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New Fall Quarter Classes Begin NEXT Sunday!

2018 Fall Quarter Bible Classes

September • October • November

Sunday Morning

Location	Intended For	Topic	Teachers
FLC	Adults	Ecclesiastes: Seeking Happiness in an Unhappy World - Pitman Road University	Mike Grove
B3 Chapel	Adults	Women in the Church	Shepherds and Ministers
B4	Adults	The Great Story: Finding God's Love in a World of Doubt - Pitman Road University	Garth Hutchinson
Parke Place	Senior Saints	Worship	Jay Schneider

Wednesday Evening

Location	Intended For	Topic	Teachers
B1	Adults	Barnabas Group	Fran Point, Donna Lazar
B3 Chapel	Adults	World Religions: So What's the Difference?	Dan Cooper
B4	Adults	The Practice of Godliness	Derrick Busch

Summer weather may continue for the next month, but it's time to reset into Fall! NEW Fall Quarter Bible Classes begin NEXT Sunday. If you had a laid back summer, this is a great time to get back into the habit of attending Bible classes on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Sunday mornings feature two Pitman Road University classes, a class by our leadership on women's roles in the church body, and service time at Parke Place. Wednesday evenings feature an opportunity to encourage with the Barnabas Group, a class on world religions, and a class on spiritual formation in the Christian life. And of course there are classes for children and teens too!

We hope to see you at 9:00 on Sunday morning, and 7:00 on Wednesday evening!

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Fake News is Real!

There's a scam going around currently; people are called by someone claiming to be an official with the IRS. That "official" claims that the victim owes a bogus tax bill. Often, the victim is conned into sending cash through wire transfers or prepaid debit cards to settle a fake debt. That is "Fake News." The IRS has told the public time and again that they will not use this kind of tactic.

How are you persuaded to believe something?

- Based on the source or the person telling you.
- Based on an impassioned plea or convincing story which creates an emotional response, convincing us that something is true.
- Based on "evidence," like facts, figures, and words. A lot of us like this kind of "proof."

Even the gospel of Jesus Christ has been twisted by fake news. Jehovah's Witnesses' *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*, Joseph Smith's *Book of Mormon*, and Sun Myung Moon's *Divine Principle* are all examples of fake news disguising itself as "good news." Hundreds of thousands of people have been taken in by these and hundreds of other fake gospels. There is only one true gospel (Romans 1:16-17).

The first fake news story ever!

You can read it in your Bible, Genesis 3:1-5. God explicitly told Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree in the midst of the garden. God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit... neither shall you touch it, lest you die." Satan, the serpent, enters with fake news... "You will not surely die!" "When you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Stated as a fact, but it is an out and out lie. Adam and Eve believed, based upon a convincing story that led to an emotional response. That fake news led to their death.

Be careful who you believe and what you believe. Check out your sources. The devil is a liar. Ask Adam and Eve about "Fake News." They "swallowed" the fake news (pun intended) and look where we are now!

**-Dan Cooper wrote this article, with ideas borrowed from Jim Denison.
You can believe me. I would not lie!**



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

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Jay Schneider
Deacon:
Serving Our Seniors

When you become sick or weak, are you failing at life?

A Servant Speaks

Success in Christ's Eyes

My observation of American life is that our current definition of success is to have capability and funds at my disposal to do what I want to do, whenever I want to do it. Is this a good measure of success?

When I visit nursing homes and hospitals, I see people that are being directed away from this American definition of success by their life circumstances and health. So, when you die, wouldn't that be the ultimate failure?

When we look at the lives of faithful men and women in the Bible, we observe that they live out a life that is not about self, but is about giving control of their life to the One who gave His life up, so that they truly may live.

Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial: for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those that love him. - James 1:12

So let's do better than being successful — LET'S BE FAITHFUL!

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. -Ephesians 2:10

-Jay W. Schneider

A Glimpse Into An Elders' Meeting

Sitting in our elders' meeting last Wednesday night in the midst of a heavy discussion, one of our elders shared a convicting line. Here's what he said...

"We're never more like Jesus than when we're treated the way Jesus was, and when we respond the way he responded."

-Mike Broyles

How do you respond when you are treated the way Jesus was treated? **-Dan**



Connect with Jesus, Family & Others

our spiritual **family** (those who support us and help us grow in our faith) and with **others** (those who are seeking after God).

For the first 300 years of Early Christianity, believers met in small groups daily, in homes and public spaces (not in church buildings), to worship, pray, eat together, and grow in their relationships with God and with each other. LIFE Groups are our way to adopt this approach to community life from the early church.

LIFE stands for

Love, **I**nvolve**m**ent, **F**ellowship and **E**vangelism.

All LIFE Groups will resume meeting during the week of September 9. There are 13 LIFE Groups to choose from. If you want a group that is geographically close to your home, we have those. If you want to meet with others of a similar age or in a similar life situation, we have those. If you want to increase your personal knowledge of God's word, or grow relationships, or have a place to bring your kids, we have LIFE Groups that can help with that. If you've been holding back, this is the perfect time to join! So, pick-up a LIFE Group booklet, read about each of the LIFE Groups and **CHOOSE ONE** to attend.

Sign-ups for all LIFE Groups are available at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions about LIFE Groups, ask me (Andy) or any of the LIFE Group leaders.

Remember, we can't make it to heaven on our own. We need strong, meaningful relationships with our brothers and sisters: to help us grow in our understanding of how to apply God's Word in real-life situations; and, to support and encourage one another in good times and bad. That's the way God made us. So, join a LIFE Group and CONNECT with Jesus, family and others!

-Andy Mychajlowycz

At Pitman Road, we believe that God intended for all of us to live our lives in **connection** with **Jesus** (our Lord and Savior), with

goodnews

Je'Ani Lyles returned home this past Thursday with her mom **Carla Ortiz**! It's been Jee Jee's goal to return home in time to start school in September, and she has! Her strength and determination has been nothing short of amazing, and God has shown His awesome goodness to her throughout this journey to the "new normal" in her life. Jee Jee returned home in her and mom Carla's new, fully equipped van and is looking forward to the arrival of her new therapy dog, Yamaguchi SENSi. More news next week on Jee Jee's homecoming!



Children's Ministry Fall Bible Classes

Teaching assistants are needed in the Cradle Roll class.

If you can't commit to an entire quarter, have not taught before or just want to spend time with our youngest family members then this is the job for you! See **Robin Steward** or call her at 856-264-9003 to join the Children's Ministry team.



SAVE THE DATE

Add the following dates and activities to your calendar!

Sunday, September 9: REFUGE at 5:30-7:30

Wednesday, September 12: Special Wednesday Night Meal: Fried Chicken Dinner with all the trimmings prepared by Barbara Robinson. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:30.

Friday and Saturday, September 14-15: Camp Manatawny Men's Retreat.

Saturday, September 15: Bus trip to Museum of the Bible. See Brian Holden for tickets.

Wednesday, September 26, "See You At The Pole" special Wednesday night prayer service, coordinated by Tim and Melody Davis.

Sunday, September 30: Fifth Sunday- Teens lead the worship service/Pot Luck Fellowship Meal after worship.

Women in the Word

ATTENTION, WOMEN: The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible study will begin again on September 11. We will resume our study of Genesis, starting with the section on Joseph.

After many years of faithful service, **Cathy Ervin** can no longer provide our child care. Instead, **Tammy Cerquoni** has agreed to take over this responsibility. We thank both of these women!



DATE: September 11

TEACHER: Katherine Cooper

LOCATION: Family Life Center

SUBJECT: Joseph

WHAT TO BRING: A Bible you can take notes in.

CHILD CARE: Tammy Cerquoni

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	103
Worship	176
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	NC

This Week's Prayer Requests

Je'Ani Lyles is home! See page 3 for more information.

Sandy Sheehan; praising God that liver biopsy results showed no cancer. She has been diagnosed with autoimmune hepatitis stage 1. Treatment will not start until after liver enzymes are tested again in two weeks.

Mallory and Brandon Keeks, please pray for their safe travel to Austin, TX beginning tomorrow morning. They are scheduled to arrive at their new home on Wednesday.

Kelly Spencer, good news is no diverticulitis, bad news is there is a cyst on an ovary.

John Schofield is recovering at home.

Kareem Rutledge, Jr. returned to Magee rehabilitation on Thursday after an extended hospital stay. Please pray that Kareem will make great progress so that he can finally return home.

Van Edwards radiation treatments for breast cancer.

Linda Prenger, radiation and chemo treatment. Please pray for her complete healing and emotional wellbeing.

Larry Kellum, Sr., has begun experimental drug treatment for MDS.

Dwight Thompson, treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Stephanie DeStefano, diverticulitis.

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Elder on Call for August: Garth Hutchinson

Serving Us Today

Nursery	TBA
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	Larry & Lea Ann Kellum
Greeters: Back Entrance	Brian & Cindy Holden
Information Center	Rebecca Guy
Ushers	Terry Rhymes & Mike Lazar
Shepherd's Call	Dave Perine
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	TBA

Lehigh Valley Church of Christ Ladies' Day

Christ is my Anchor

Saturday, September 22 • 8:30 am—2:00 pm

Speakers: Julie Gower & Lisa McClendon
300 Brodhead Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18020

RSVP: 917-629-9065

lehighladies@disciples.com

For more information, see the letter and flyer on the bulletin board next to the library.

See You Later!

To Our Dear Church Family,

We are so grateful for the love you have shown us, not only last week at our farewell, but always! We will certainly miss all of you, and will hold you in our hearts. It has been a blessing to serve and worship alongside of you, and we hope to do so again when we are able to visit. This is not "goodbye," just "see you later!" Please continue to pray for our journey and that God will continue to guide us through this process.

With much love and gratitude, **Mallory and Brandon Keeks**
New Address: 1302 Spyglass Drive, #157, Austin, TX 78746

Thank You!

To Our Friends at Pitman Road Church of Christ,

A sincere note of thanks to the church for your prayers, warm thoughts, and beautiful dish garden given to us in the recent passing of my beloved sister, Florence Duncan, who was fondly called "Flossie." Though our hearts are broken we have great comfort knowing of her salvation and trust of God. Her suffering has passed, a new body shall receive and one blessed day we will walk hand in hand with her again! Our sincere thanks,




Scotty, Jean, and Ted Landsdowne



NAMI Gloucester County is so grateful to you for allowing us to use one of your classrooms for our *Family to Family* classes. Thank you for sharing your building with us.

-NAMI G. C. Board of Trustees

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