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Life groups Sign Up Today!

2018 - 2019

**LIFE Groups begin meeting next Sunday, September 9.
Sign up at the Welcome Center. Connect with Jesus,
family, and others!**

Ageless

Leaders: Dan Cooper and Andy Mychajlowycz
Meeting time: Sundays at noon
Location: Pitman/Williamstown (homes of group leaders and members)
All ages are welcome. Families with or without children are welcome.

Brook Besor

Leaders: John Peoples and Debby Durham
Meeting time: Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
Location: Sewell (home of Debby Durham)
This group is for adults only.

Circle of Sisters

Leaders: Lynne Sbaraglia and Rachel Stetser
Meeting time: Mondays at 7:00 pm
Location: Mantua/Mount Royal vicinity (homes of group leaders)
Women of all ages and marital status welcome.

Cornerstone (Young Adults)

Leaders: TBD
Meeting time: Sundays at noon (once a month at 5:30 pm - REFUGE)
Location: Pitman Road church building (Cornerstone Room); may meet occasionally with the "Young Married" LIFE Group.
This group is for young adults (college students, post-college, working) who are single or dating.

Covenant

Leader: Andy Mychajlowycz
Meeting time: Sundays at 5:30 pm
Location: Pitman Road church building and member homes
This is an adult only group whose members are committed to a personal daily Bible study and devotional program, meeting weekly as a group to discuss.

Hammonton

Leaders: Mike Broyles and Tony DeStefano
Meeting time: Sundays at 5:00 pm
Location: Hammonton vicinity (various homes)
This is a family-friendly group.

Life Challenges

Leaders: Derrick Busch and Manny Vander Vennen
Meeting time: Sundays at noon
Location: Pitman Road church building
All are welcome. Contact leaders if you will need childcare.

Monday Night Men's Bible Study

Leader: Harry Ake
Meeting time: Mondays at 7:00 pm
Location: Pitman Road church building
All men are welcome. This group is a textual Bible study.

Solid Gold

Leaders: Mike Grove and Mike Lazar
Meeting time: Sundays at noon
Location: Mullica Hill and vicinity (various homes)
This group is for adults only.

Teens

Leaders: Tim Davis
Meeting time: Sundays at noon (occasionally evening)
Location: Pitman Road church building
This group is for teens in grades 7 through 12, focusing on discussions, service projects, and social activities.

Vineland

Leaders: Carl Steiner and Steve DePrince
Meeting time: Sundays at 6:00 pm
Location: Vineland vicinity (various homes)
All adults are welcome.

Women in the Word

Leader: Katherine Cooper
Meeting time: Tuesdays at 9:45 am
Location: Pitman Road church building
This group is for women of all ages. Childcare is provided. This is a Bible study, covering a wide range of topics.

Young Married

Leaders: Anthony & Hope DeStefano, Karlyle & Shachara Adams
Meeting time: Sundays at 1:00 pm
Location: Homes of group leaders
This group is for young adults who are married, with or without children.

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den



Counterfeit or Real!

Fake news is real. Adam and Eve believed fake news and the world was forever changed. It got them (and us) into a heap of trouble. We are still dealing with the consequences.

On many fronts today, the pseudo academics are calling the Bible a counterfeit. Rather than seeing it as the legitimate word of God, it is seen as a hoax. A collection of legends and stories to illustrate a truth, but not necessarily true. So, how does one distinguish the counterfeit from the authentic? Was I really standing next to these important characters?

Yes or no? How do you know? Is the Bible a book that was directed by a divinely inspired group of authors? Is it really from God? How do you know? Is it counterfeit or authentic? It helps if you look at the evidence.

Consider the sources, then make an educated decision. That's what we are about for the month of September during our Sunday morning series of lessons.

Don't miss this four part series **"The Bible: Fact or Fiction? Does it Matter?"**

Eager to see you this next four Sunday mornings,

-Dan the Preacherman

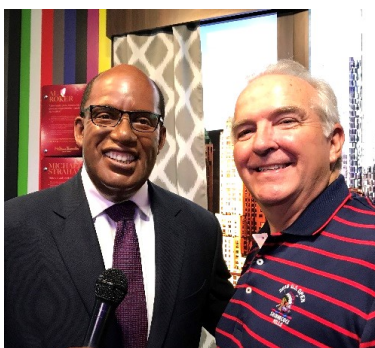


Dan Cooper
aka
**"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"**

Is the Bible a book that was directed by a divinely inspired group of authors?

Is it really from God?

How do you know?



Derrick Busch
Minister

What can refresh our zeal, fervor, and excitement as Christians again?

We're All A Mess

Excited About the Christian Life Again! Part 2

If the words of my August 19 article paint a picture of your Christian life, you are not alone! The admonition in Romans 12:11 implies that we can very well lose our zeal and fervor as we serve the Lord; the novelty can wear-off. Remember the church in Ephesus in Revelation 2? It was described as a busy and hardworking church, yet, they had forsaken the love they had at first. What could cause us to lose our zeal and fervor? There are many things that could be deemed as factors that cause us to drift to this dangerous place in our Christian lives.

What can refresh our zeal, fervor, and excitement as Christians again? To start, we need to reflectively revisit the grace that God has lavished on us both before and after becoming Christians. I love the words that the apostle Paul expressed in 1 Corinthians 15:10 concerning the grace of God. One sure way to rekindle our Christian lives, is to follow Paul's example in verse 9 of 1 Corinthians 15. He honestly and humbly reflected on his past life; his life before he passed from death to life. Just as Paul humbly accepted the fact with deep reflection and conviction that he didn't even deserve to be called an apostle, we also must honestly and humbly accept the fact with deep reflection and conviction that we don't deserve to be Christians! Paul goes on to acknowledge, "But by the grace of God I am what I am." All that we have and all that we are can be summed up as the grace of God towards us. Are you interested in rekindling your love and devotion to the Lord? Well here's a great opportunity. Join us, starting this coming Wednesday Night at 7:00 as we begin to study God's Word in the class entitled, "The Practice of Godliness," by Jerry Brides. (See "More About Wednesday Nights at the bottom of page 3.)

-Derrick

Coming Up This Month!

THIS WEDNESDAY, September 5:

New Fall Quarter classes begin! See below for more information.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 9:

Munchkin Ministry resumes! Munchkin Ministry is looking for volunteers for Sunday mornings to set up between 9-9:30 am and clean up at 9:50 am. If you are interested, please contact **John Ashton or Brian Holden**. Training will be provided.

Kids for Christ, for children 3 years through kindergarten, and **Jr. Worship**, for children 1st through 4th grade, **will resume during the worship service**. Nursery for children 3 months through 2 years continues to be available.

2018-2019 LIFE Groups begin! Brochures with information on all of the groups are available at the Welcome Center, and if you haven't signed up yet, you can sign up for a group there as well. Beginning next Sunday, group meeting times and location will be posted each week on the back page of this bulletin.

REFUGE —All are welcome for a time of fellowship and praise here at the building at 5:30-7:30 pm. Light refreshments are served. This is a monthly gathering of the Cornerstone LIFE Group, but is open to all. Bring a friend. **COME AS YOU ARE!**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10:

Men's Monday Night Bible Study, led by **Harry Ake**, begins again, 7:00-8:15 pm in the Family Life Center. The study will begin in the book of 1 Peter. All men are welcome! Coffee and snacks are served.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study, led by **Katherine Cooper**, will begin again on September 11 at 9:45 am. All wom-

en are welcome! The study of Genesis will resume, starting with the section on Joseph. Meet in the Family Life Center and bring a Bible you can take notes in. Childcare will be provided by **Tammy Cerquoni**.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12:

SPECIAL Wednesday Night Meal at 5:30 pm. **Barbara Robinson** and her crew will be serving a Fried Chicken Dinner with all the trimmings. Mark your calendar and sign up NEXT Sunday.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22:

Bring Your Own Craft Day! Noon - 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center. This is an opportunity to work on your own craft project in the company of other crafters. **Also this month: we will be making the annual Thanksgiving Cards that we send out in November.** So if you don't have your own craft, or would like to take a break from what you're working on, please join in the fun! Everyone is welcome! Snacks are served. Contact: **Janet Betts**.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27:

See You At The Pole at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. This is an annual prayer event for our students, teachers, and schools. We invite EVERYONE to be here that night as we focus our prayers together as a church family. Contact: **Tim Davis**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30:

Special Fifth Sunday—The teens will be leading the worship service. Afterward, we will have an old fashioned **Potluck Lunch** in the Family Life Center. Everyone is asked to bring a main or side dish to share. ALL HOT FOODS SHOULD BE PREHEATED! Deacons' and elder's wives will provide desserts. Beverages will be provided. Contact: **Tony and Stephanie DeStefano**.

More About Wednesday Nights

The Practice of Godliness - led by Derrick Busch

Have you ever asked that question, "How can I live my Christian life for God's glory, day by day, with everything that's going on in our world?" What 's going on? Political narratives, racial narratives, gender narrative, poverty and inequality narratives, religious narratives, etc! Come and be mutually encouraged as we study the Word of God, and use Jerry Bridges' book, *The Practice of Godliness*. Here we will discover how to seek a deeper devotion to the Lord; train ourselves to be godly; clothe ourselves in Christ; cultivate humility, contentment, thankfulness, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

World Religions: So What's the Difference? - led by Dan Cooper
Would you like an in depth study of some of the major world religions? This is the class for you. Some classes will be led by individuals who have come out of these world religions: **Harold Pearl** will teach about Judaism. **Dorothy Seitz** will share her experiences in Hinduism and her 30 years as a Jehovah's Witness. **Andy Mychajlowycz** will share his experience as a Roman Catholic. **Sean Xiai** will share about Taoism and the ancient Chinese traditional religions. **Brian and Cindy Holden** will share about their experience in the International Churches of Christ. We will also study Islam, Mormonism, and "Nones." You will be both challenged and blessed. Be prepared to make a defense of your reason for the hope you have within you (1 Pet. 3:17).

Welcome Home Je'Ani



Je'Ani Lyles arrived home to a hero's welcome after 67 days of hospitalization and rehabilitation after the tragic car accident that took away

the use of her legs. Jee Jee, the Warrior Princess, has defied all odds and timetables that were set before her, and with God's grace, arrived home on August 23 to prepare to begin school later this week. About 40 friends, family, dojo family, and church family were there to greet her. Her first words... "I just want to go into my house," which she did, and then came back out to celebrate! Jee Jee was also here last Sunday, to worship with us. We look forward to hearing more of the amazing story of God's provision to both her and her mom, **Carla Ortiz**. Please continue to pray for Jee Jee's healing and recovery and for her to settle into the school year.

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	188
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	31

This Week's Prayer Requests

Lynne Sbaraglia, recovery from hip replacement surgery, now at Atrium Post Acute Care, 467 Cooper Street, Woodbury. She appreciates all of our prayers. You can contact her on her cell phone at 856-419-0544.

Bryson Spaeth, broken collar bone.

Emma Drummond, recovery from heart procedure and eye bleeding.

Albert Betts will have back surgery this Friday, September 7.

Linda Prenger, was hospitalized due to side effects of chemo and radiation treatments. Please pray for her complete healing and emotional wellbeing.

Je'Ani Lyles, continued prayers as she continues rehabilitation at home, and for the upcoming school year.

Sandy Sheehan; diagnosed with autoimmune hepatitis stage 1. Treatment will start after liver enzymes are tested again.

Mallory and Brandon Keeks arrived safely at their new home in Austin. Thank you for all of your prayers! Their new address is 1302 Spyglass Drive, #157, Austin, TX 7874

Kareem Rutledge, Jr. rehabilitation at Magee in Phila. continues. Please pray that Kareen will make great progress so that he can finally return home.

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

Dwight Thompson, treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma.

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Elder on Call for September and October: Mike Lazar

Serving Us Today

Nursery	TBA
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	Frank & Sandy Sheehan
Greeters: Back Entrance	Corny & Phyllis Walker
Information Center	Jackie Fenton
Ushers	Justin Guy & Andy Mychajlowycz
Shepherd's Call	John Peoples
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson

Congratulations



Congratulation to **Chuzik and Katelyn (DeStefano) Ikeorha** as they celebrated their wedding here in New Jersey with friends and family. The couple currently resides in Arkansas. We also congratulate parents of the bride **Tony and Stephanie DeStefano!**

NEXT SUNDAY! DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATION WILL APPEAR HERE!



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