

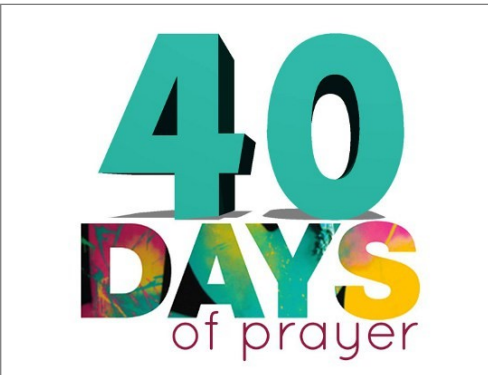


What's Coming Up on Sunday Mornings?

Today and next Sunday, Dan and Derrick will be finishing up the sermon series

The Bible: Fact or Fiction—Does it Matter?

This series of lessons is presented to confirm the legitimacy of scripture, and that we can believe the Bible. In fact, the Bible is the best attested book of antiquity. We can believe it is the fully inspired, and the well documented Word of God; that it has stood the test of time, in spite of numerous attempts to destroy it. Not only that, many have made the ultimate sacrifice; they were martyred, so that we can have the Bible in our language. God has revealed His will to us. Our task is to read it and understand it.



Beginning on October 21, for six Sundays, Dan and Derrick will present a series of lessons entitled **Forty Days of Prayer.**

God communicates with us through His Word. We communicate with Him through prayer. This 40 day prayer emphasis will challenge us as a church body to be consistent with our prayer, and to invest our time and energy in prayer. God is always listening! He always wants to hear from us. Don't miss the opportunity to jump start your prayer life.

Looking forward:

Following the series on prayer, we will lead up to the holiday season with a focus on the Incarnation. We don't know the exact date Christ's birth, but we do know that the Word became flesh and lived among us. (John 1:14).



Friday, October 19 • 6:30 - 8:30pm

ALL women are welcome. Bring a friend! Invitations available at the Welcome Center, where you can also sign up so we can prepare for your attendance.

Let's spend time together, encourage one another, and give praises to our God at a special night of praise and worship with the women of the Pitman Road Church of Christ.

The evening will include:

- Fellowship time with snacks for the first half hour.
- Contemporary Christian music videos from musical artists like Lauren Daigle, Casting Crowns, and Mercy Me.
- Devotional thoughts to remind us how much we are loved by an awesome God, scriptures, and prayers.

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

A Personal Question: How do you "Connect" with God?

I want to ask you a personal question: "How do you connect with God?" Or another, maybe even more pertinent personal question: "Do you connect with God?"

I have five basic ways that I connect with Him.

1. **Nature!** "The heavens declare the glory of God and the sky above proclaims His handiwork..." (Ps. 19:1-6). I connect with God when I am on a beautiful golf course, when I'm in the middle of the woods, and when I'm standing by a babbling brook. I connect with God in nature.
2. **Reading His word!** "The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple..." (Ps. 19:7-14). Reading, studying and letting God teach me through His word is a favorite connection time.
3. **Meditation!** "Be still, and know that I am God..." (Ps. 46:10). I find God in solitude. In quietness. In peace and silence. I "hear" God's voice and connect with Him when all distractions are removed. Prayer connects me with God.
4. **Collective Worship!** There is nothing quite like connecting with God and with other believers simultaneously when we worship Him together. I love when we harmonize and worship Him in song. I love when we gather around His table of remembrance, and commune together.
5. **Deep Fellowship with His People!** When I spend time with God's people in deep, personal conversation, I connect with God. "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (Prov. 27:17). When I am accountable to another brother and I share my deepest struggles, I connect with that brother, but I also connect with God.

How do you connect with God? I hope some of my tested and tried ways help you.

-Dan the Connecting Preacherman



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

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Mike Lazar
Shepherd

A Shepherd's Voice

Retirement

What does the Bible say about retirement? Well, almost nothing. The only reference to retirement seems to be: ***The LORD said to Moses, "This applies to the Levites: men twenty-five years old or more shall come to take part in the work at the Tent of Meeting, but at the age of fifty, they must retire from their regular service and work no longer. They may assist their brothers in performing their duties at the Tent of Meeting, but they themselves must not do the work. This, then, is how you are to assign the responsibilities of the Levites."*** Numbers 8:23-26

Is that a Biblical command to retire at 50? No, as we are New Testament Christians and are no longer under the Old Testament law. But, the wisdom of God's message regarding the cessation of regular work is still valuable. Ecclesiastes 3:13 states "Also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man."

Even though we may retire from our vocations we should never retire from serving the Lord. *-Mike*

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Congratulations to **Craig Welburn** on his induction into the **National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame**. Craig was awarded the **2018 Business and Industry Alumni Award**. What a noteworthy accomplishment! Among those who have been granted this

recognition include Lionel Richie, Walter Payton, Jerry Rice, Martin Luther King, Jr., Bishop TD Jakes, Honorable Thurgood Marshall, and Honorable Andrew Young. Craig and his wife, Diane were longtime members of our congregation before moving to Virginia. In fact, Craig served as one of our deacons during their time with us and did an outstanding job of leading our Advertising and Promotions ministry. Even though they moved many years ago, Craig and Diane have continued to stay in touch with many of us, and is a source of great encouragement and support to Katherine and me, as well as to many others in our congregation. *-Dan*

goodnews



It's time to sign up to volunteer for our next Family Promise Host Week, Sunday, October 28– Sunday, November 4

Many volunteers are needed!

Sign up now in the lobby!

Our Brother Austin

Look around the grounds of the church building, and you'll see some of the excellent work that our brother Austin from Nigeria has done. He has been working on the landscaping, and has done exceptional work. He is here in the USA with his two children (ages 7 and 9) for at least six months, and he'd like to stay longer. However, he needs more handyman work to help out with living expenses. If you are interested in his help, feel free to contact him for your odd jobs around the house, inside or outside. Contact him directly at (646) 824-1151. He does need transportation.

**Wednesday,
October 24
7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Fall Festival!

FREE Fun and Games for children ages 2—12!

Indoor Event!

This is a family event, so please plan to accompany your children through the activities and enjoy the evening together!

France Mission Trip 2019

Recently, someone told me that they had not heard anything about our France Mission Trip coming up on June 21-30, 2019. To say that I was shocked would be an understatement. I figured I'd probably gone overboard in promoting it! So if you missed the information, here it is again.

There is also an optional four day extension trip to Switzerland, after the main trip, coordinated by Andy and Donna Mychajlowycz.

Cost of the mission trip to France will be about \$1,500 to \$1,800. The extension to Switzerland will be approximately \$1,200 to \$1,800, depending on the lodging arrangements.

The trip is currently full, but we have a waiting list; let Dan know if you would like your name to be added to the list of "interested individuals." You will work hard, very hard. You will sweat. You will get dirty. You will get tired! But it is a very good tired. If you don't get an opportunity to go on the 2019 trip, Lord willing, we will do another mission trip to France in late June of 2021.

Get your name in now! **-Dan the Mission Trip Man**



TRUNK OR TREAT
SAFE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 31
6:15-7:00 PM**

Rain or Shine!

A safe, traffic free environment for your children to Trick or Treat!

Please accompany your children through the parking lot while they Trick or Treat.

Refreshments for all will be provided inside our building.

Claire Hutchinson Update

Dear friends and family,
みなさんこんにちは! I have now completed my first week in Ishinomaki and am absolutely loving it! Thank you for your constant support in prayer and encouraging messages. Although I have not yet nailed down a fixed weekly schedule, here is an update on my first week here.

I was greeted on my arrival by Jennifer Huddleston, Sue Takamoto, and a few of their children: Annie and Olivia (Sue's girls), and Katia (Jennifer's daughter). They are two of three families on the *Be One Church* leadership team. Then I settled in to our new girls' apartment. My roommates Karena and Esther (pictured below), are both part of the *Be One* mission team. It is



such a blessing to live with these ministry-focused women!

The next few days were full of registration paperwork, meeting new people, furniture shopping, and desperately trying to use the right Japanese greetings. I have been able to participate in many different ministries while I am still getting settled, and have been surrounded and loved by the community here during my transition. God has given me overwhelming peace, and has confirmed my calling to this city over and over again. I am eager to find my niche here and creatively use my gifts to spread God's kingdom in this community!

I'm looking forward to sending you more complete updates on a monthly basis. You can also check out the *Be One* and *Nozomi Project* websites if you would like more information before my next update. Please keep Japan in your prayers! The Lord is moving powerfully and transforming lives, we are just His hands and feet.

"I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ"

In Christ with love, Claire クレア

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	121
Worship	188
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	52

This Week's Prayer Requests

The ongoing prayer list for October is available; it lists long-term, ongoing request. Immediate and updated prayer requests are listed in the bulletin.

Dwight Thompson, had lung biopsy last Monday and suffered a collapsed lung during the procedure. Fortunately, by Thursday, the lung had been reinflated. Thank you for your prayers, and please continue to pray.

Doug Oliver, out of the hospital and doing better; awaiting results from scans. He sees the dr. on October 17.

La 'Verne Daniels had bunionectomy this past week. Recovery will be six weeks.

Patti Frambes, pancreatic cancer. Considering 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.

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., resuming treatment for MDS.

Gwen Phillip, continues treatment for metastatic breast cancer.

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Elder on Call for October: Mike Lazar

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Kelly Spencer
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Corny & Phyllis Walker
Greeters: Back Entrance	Steve & Jayne DePrince
Information Center	Donna Mychajlowycz
Ushers	Dave Perine & Corny Walker
Shepherd's Call	Horatio Fenton
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	Perines' at 6 pm	908-294-4056
Hammonton	TBA	609-320-9260
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	Lazars' at noon	856-304-4996
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



Praise & Harmony Workshop Led by Keith Lancaster

November 10, 2018 • 1:00-3:00 pm
Lehigh Valley Church of Christ
3400 Brodhead Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18020
610-691-1116

Don't miss this wonderful workshop led by nationally known a cappella worship leader **Keith Lancaster**. We'd love to take a group from our church. If interested, please see **Dan, Mike Broyles, or Garth Hutchinson**.

East Baltimore Church of Christ

9420 Belair Rd, Nottingham, MD 21236

Presents **One Accord**

featuring **Heaven Sent - All of Me**
Album Release Weekend

Friday, November 2: Panel Discussion, 7:30-9:30pm

Saturday November 3: Concert & Dessert Social, 6:00-8:30 pm

Contact oneaccordebcoc@gmail.com for more information.

Equipment Needed for Visiting Children

The Fentons will have family visiting from the U.K. for Thanksgiving and would like to borrow the following:

- **Three car seats:** one front facing for toddler age 2, and two for twin infants age 6 months;
- Up to three high chairs.
- **Dates needed: November 15 - 24.**
- **Contact Jackie Fenton directly if you can lend any of these items.**

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