



Honoring the Youngs



Craig and Katie Young will be here for their annual visit and mission report next Sunday! Craig will share the mission report during Bible class, and will also preach the sermon during worship.

Every year when Craig and Katie Young are in town, we honor them with a picnic and a time of fellowship. Once again this year we will be celebrating them and their enduring kingdom work in France. In past years we've celebrated this annual picnic at the Toys' home on the lake, at the Ashtons' house, at the Coopers', and at the church building.

This year, the Hutchinsons are hosting the picnic for the Youngs, next Sunday, August 19, after the worship service. This year the picnic is specifically intended for the "veterans" of past trips, and those considering making our next trip, June 21-30, 2019. We will share not only memories, but also look forward to laying out plans for 2019. All veterans will be asked to share answers to these questions: "What was my biggest surprise on a mission trip to France?" and "What do I feel most encouraged about from my trip(s) to France?"

If you are a "veteran" of past trips, or interested in participating next June, you are asked to sign up at the Welcome Center to attend the picnic. You are also asked to bring a side dish or dessert (the main meats are provided). Please note what you will bring on the sign up sheet, or contact Diana directly at: drh13013@gmail.com, or text: (856) 381-9095.

You Never Get a Second Chance to Make a Good First Impression



Before...

When people come to worship with us, they form some very strong impressions of who we are and what we are about before our worship assembly even begins. That is both a sobering and exciting fact! Our first time guests form impressions upon things that we are prone to miss. They form their impressions based upon...

- The messages they see on our sign out front of the building. Are the messages inviting, relevant, and spiritually thought provoking?
- The way our church grounds look. Is the grass neatly mowed and are the flower beds well kept? Does it look like we care?
- The parking lot. Was there a place for them to park near the main door? Did anyone greet them as they got out of their car and made their way toward the building?
- The way the lobby looks. When they walked in was the foyer neat and clean? Were things in place? Does it look inviting?

- The way they were greeted. Did someone meet and greet them at the door as they entered? Did they get a friendly look in the eye, a handshake, and a warm greeting? Did anyone hand them a guest packet and show them a Connection Card?
- The way our restrooms looked (and smelled). Were they neat and clean?
- The greeting they received when they walked into our auditorium. Did anyone say hello or invite them to sit? Did anyone ask them how they found our church?

All of these factors contribute to people's impression before our worship service begins. I think we generally do very well on these fronts, but we need stay super sensitive.

Special thanks to **Bud Britton** and **Derek Robinson and his crew** for their great work weeding and mulching the landscape beds this past week. And, thanks to **Brian Mansdoerfer** for his outstanding and consistent job mowing our property. **-Dan the First Impression Man**



...After!

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Connecting Through a L.I.F.E. Group!

Anticipation is half the fun! I've been anticipating a mini family reunion for months. And waiting for the time to get here is half the fun. It's here now, and we are away this week, connecting with family in Park City, Utah. Speaking of anticipation, LIFE Groups resume in a month, and anticipating that is half the fun.

If you don't sign up for one of our LIFE Groups this fall, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to both grow your faith, and connect with others in the body. You may even be missing out on a way to help our church welcome new members! Ask Charles and Dorothy Seitz about how they first connected with the love, warmth, and Bible studies through the Solid Gold LIFE Group. It is a great story...

Our Ageless LIFE Group met last Sunday for a summer reunion. We hadn't met in two months, and we'd all been missing each other. Due to vacations, camp, and travel plans, not all of our members were able to make it to the barbeque hosted by Andy and Donna Mychajlowycz. At the same time, we had a couple of new people, so there were over 20 present. What a wonderful time of singing, sharing love, life, food, and faith! We shared our summer stories, and we shared our prayer requests. It was like a family reunion, and it was great to be back together. Friendships were rekindled and new relationships were formed. Every person present had a great time! The Ageless LIFE Group includes people ages teens through 70's.

Every LIFE Group has a unique location, personality and feel, so find a LIFE Group that fits you and connect with your church family!

Join Me in Connecting with Church Family, Dan



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

LIFE Groups...a wonderful opportunity to connect with others in the body.



Brian Holden
Shepherd

Even during busy times in our lives, we need to slow down and focus on what God has done for us.

I am one of those people who loves the warm weather. I enjoy spring and summer even though it's the time of year that I am so busy that I rarely have a free weekend. We are approaching mid August and the summer seems to be flying by. I woke up today and realized that the cruise to Alaska that Cindy and I went on seems like it was two weeks ago, but it was actually two months ago. This summer, I am enjoying the warm sunshine but more importantly, I am enjoying the blessings that God is sending my way.

I have been spending time focusing on some of the great things that have been happening in our church. Recently our church has fed the hungry and homeless in Trenton, we hosted Family Promise, we participated in the "Baby Bottle" campaign to raise money for Choices of the Heart Network, there were mission trips, baptisms, graduations, weddings, and a bus trip to Sight and Sound that had 151 people in attendance. I could go on and on.

Even during busy times in our lives, we need to slow down and focus on what God has done for us. We need to be thankful for the blessings and we need to continue to pray for His guidance as we seek to do His will.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

-Brian Holden

Shepherd's Voice

Focus on the Blessings

Making a Difference By Offering Encouragement

Did you know that the "Barnabas Ministry" meets every Wednesday night at 7:00pm during Bible class time?

The Barnabas Ministry welcomes members and visitors of all ages. The purpose of the ministry is to offer encouragement, and this is accomplished through writing cards of encouragement to visitors, the sick and hurting, those with birthdays and anniversaries, or other significant life events. The ministry meets in room B1. This is a great opportunity to make a difference, to celebrate joyous occasions, and to connect with those either needing encouragement. This ministry is good for people who cannot be present every Wednesday for a Bible class, because one meeting is not directly connected to the next.

Fran Point, Donna Lazar, and Barbara Carney have been pillars of this ministry! They help get things started every Wednesday night. You can simply sign your name to a card, or write a sentence, or even an entire paragraph.

I am promoting this ministry, because it is an excellent follow up on the two part sermon series I just completed on "Barnabas: Stories of God's People." Why not join the Barnabas Ministry this coming Wednesday? - **Dan**

Celebrating Generosity

Last Sunday, at the end of our worship service, **Dave Perine** presented our 2018-2019 budget. If you missed the presentation or did not have an opportunity to pick up a copy of the budget, there are copies available in Dottie's office. Feel free to pick up a copy today. (If you have any questions about the budget, please see Dave or any of the other shepherds.)

For the first time in recent memory, we actually began our fiscal year with giving above budget. (In case you've forgotten, our church fiscal year runs July 1- June 30.) Our actual average weekly giving for the month of July was \$10,266 compared to our budget this year which calls for an average weekly giving of \$9,830. That includes our weekly contributions, as well as our e-giving. And just so you know, our e-giving for the month of July was \$5,000. Typically, due to camp weeks, vacations, and summer expenses, July giving is one of the lowest of the year. What is not indicated in the contribution for July is the money (above and beyond the budget) that was donated specifically for mission trips, feeding the hungry in Trenton, and our food pantry.

-Thankful for our Generous Church Family, **Dan**

Bearing One Another's Burdens

Dear Church Family,

Our **Ageless Life Group** met for a mid summer picnic last Sunday, and after praying for Kareem, Jr. and Je'Ani, and their families, it occurred to us that we would like also to do something more tangible for them. We imagine that their daily out of pocket expenses for food and gas are well beyond what they normally bear. **We are inviting the church family to partner with our LIFE group to provide gift cards for both families to help them with some of those expenses.** Some example of gift cards are WaWa, McDonalds, Chick-Fil-A, other restaurants, gas stations, or even Walmart and Target. Also, you can send them money via Pay Pal. (See Dan Cooper for details.) Any amount will be a blessing to them. **Please give the gift cards to Andy Mychajlowycz or Sandy Sheehan by NEXT Sunday, August 19.** Thank you! - **Sandy**

Two Ways to Provide Food in Our Community



**THE ANGELS
COMMUNITY OUTREACH**
PROVIDING A HAND UP TO THOSE IN NEED

One of the local ministries we are supporting to help us connect with our community in a

more significant way is **The Angels Community Outreach. They are asking for our support with a "Brown Bag Challenge."** This effort is similar to our "Pack the Pulpit." There is a specific list of items needed on the brown bags which you can shop for and fill up the bag. These brown bags go to veterans and families living on low incomes.

The brown bags can be picked up at our building, **but they must be returned directly to "The Angels Community Outreach" at 334 South Broadway in Pitman.**

This in no way diminishes our on-going efforts through our Food Pantry. In fact, our funds to restock the pantry here are very low. If you would like to contribute to our pantry, you may write a check to Pitman Road Church of Christ and note "Food Pantry" on the memo line. Drop it in the collection plate or give it to Dottie. You can also give through EasyTithe.

Time to say

← *goodbye* →

to **BRANDON & MALLORY**

Please join them on Sunday, August 19,
for a time of informal fellowship and
light refreshments in the Family Life Center,
immediately following the worship service.

Thank You!

We would like to thank our Pitman Road family for all the love and support that you have shown to us in our time of need. Your prayers, cards, calls, generosity, and visits have been greatly appreciated. We thank God for allowing us to experience HIS great love through you.

Peace and blessings, **The Rutledge Family**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We would like to take this time to say thank you all for being so kind to our family during our mother's (Mary Mishoe) passing. You opened your church to us, and provided and excellent lunch for our family. Pastor Dan took the time to meet with us and also officiate the service. You all displayed Christ-like love during a most difficult time for us. Thank you all for showing much kindness to us. The folks at your church really allowed the love of Jesus to shine through to us and it was a blessing that truly touched our hearts. Until we meet again on this side or in God's presence. God bless and keep you, - **Lorrie and Bobby Davis** (Jayne De-Prince's sister)

Dear Church Family.

With warmest thanks, grateful hearts, and deep appreciation for your thoughtfulness during our loss of Aunt Rose. Your many expressions of sympathy mean so much to the whole family.

With gratitude and love, **Cornelius and Phyllis Walker**

To Pitman Church of Christ,

Thank you for doing the services at Terraces at Parke Place every Sunday. It means so much to our mother, Joyce, and did also to our father, Walt, and to all of the residents. It is a blessing that you give of your time and effort to them - with all the preparation, prayers, and gifts. It is something that is at the same time every week that they can count on. God's blessings be on you. **In Love, Elaine and Randy** (Joyce's family)

Bus Trip Tickets Available!

There are 14 tickets available for the **Museum of the Bible** bus trip to Washington, D.C. on September 15. The cost is \$70 for adults and \$60 for children. The cost includes bus transportation, museum entrance, and dinner at Golden Corral. Anyone who is interested should contact Brian Holden at (H) 856-881-6792, (C) 856-759-2542, or e-mail: bcholden94@hotmail.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	106
Worship	175
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	27

Giving for July 2018

July GOAL	\$49,150.00
Total July Contribution	\$51,481.00
Fiscal YTD GOAL	\$49,150.00
Fiscal YTD Contribution thru July	\$51,481.00

This Week's Prayer Requests

A BIG PRAISE! Doug and Jan Oliver thank you for your prayers on their behalf. Janice is able to keep her job and, in turn, their much needed health insurance!

Sandy Sheehan, awaiting liver biopsy results. Prayers for conclusive results are requested.

Jean Lansdowne, who visits with us regularly and used to bring her sister, **Florence Duncan**; asking for prayers for Florence who is now in hospice care. Send notes of encouragement to Jean at 202 South Woodbury Rd Pitman NJ 08071.

Marion Jacobs, Barbara Robinsons father, surgery to remove part of a toe.

Jennifer Ewing, David & Kat Lindsey's neighbor, melanoma. Prayers requested for complete recovery.

Ray Carpiack - accident.

John Schofield is recovering at home.

Je'Ani Lyles continues her recovery in Baltimore. Cards can be sent to: Bloomberg 10 South, 1800 Orlean St., Baltimore, MD 21287

Kareem Rutledge, Jr. continues rehabilitation from traumatic brain injury at Magee in Philadelphia.

Van Edwards radiation treatments for breast cancer.

Linda Prenger, radiation and chemo treatment. Please pray for her complete healing and emotional wellbeing. **Visitors are not appropriate at this time. Send cards to Linda at Rachel Stetser's address in the directory.**

Larry Kellum experimental drug treatment for MDS. He will begin treatment soon.

Brian Mansdoerfer, surgery recovery, torn pectoral muscle.

Roseann Savastano, meningitis is improving, thank God!

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

Mike Lazar recovering from shoulder surgery.

Stephanie DeStefano, diverticulitis.

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Elder on Call for August: Garth Hutchinson

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Linda Pugh
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	Andy & Donna Mychajlowycz
Greeters: Back Entrance	Mary & Lee Collier
Information Center	Brenda Peoples
Ushers	Steve DePrince & H.Pearl
Shepherd's Call	Horatio Fenton
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	TBA

Area Wide Women's Event

**Overbrook Park Church of Christ is hosting "I Am Light"
L.I.F.T. Celebration of Sisterhood
on September 8, 2018, 9 am to 2 pm.**

**Join L.I.F.T. Ministry for prayer, fellowship, tea time,
workshops, lunch, and a very special presentation by
"For Christian Girls."**

**See the event information on the bulletin board next to
the library or go to**

www.celebrationofsisterhoodconference.eventbrite.com

Connecting

The Quarterly Report from the Cape May Court House Church of Christ is posted on the bulletin board next to the library. Take the time to read it, then stop and say a short prayer.

After 14 years of service in Cape May Court House, **Charles and Denise Belva** have moved to Nevada. But, hardly skipping a beat, **Eric Williamson** is serving as their interim minister. The CMCH church has had two recent baptisms and is expanding their Bible study outreach efforts. Read all about these latest developments in the report.

Our church sends a monthly check to the church in Cape May Court House; we are connecting with our brothers and sisters there, and supporting their efforts to share the gospel in Cape May County. **-Dan**

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