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New Sermon Series Beginning Today

40 days of Prayer

Life doesn't always go as planned. At some point, you'll face impossible obstacles and barriers — situations that make you think there's no way this is going to work out. But God wants to help you handle uncertainty when it comes your way. He is ready and willing to give you a breakthrough, but it doesn't just happen spontaneously; breakthroughs happen when you seek them. And the way you seek them is through prayer. Throughout the **40 Days of Prayer** sermon series, you will learn how to cultivate a powerful prayer life and experience breakthroughs in your relationship challenges, financial difficulties, bad habits, health crisis, and many other areas of your life. Here is a preview of our first four messages:

Today: ***Do You Really Want to Grow Up?***

When it comes to our faith, the Bible says we are not meant to remain as children but instead to grow up in Christ. In this message, Derrick gives us an inside look into our spiritual growth campaign, 40 Days of Prayer. We learn six laws of spiritual growth and action steps toward a deeper relationship with God, and we discover the importance of feeding on the Word, developing spiritual habits, and growing together in community.

November 11: ***A Beginner's Guide to Prayer***

From Cinderella to Aladdin, these fairytale stories are based on characters whose lives are changed with the granting of a wish. When it comes to prayer, we often treat it like a magical wand that we wave at God when we want our dreams to come true. But the Bible teaches us that prayer is a relationship with God, and not an enchanted tool. In this message, Derrick shares the four foundational truths of prayer that will help us to see prayer in a different way, and how to connect with God in conversation. You'll learn the importance of talking to him about everything in simple and sincere ways. Find out how prayer will draw you closer to God and why answered prayers are his gift of grace.

November 18: ***Who Do You Think You Are Talking To?***

Have you ever experienced a stressful or difficult time that left you questioning the presence of God? Sometimes it takes days, months, or even years before we realize that God used that experience as an opportunity to rely on him through difficult times. The more we begin to understand what God is really like, the more everything can fall into place, including our prayer life. In this message, Dan will demonstrate how God's plan will always be good, including suffering for the benefit of others. We learn how he is the God of second chances and why he doesn't always say "yes." And we discover everlasting encouragement and renewed strength for the days ahead.

November 25: ***Praying in Five Dimensions***

Do you ever feel like your memory is slipping or that you have a hard time remembering things? In this message, Derrick teaches us the relationship between memory and prayers and what the Bible says about this deep connection, teaching us through Communion with a tool to remember the five dimensions of prayer. Discover how praying in these five dimensions can awaken your faith with a new freshness that is personal, passionate, and in partnership with the Holy Spirit. Get ready to take your faith to the next level by looking back to the cross, inward at Jesus living inside you, and forward to your future in Christ.

In December: ***How to Pray Throughout Your Day • How to Pray for Healing and Restoration • When God Says No***

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

What's Up with Your Prayer Life?

Do you pray as much as you think you should? Do you pray as much as God thinks you should? Do you pray as much as you want to?

For me, the answer to all three of those questions is a resounding "No." So, I am committed to going deeper in my prayer life between now and the end of the year. Will you join me? This prayer journey begins today and will take us up to mid-December, God willing. Last Sunday's concert of prayer, led by our elders, was a start to our congregational prayer journey.

How do we preach a series of sermons on prayer when some in the audience have been Christians for sixty years and more, and others have been Christians for less than one year? The same way that we preach a series of sermons on **"The Bible: Fact or Fiction - Does it Matter?"** to a church filled with baby Christians and veteran, long-serving Christians. I think ALL who were present for the series we just finished on the Bible were blessed by that study. In the same way, all who join in the series of sermons on prayer are guaranteed to be both blessed and challenged. I'm so eager to begin this 40 days of prayer with you and the rest of our church family.

Start now, TODAY, to renew your prayer life with some new ways of beginning your prayers. Try these: **"Holy One!" "King Over all the Earth." "My Joy and My Delight." "My Helper." "My Salvation." "Maker of Heaven and Earth." "Lord God Almighty." "Most High Over All the Earth." "Helper of the Fatherless." "Defender of the Widows." "The One to be Feared." "God Most High." "Righteous Judge." "Ever Present Help." "Loving God."** All of these are words or phrases used by the Psalmist to describe our Creator and Sustainer.

Pray without Ceasing... Dan the Preacherman



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

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Derrick Busch
Minister

We're All A Mess

The Truth That Empowers Our Prayers

There is one foundational truth about God that has captured my heart for the past few days. My hope is that this truth, which is not new, obviously, will also capture your heart and collectively remind us of just how blessed we are. **I'm SO EXCITED!** This truth about God can wrestle and restrain the emotions that have the potential to destroy our lives; or prohibit us from living the abundant life that Jesus Christ came to unleash by His love demonstrated on the cross. See if these harmful emotions and biblical text tug at your heart: Anger **Genesis 4:1-8**, Fear **Genesis 20:2, 3, 11, Exodus 2:11-15, Job 4:13-16, Jealousy and Envy** **1 Kings 21:1-14, Terror** **Daniel 5:6-9, Lust** **2 Samuel 11:1-5, James 1:13-17, Hatred** **2 Samuel 13:2-20, Greed and Covetousness** **Joshua 7:16-21, Depression** **1 Samuel 28:15-25, Guilt** **Matthew 27:3-10, Resentment and Hatred** **Acts 9:4-9, Acts 26:9-12, Galatians 1:13, Pride and Arrogance** **3 John 9, Selfishness** **Acts 5:1-11**, and finally, Sorrow **Mark 10:22**. Which of these emotions did you find yourself saying, "Yes, that's me!"

This truth about God is both seen and demonstrated in the very first verse of the Bible. Do you know what it is? In fact, this truth about God is revealed in **Genesis 1:1** and is seen straight through to **Revelation 22:21** and beyond, demonstrated in God's faithfulness to every generation.

What is this foundational truth about God? Here it is, **"God Is in Control!"** Yes! God is still in control and is not hindered, swayed, or puzzled by the things of this world, nor the things of our lives, regardless of how difficult they may be! **He's Simply in Control!**

This foundational truth about God should impact our prayer lives. When we individually and collectively recall the fact that we're praying to the one and only All Mighty God, who is in complete control, that's true empowerment and peace!

As Dan and I begin the series **40 Days of Prayer**, let's collectively pray for: breakthroughs; the development of daily habits of prayer; growth in attendance; congregational unity; and that we collectively experience God's Blessings!

-Derrick

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Tonight!



Pick up your "official" **Pack the Pulpit** grocery bag/shopping list in the lobby, and help fill our Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets for families in need.

If you are aware of a family in need who will benefit from receiving a Thanksgiving Basket, please see Dottie.

We are also in need of a total of 50 turkeys and 50 fresh pies to complete the Thanksgiving Baskets. (Pies can be fresh, store-bought pies; they do not need to be homemade.) If you can donate either a turkey and/or pie, sign up in the lobby or let Dottie know ASAP. Bring them in on November 19. (Please don't bring turkeys/pies in before then; we don't have room to store them.)

Thanksgiving Basket Grocery List: Applesauce • Stuffing • Cranberry Sauce • Instant Potatoes • Canned Gravy • Canned Fruit • Bottled Juice • Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams • Green Beans • French Fried Onions • Cream of Mushroom Soup

Holiday Fun!

Mark your calendars for some holiday fun!



Bring Your Own Craft Day is Saturday, November 24, from noon to 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center. It's a great opportunity to finish off your crafty Christmas gifts. Snacks are provided.

The Annual Cookie Exchange is Sunday, December 2 at 1:30 pm at the home of Donna Lazar, 214 Harrison Ridge, Mullica Hill. Please bring 6 dozen cookies wrapped in half dozen packages (6 cookies per pack). You can contact Donna at 856-223-1699.



Thanksgiving is Around the Corner!

Please take a moment to sign the **Thanksgiving cards in the lobby**

with a note of encouragement and love to former members, missionaries, guest speakers, and continuing supporters of our congregation. Don't know the some the card recipients? That's okay! A simple "Happy Thanksgiving" and your name will be welcome encouragement.



Operation Christmas Child

Once again this year, we have an opportunity to bless a child in need with a gift for the holiday season. If you haven't heard yet we are filling boxes this year for Operation Christmas Child. Pick up your boxes in the lobby, sign your name on the clipboard, and have fun filling your box for a special child! You can go to samaritanspurse.org to learn more about this project and how to pack a shoe box, or contact Tina Broyles at 609-320-0534 or see her in the lobby.



The deadline to turn in your boxes is November 18.

Our next Blood Drive is December 14

Our next American Red Cross Blood Drive is coming up. During the holiday season there is typically a decrease in blood donations, making it even more important to "Give the Gift of Life" at this time of year. You have the option of giving a "double" or as the Red Cross calls it: "Power Red." Power Red is similar to a whole blood donation, except a special machine is used to allow you to donate two units of red blood cells during one donation while returning your plasma and platelets to you. I almost always give a double. Why not join me by giving a "double?" Anything you give can literally save a life. **Mark your calendar for Friday, December 14, from 2:00 to 7:00 in our Family Life Center.** By the way, this is also a fantastic way to "connect" with our community! -Dan

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	184
LIFE Groups	111
Wednesday	NA

This Week's Prayer Requests

PRAISE! Timothy Busch was released after being hospitalized last weekend. Derrick says he is bouncing back! A few test results are still awaited.

George Kenner was in a head on collision on Tuesday night and is in ICU (as of this writing) with cracked ribs. He is in a lot of pain. Prayers are requested for complete healing.

Amanda Collier, sister of Lee Collier, has requested our prayers on her behalf as she prepares for open heart surgery to replace a valve on November 6. She will be hospitalized for 3-6 days and recovery will be about 2 months.

Barbie Jo Crema, prayers for her strength and faith in these very trying times. Also, please remember Noreen as she cares for her mom, and the rest of the family during this very difficult time for all of them.

Kareem Rutledge, Jr. continues his recovery at home, and he would love visitors or calls. You can call or text him at (856) 879-4214, and you can go see him at 415 Woodstown Road, Woolwich Twp., NJ 08085. Please call before you just drop in.

Doug Oliver, recent tests results show that he is cancer free. He is undergoing radiation treatments which doctors say will give him a 75% chance of remaining cancer free.

Anita O'Hara, struggling with health issues. She would love a phone call, a Facebook greeting, or maybe even some help around her place. Once again, please call before a visit.

La'Verne Daniels at home recovering from foot surgery. She could use some meals, calls, cards, visits, etc. If you are able to prepare a meal, contact La'Verne to arrange drop-off.

Patti Frambes, pancreatic cancer; she is doing well with little side effects from chemo treatments.

Linda Prenger, has completed this round of treatment and has gone home to WV. See note below. Please pray for her complete healing and emotional wellbeing.

Tyler Steffy recovering from gall bladder surgery. He is slowly ramping up his work schedule.

Debra Bryant, Barbara Robinson's sister, will have surgery on November 27 for a brain tumor.

Barbara Hannon, friend of Barbara Robinson, bladder cancer.

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Elder on Call for November and December: John Peoples

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Hope DeStefano
Kids For Christ	Jessica Forman
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	George & Cookie Rowe
Greeters: Back Entrance	Brian & Cindy Holden
Information Center	Rebecca Guy
Ushers	Donna Mychajlowycz & Pat Monteleone
Shepherd's Call	Brian Holden
Song Leader	Mike Broyles

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Sheehans' at noon	215-901-3113
Brook Besor	Durham's Tuesday at 7 pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's at 7 pm	856-419-0544
Covenant	REFUGE at 5:30	908-294-4056
Hammonton	REFUGE at 5:30	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	Walker's 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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Thank You!

Dear Pitman Road Family,

Thank you for your cards, rides to treatments, prayers, hugs and support while I was here for cancer treatments. I couldn't have done it without you. You have been my family for so many years, and even though I moved away you welcomed me back with open arms. I love you all, and thank God for you. **-Linda Prenger**

Area Events

Praise and Harmony Workshop with Keith Lancaster

Saturday, November 10 • 1:00—3:00 pm.

Hosted by the Lehigh Valley Church of Christ

Imagine: Cultivating Life and Ministry

Friday and Saturday, November 9 & 10

Hosted by the Newark Church of Christ,

Featuring the two co-leaders of Hope Network,
Grady King and Jon Mullican.

See the bulletin board next to the library for more de-