Ann Kellum, ruptured tendon in her foot.

Stephanie DeStefano, diverticulitis, requesting prayers for complete recovery.

Stephanie Robins friend of Barbara Robinson, skin cancer.

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Elder on Call for July and August: Garth Hutchinson

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Cindy Holden
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	George & Cookie Rowe
Greeters: Back Entrance	Justin & Rebecca Guy
Information Center	Rebecca Guy
Ushers	Larry Peterson and Cory W.
Shepherd's Call	Dave Perine
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	TBA

FEEDING THE HUNGRY IN TRENTON

SATURDAY, July 14• 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

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



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You're Invited
to a Graduation Open House for

Elay Olley

July 8, 2:00-6:00 pm

at 34 Irish Lane, Galloway, NJ

RSVP 609-457-6464

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: STARTING JULY 11

In this 8-session series, Louie Giglio will take us through the book of Colossians to help us form a complete picture of Jesus. What we believe about Him influences everything from our corporate worship, our relationships, to our attitude toward sin. Now alive in Christ, we can live a life worthy of God instead of falling back into the ways of the world.



Family Promise®

**It's time to sign up to volunteer for our
next Family Promise Host Week,
Sunday, July 15– Sunday, July 22**

Volunteers are needed!

Sign up now in our lobby!