



## Highlights from Jr. High 1 Week at Camp Manatawny



**Rebekah and Elizabeth Lazar** kept Manatawny running smoothly all week, in spite of incessant rain. Way to go, Rebekah and Elizabeth!



**John Ashton, Suzie Downing, Barbara Britton, and Troy Brier** serving breakfast to about 150 hungry campers and staff, joined by **Melody Schools**, camp nurse. If you have been to camp, you know that fantastic food is a given. Troy is the head cook for Jr. High 1 week.



These two brothers were surprised to learn that they are both members at the Pitman Rd. Church Of Christ. **Troy** gets the pots and pans very dirty and **Angel Bobe** works to clean them up.



**Rebekah, Dave and Annette Perine, Jade Adams, Cordelia Holmes, and Kylee Betts.** Look at those happy faces! That's what Camp Manatawny does to you! It makes you happy. (And tired!)



At Camp Manatawny, even if you are a vegetarian, when duty calls, you serve hot dogs. That is servant **Susie Downing**.

### Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## The Camp Manatawny Experience!

Your front page this week is a snap shot of my Camp Manatawny experiences last week. In so many ways, Camp is a touch of heaven. Unconditional love is the norm at Camp. Relationships are born there. Romances are sparked there (Ask *Aaron* and *Jen Pearl* about that). Life long memories are formed there. Friendships that span continents both blossom and then are strengthened there. Men and women unselfishly serve there. Young people experience God's creation, deepen their faith and are born again there (Ask *Addie Adams* about that).

For many of the forty four years we've ministered in New Jersey, this church sent our kids to camp, but did not take a leadership role, either as session directors or as board members. But that all changed about 15 years ago. *John Reimels* was asked to direct Jr. High 1 week of Camp. He did it, and he did an exceptional job. When John could no longer go on, *Aaron Pearl* assumed the Director responsibility's role for Jr. High Week 1. Shortly thereafter, Manny Vander Vennon assumed the Director role of Elementary Week 1. Now that Aaron has stepped away from Jr. High 1 Week, *Rebekah* and *Elizabeth* have assumed the Director's role, (You need to see those two in action!) capably filling the role that both *John* and *Aaron* previously held.

And, we've also added our congregation's excellence to the Camp Board, as *Aaron P.*, *Rachel C.*, *Rebekah L.*, and *Annette P.* have served terms of varying lengths on the board for terms since 2000. And now *Andy Mychajlowycz* is serving on the board, and Andy has lent his significant finance and management expertise to the Camp Board.

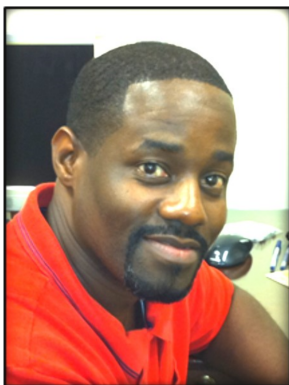
We literally have a mission field just across the state line. And, we are taking a pivotal role in "meeting people where they are," and leading them into life changing transformation at camp. We are connecting students to Christ in a very tangible way. Thanking God for faithful servants!

Join Me Connecting Students to Creation and to Christ at Camp Manatawny, Dan



Dan Cooper  
aka  
"Dan, Dan,  
the Preacherman"

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Derrick Busch  
Minister

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## We're All A Mess

### Make Every Sunday & Wednesday an "O I I"

If you're like me, I need reminders! How about you? I don't have to remind you that life is busy and our memories fail us from time to time; okay, a lot! When was the last time you forgot an appointment? Or, when was the last time you wrote yourself a reminder on that little piece of paper, only to forget where you put that little piece of paper? Well, since the evolution of the smart phone, I've become smarter, well, not really! The smart phone is an amazing piece of technology with seemingly endless capabilities! There are so many capabilities of the smart phone that I just don't utilize. Why? It's overwhelming! It's like capability overload right in the palm of our hands. Now, I agree, there are icon and seemingly endless apps available on our phones that could actually help us organize and remember important things in the midst of the busyness of life. I'm developing the habit of utilizing the calendar and alarms within my phone to prompt me and remind me, "Hey Derrick, don't forget to..." Now, with all that being said, I still forget things from time to time even with my smart phone, but I'm getting better! How am I overcoming that overwhelming feeling as it relates to my smart phone? Two steps: Learn an app, Use the app, Immediately! Otherwise, I will forget.

Are there any spiritual nuggets hidden in this example of capability overload when referring to the smart phone? I believe so, especially when it comes to hearing the Word of God preached daily. It's difficult to remember it all! Would you agree? In my opinion, the easiest way to remember scripture and biblical principles, is to apply the, "O I I" methodology! The acronym "O I I" stands for, "Obey It Immediately!" *The longer that we delay in obeying what we hear, the easier it is to forget what we've heard.* Have you ever said to yourself, "I'll do that later?" What generally happens? You got it, we forget! I believe that same outcome applies to each of us spiritually. If we do not obey the truth immediately, we will forget it! Here's a spiritual exercise to try taken from the July 17<sup>th</sup> sermon, "Inside Out Christian & Inside Out Church" **Matthew 14:13-21**. How can we apply these principles immediately?

1. Be willing to be *interrupted*. **Matthew 14:13,14**
2. Have *compassion*, by meeting people where they are. **Matthew 14:13,14**
3. Our *compassion* must move to *action*. **Matthew 14:14**
4. Give *ALL that you are*, and *ALL that you have* to Jesus! **Matthew 14:15-21**

Derrick



# Today

## Informational Meeting on Women's Roles...

Over the last three months our Christian sisters have filled several public roles that are new for our fellowship. Your elders and ministerial staff want you to be aware that we have scheduled an informational meeting to share our vision for this changing role. If you would like to know more about this new direction, you are invited to attend at 11:45 am today, in the Family Life Center. It should conclude no later than 12:45 pm. Several of your elders and ministers will present our plan for the way forward. This will not be an open forum, but your leadership will present those things that you can expect to see, and expect not to see, as we share a path forward.

— Your Shepherds

Then at about 12:50, the elders, ministers and ministry leaders will take a quick break for a pizza lunch and move into the...

### MED and Ministry Leaders Meeting

Our summer meeting of all the elders, deacons, minister and ministry leaders is set for TODAY, after our morning worship assembly. We plan for this meeting to begin in the Family Life Center at 12:50, or shortly thereafter. After a quick lunch, we expect to fill the entire hour from 1:00 till 2:00 and we will adjourn for the day at 2:00, or shortly thereafter.



### **PROGRESS:**

Very quietly, when none of us are looking, progress is happening on the ponds out back of our building. Pray that this work resolves the issues with the ponds, and that very soon we have our certificate of occupancy.



Pictured here are some of the cement components that need to be strategically placed to help finish the work on our site plan. Before you know it, they will be in the ground functioning as they are supposed to.

**Please pray for all of this to be finished and approved.**

## "Connecting to Community" 2017-2018 Blanket Drive Thanks



To My Wonderful Church Family and Friends,

I would like to extend my heartfelt blessings and thanks to all who contributed to our blanket drive this past winter. Because of your loving kindness and compassion for others, we were able

to give 75 bags to the Trenton Feed the Hungry program this past December. Additionally, we were able to give 50 bags each to Bridgeton and Vineland homeless programs and 30 bags to the Millville homeless program.

May the love you extended to over 200 strangers return to you in abundant blessings.

Last, but not least, I want to give a special thank you to **Mandy Mansdoerfer and her daughters, Maggie and Libby**, for their help in packing the 75 bags that went to Trenton in December.

In the love of Jesus, **Barbara Robinson**

## Choices of the Heart

We just received a beautiful thank you note from Katie Brucker, Coordinator for Choices of the heart. She extends her thanks for our generous donation of \$2,533.02. We gave out 150 bottles, 98 were collected full, 12 were returned empty, and there are still 40 bottles out. **If you still have a baby bottle, please return it to the church office by August 5!**

Thank you again for your generous support of this wonderful program. Check out the letter on the Bulletin Board in B Hallway. Thanks to Tim and Melody and the teens for coordinating this effort. This is yet one more of our efforts to connect with our community.

To God be the Glory,  
Dan

## 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	78
Worship	163
LIFE Groups	n/a
Wednesday	30

## This Week's Prayer Requests

**Je'Ani Lyles** continues to make great progress! Cards can be sent to: Bloomberg 10 South, 1800 Orlean St., Baltimore, MD 21287

**Kareem Rutledge, Jr.** is still in Christiana Hospital waiting for insurance to allow him to go back to Magee.

**Van Edwards** radiation treatments

**Linda Prenger** is recovering at Rachel Stetser's home. She will have to undergo both radiation and chemo treatment. Please pray for her complete healing and emotional wellbeing. **Visitors are not appropriate at this time. You can send cards to Linda at Rachel's address in the directory.**

**Larry Kellum** has been approved and cleared for an experimental drug treatment for MDS, and received a grant to cover the cost. He will begin treatment soon.

**Brian Mansdoerfer**, surgery recovery, torn pectoral muscle.

**Roseann Savastano**, meningitis is improving, thank God!

**Diane Perales** cataract surgery recovery.

**Dwight Thompson**, treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma. He tolerated the last chemo treatment much better.

**John Schofield**, was in the hospital, but now has been moved to Genesis in Millville. No visitors at this time.

**Mike Lazar** recovering from shoulder surgery.

**Sandy Sheehan**, waiting for results from her last testing.

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**Elder on Call for July and August: Garth Hutchinson**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	
Kids For Christ	<b>Summer Break</b>
Jr. Worship	<b>Summer Break</b>
Greeters: Front Entrance	Horatio & Jackie Fenton
Greeters: Back Entrance	Frank & Sandy Sheehan
Information Center	Shachara Adams
Ushers	Justin Guy & Steve DePrince
Shepherd's Call	Garth Hutchinson
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	TBA



A big thank you goes to **Harriet Wensel** and **Sue Ward** for keeping the pantry well stocked by doing the shopping. Right now the pantry is full, but our funds are

low. Thank you to those of you who support the Pantry on a regular basis. Many families come through our doors and are very appreciative of the food we are able to give them. If you are able to help finance the pantry, you can give cash to Dottie or write a check to the church and write Pantry on the memo section and put it in the collection plate. We assist both members and non-members through our church pantry.

## Find Us on Social Media:

@pitmanroadcoc www.facebook.com/pitmanroadchurchofchrist @pitmanroadchurch

## Thank You Messages

Thank you to our wonderful church family for the love shown at the passing of Charlie's daughter. The beautiful large white flower arrangement, the many cards, and phone calls all show your love and are greatly appreciated. We thank you all for your loving concern.

**Charlie and Doryann Seitz**

With Special thanks to all of you - "To know you is to know people who are kind, considerate, and thoughtful. To know you is to be grateful for the special things you do. For everything you've done...for being the special people that you are...thank you so very much."

With appreciation and love,  
**The Annell & Tosha Williams Family**

## Opportunity to Make a Difference!

As a congregation, we have been supporting the mission work of **THEA (The Haiti Education Alliance)** in different ways since it formed after the 2010 earthquake that devastated the island. **Carl Steiner** and other members of Pitman Road have travelled numerous times to Haiti to support the work. **Cynthia Mudd**, founder and president of THEA, visited us a few months ago to share an update on their mission efforts. Since that time, many expressed interest in helping with the educational program THEA provides in Haiti. They need books! The link below provides a convenient opportunity to help purchase the books they need. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for anything you can do. In Christ, **Mandy Mansdoerfer**

To donate, go to: <https://fundraiser.processdonation.org/Fundraiser/donate.aspx?fid=1150D4F2HD>