



# PITMAN ROAD

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## Special Fifth Sunday



**NEXT**  
**Sunday, September 30**

Join us for an old fashioned Potluck Lunch!

First, we'll have a special worship service led by our Pitman Road Youth Group.  
Then, plan to stay for a lunch and a time of fellowship.

Bring your favorite main course or side dish to share!

**Please bring all hot food PREHEATED!**

Beverages will be provided. Desserts provided by elders' and deacons' wives.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

### CONVERSATION STARTERS!

These questions will be on tent cards on the tables at next Sunday's Potluck to spur on conversation. Ask those you are sitting with to answer any of these questions... or ask your own! Start thinking about your own answers now so you can listen and be attentive to the answers of others at your table, especially our guests!

- If you could try one thing, and you knew you would not fail, what would you try?
- What are some of your "bucket list" items?
- Where did you go on your favorite vacation, and what made it your favorite?
- If you have ever received an inheritance, who did you receive it from and how did you use your gift?
- What is your conversion story?

### Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

"The Bible: Fact or Fiction? Does it Matter?"

## Manuscript Evidence for Ancient Writings

AUTHOR	DATE WRITTEN	EARLIEST FRAGMENTS/COPIES	TIME SPAN	# OF MANUSCRIPTS
Caesar	100-44 BC	900 BC	1,000 YRS.	10
Plato	427 TO 347 BC	900 BC	1,200 YRS.	7
Tacitus	100 AD	1,300BC	1,000 YRS	20
Homer	900 BC	400 BC	500 YRS	543
New Testament	40 TO 100 AD	125 AD	25-50 YRS.	5,000



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



There is no disputing this fact...The New Testament is the best attested book of antiquity. There is not even a close second! If you believe that Plato wrote Plato's works, and Homer wrote the works attributed to Homer, based on the manuscript evidence, how can you not believe in the authenticity of the New Testament writings? You can have confidence when you read your New Testament that you are actually reading the writings of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter, Paul, James, and Jude.

You can have great confidence that the New Testament is factual, it has been accurately preserved and transmitted, and when you read it, you are indeed reading the word of God.

**-Dan the Preacherman**

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**Carl Steiner**  
**Deacon:**  
**World Evangelism**

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## A Servant Speaks

It Is Always a Team Effort

About 30 years ago, I taught what I thought was a pretty basic Bible class. One of the ladies of the church came to me looking very pleased. She said that after attending my class, her husband started talking about being baptized.

I knew that I had no reason to get high on myself or give myself too much credit. This is why I felt that way: First, I knew that the wife's example over the years was a much more important factor than my class. Second, another teacher next week might have gotten the same response. The man's heart had been touched and he was ready to accept Jesus. Third, I know that nothing happens without God's help. I was just glad to be a small part of someone coming to Jesus. And I have been a small part of it many times.

So, if you don't feel like you have the ability to bring people to Christ single handedly, be comforted, you are not alone, not by a long shot. What you can do is to be part of the team. You can do this many different ways. You can do this with love, friendliness, teaching on any level, serving or in many other ways. Little contributions add up to very big things.

Here is an illustration that I used at small group. Some of the ladies thought it was just a bit unsettling. Forgive me, but it makes the point very well. One time, when I was deer hunting in PA, some men had shot a deer and were tracking it. It was struggling to walk. It walked up to a man and his son who were hunting. They saw it and boom! They dropped it! As far as they were concerned it was theirs. They were unaware of all the work the other men had done. They got the prize; the other men got nothing.

Sometimes, our work to win people to the Lord goes unnoticed. Someone else gets noticed. Your work may never be noticed by anyone other than God. In heaven it will be noticed.

Hang in there my brothers and sisters, and keep working for God. **-Carl**





## THIS WEDNESDAY!



**SPECIAL  
PRAYER EVENT**  
Everyone will meet in the auditorium.

**SEE YOU**  
at the

**POLE  
THIS  
WEDNESDAY,  
SEPT. 26 AT 7PM**

The annual **See You at the Pole** special prayer event will be held **THIS Wednesday, September 26, at 7:00 pm.** Please join us as we pray for our students, their schools, colleges, and universities, as well as teachers, professors, and administrators for the upcoming school year. Everyone will meet together in the auditorium. **STUDENTS AND TEACHERS we invite you especially to be here so we can pray with you.... BUT we also invite encourage EVERYONE to be here that night as we focus our prayers together as a church family.**

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

**BACK TO SCHOOL**

**COOKOUT!**

**THIS WEDNESDAY**

**September 26 at 5:30 PM.**

### ...AND...SPECIAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL!

Dan and his crew will be serving a **Back to School Cookout THIS Wednesday at 5:30 pm.** Sign up today! The menu features grilled hamburger and hot dogs and **potato salad by Jenn Pearl, baked beans by Jo-Ann Ruhland, and banana pudding by Lucy Fair!** YUM! So sign up today on the "salmon colored sheet" and drop it in the collection plate or call the church office by Tuesday morning.

## Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Leza and Derek Davis on the passing of Leza's mother, **Evelyn Davis**, on September 7, at the age of 94. Funeral services were held in Atlanta last Saturday. You may send cards to the Davises at their address in the directory.



Prayer Groups and Prayer Partners are forming soon for a 3-month journey in **October, November, December, 2018.**

Please join us for an informational meeting **NEXT Sunday, September 30,** in the Chapel, immediately after the worship service. (No obligation.)

Testimony of Gloria Myerson:

*My prayer life has been greatly enriched by participation in the Women's Prayer Ministry of the Pitman church. God loves when we honor him in prayer as individuals, but also as a united body of believers. « For where two or three gather together as my followers, there I will be also. » - Matthew 18:20*

Questions? Please contact:

**Brenda Busch: 646-258-5031 or Diana Hutchinson: 856-381-9095**

## Save the Date!

**WOMEN'S**

Night of

*Praise & Worship*

Friday, October 19, 2018 • 6:30-8:30 pm

**ATTENTION ALL WOMEN!** Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the **Women's Night of Praise and Worship on Friday, October 19, 6:30-8:30 pm.** The evening will include fellowship time with snacks for the first half hour, and Contemporary Christian music videos from artists like Lauren Daigle, Casting Crowns, and Mercy Me. There will also be devotional thoughts to remind us how much we are loved by an awesome God, scriptures, and prayers. Let's spend time together, encourage one another, and give praises to our God. Be prayerful about friends you can invite. **Please sign up at the Welcome Center so we can prepare for your attendance.**



**NEW**

**PHONING CARDS**

**ARE AVAILABLE**

*Pick up as many as you need in the Lobby today!*

## 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	130
Worship	204
LIFE Groups	156
Wednesday	43

## This Week's Prayer Requests

**Pray for all those who are being affected by Hurricane Florence.**

**Patti Frambes** has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She and Jim are requesting the prayers of the church as they consider treatment options. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are greatly appreciated; 114 Wild Oaks Dr., Salem, NJ 08079; 856-935-1169.

**Barby Jo Crema**, requesting continued prayers on her behalf.

**Dawnna Hale** is going through tough times and is requesting our prayers. Family issues can be very trying. Throw in a cross country move with all of this, and she is needing extra prayers.

**Celie Brister**, Mike Broyles sister, chemo and radiation treatments for incurable cancer.

**Lynne Sbaraglia**, recovery at home for hip replacement surgery.

**Albert Betts** recovering from two back surgeries.

**Linda Prenger**, continuing her radiation and chemo treatments. Please pray for her complete healing and emotional wellbeing.

**Je'Ani Lyles**, continues rehabilitation at home.

**Kareem Rutledge, Jr.** rehabilitation at Magee in Phila.

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

**Dwight Thompson**, treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma.

**Gwen Phillip**, continues treatment for metastatic breast cancer.

**Susan Williams**, friend of Catherine Toomey, seizure and tumor on her brain.

**Carlo Di Carlantonio**, friend of Catherine Toomey, health issues.

**Jackie Guilden**, friend of Catherine Toomey, stage 4 lung cancer

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**Elder on Call for September and October: Mike Lazar**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Tina Broyles
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Derrick & Brenda Busch
Greeters: Back Entrance	Andy & Donna Mychajlowycz
Information Center	Mary Collier
Ushers	Terry Rhymes & Patricia Monteleone
Shepherd's Call	Brian Holden
Song Leader	Mike Broyles

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Coopers' at noon	856-981-9755
Brook Besor	Durham's Tuesday at 7 pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's at 7 pm	856-419-0544
Covenant	Mychajlowyczs' at 5:30 pm	908-294-4056
Hammonton	Broyles' at 6 pm	609-561-8532
Life Challenges	Church Bldg. rm B4 at noon	267-303-4877
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7 pm	856-217-3956
Solid Gold	Walkers' at noon	856-478-6972
Teens	Church Bldg. at noon	610-476-9057
Vineland	H. Pearls' at 6 pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. FLC, Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Married	Church Bldg. at noon	856-899-9466

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## Engagement!



**Brian and Cindy Holden are delighted to announce the engagement of their son, Andrew Holden, to Christina Varghese!**

Andrew flew from his station in Georgia and proposed to Christina on September 1. A wedding date has not yet been set. Andrew is an officer in the U.S. Army and is scheduled to be deployed to South Korea in December. Christina, who lives in Yonkers, NY, is currently in her final year of nursing school. We congratulate Andrew and Christina and are so excited to witness the unfolding of their lives together!