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New Sermon Series Begins Today!



For the next eight weeks Dan and Derrick will be presenting

WOKE: My faith in 2019.

They will begin with an in depth study of the words of Jesus found in John 15:1-7, and then move into a twenty first century application of Jesus' teachings.

What does abiding in Christ mean...

in my Family?

in the Workplace?

in this Church?

to Millennials?

regarding Political Concerns?

to my Sexual Freedom?

Join us in January and February and BE WOKE to God's word!

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Your Best Christmas Gift?

What was your very best Christmas gift? Really. I want to know. A new iPhone? A new game? A new car? A new outfit? A new piece of jewelry? Time with family? A roll top desk? A Barbie doll that has babies? A new desk lamp? A check for \$1,000? A check for \$100,000? Eight of the ten gifts listed above were received by our family members over the holidays. Can you guess which ones were not received?

Can I tell you one of my favorite gifts? It was a gift that I gave to myself. You can give yourself the same gift next year. It is a gift I've literally worked all year on! It did not come easily. My gift to myself is a clear conscience. So valuable! So very precious! A clean conscience is one of the very best gifts you can give to yourself.

Now, make no mistake about it, I have a clean conscience not because I did no wrong! Rather, I have a clean conscience because when I did wrong, I asked for forgiveness and tried to right my wrong. I apologized to the one I wronged and to God. I repented. And, the blood that Jesus Christ shed on the cross forgave me. That's what I celebrate every Sunday when I take communion. I am forgiven. I am clean. I am free, free, free; my Lord has set me free.

I am not bragging. I am not that good! But I am celebrating a clean conscience. It really is a great gift. I don't have to live full of guilt and shame. I can live my life confident of my eternal destination. Why? I am walking in the light, and the beloved Apostle John says...if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

Celebrating a Clean Conscience, **Dan the Grateful Preacherman**



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

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Derrick Busch
Minister

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We're All A Mess

Woke, My Faith in 2019

Abiding

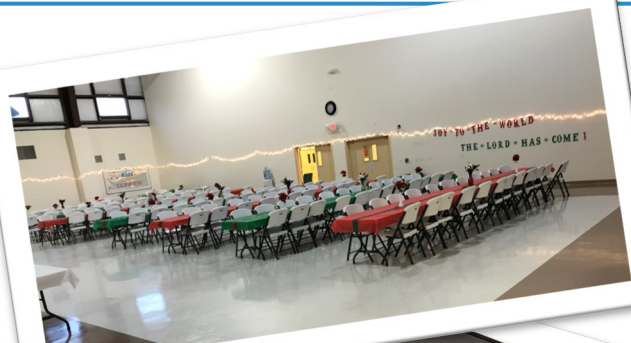
Wow! Here we are, 2019 by the GRACE of God! My prayer for us this coming year can be summed -up in Ephesians 3:16-19, *"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."* What a blessing, to know the fullness of God and His love.

As we live out our days in 2019 by the GRACE and LOVE of God, let's reflect on one word: ABIDE! As we all know, at the start of each year many people start the year by making New Year's resolutions. This may include, as our brother Brian Holden mentioned last Sunday, joining the gym; but please don't quit by February. They may also include: saving money, getting focused, and the list can go on and on. Now, these New Year's resolutions are great, but their overall impact is limited when we measure them against the gospel of Jesus Christ and its intention to change our earthly and eternal existence as we abide in Jesus Christ.

The word abide can be defined or described with three words: connection, dependence, and continuance. Join Dan and me as we kick-off the series, **Woke, My Faith in 2019**. Let's journey together as we unpack how a disciple of Jesus Christ abides for God's glory: In the family, in the workplace, in this church, to millennials, regarding political concerns, and finally to my sexual freedom.

-Derrick

It Was a Special Morning!



What a great morning it was! Starting with the pancake breakfast attended by 200! Then our special worship service with a story and a play attended by 260! Once again, special thanks goes to **Tim and Melody Davis** for coordinating the breakfast, and **Diana Hutchinson, Emma Drummond, and Mandy Mansdoerfer** for the play production. **We also thank all who decorated, made food, served, and participated in the play. A great way to connect with family and community!**

Connect in 2019



Family Promise Training and Information Night

*Interested in knowing more about
Family Promise?*

Tuesday, January 8 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm
at Pitman Road Church of Christ



Family Promise®

**It's time to sign up to volunteer for our
next Family Promise Host Week,
Sunday, Jan. 20– Sunday, Jan. 27.**

Many volunteers are needed!

Sign up now in our lobby!

What Are You Reading?

What are you reading lately? Over the holiday I did more reading than usual. How about you? One of the highlights of my reading was the December issue of ***The Christian Chronicle***. If you missed it, you missed some really great reading.

The lead article on page 1 focused on a unique approach to reaching out to millennials! And the second lead article reported on reaching out to Muslim refugees from Iran, now living in Vienna, Austria. Both articles were well documented and extremely encouraging.

I love the story on page 3 about the truck driver, John Kincaid, who delivers food and supplies to areas hard hit by natural disasters.

On page 6 there was a story about the Pepperdine University student that was killed in the recent California mass shooting.

Pages 11 and 12 featured a story about David Wilson, a minister educated at Southwestern Christian College, and his take on the unique preaching style in predominately African American congregations.

Page 23 featured a story (with photos) of Harding University students packing 254,000 meals in two hours.

A full page story on page 31 asks, "Should we avoid controversies in the Lord's church?"

Page 32 featured a book review on ***Going Solo***, a book written by and for single parents.

These are just some of the stories that caught my attention; there is even more excellent reading.

Read your Bible, to be sure! Then pick up your copy of ***The Christian Chronicle*** and be encouraged by good news for and about members of the churches of Christ from around the world.

Be encouraged, **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	90
Worship	188
LIFE Groups	Did not meet
Wednesday	25

This Week's Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests:

Karelle Pierre-Jacques: A small cancer was found during the prophylactic mastectomy, and she is waiting for results of a subsequent sentinel biopsy to determine whether or not she'll need chemo. Karelle is asking for prayers for healing.

Judy Fitzpatrick, Chris Fitzpatrick's wife, began radiation treatments for throat cancer. She will have treatments three times a week for 7 weeks.

Angel Bobe, Sr. remains in Virtua Hospital, still being treated for irregular heartbeat. Doctors are also concerned about diabetes. He would welcome visitors.

Aunt Betty, Fran Point's 87 year old aunt, surgery to repair broken hip. Expected to go to rehab soon.

Larry Kellum Sr., is home continuing with his regular doctor visits and waiting to begin a new treatment regimen. He is continuing to receive periodic blood transfusions and feels much stronger in the days following the transfusion.

Steve De Prince had nerve and tendon transfer surgery on his right arm and is recovering at home.

Jessie Burrell, Mary Collier's sister, recovery from amputation of her leg below the knee.

Debby Durham at home recovering from foot surgery.

Amanda Collier, sister of Lee Collier, heart surgery recovery.

Bill Carney, Barbara Carney's husband, heart surgery recovery.

La'Verne Daniels at home recovering from foot surgery.

Please continue to remember in your prayers **Doug Oliver, Gwen Phillip, Dwight Thompson, Linda Prenger, Patti Frambes, and Doug Oliver** as they receive treatment for cancer, as well as **Kareem Rutledge, Jr. and Je'Ani Lyles** in the rehabilitation from life changing injuries.

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Elder on Call for January and February: Dave Perine

Serving Us Today

Nursery	TBA
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Justin & Rebecca Guy
Greeters: Back Entrance	Steve & Jayne DePrince
Information Center	Shachara Adams
Ushers	Dave Perine & Corny Walker
Shepherd's Call	Horatio Fenton
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson

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	DeStefanos' at 4:30 pm	856-567-9607
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	Hightowers' at 12:30 pm	856-769-2789
Teens	Church Bldg. at noon	610-476-9057
Vineland	H. Pearls' at 6 pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Resumes January 15	
Young Married	Church Bldg. at noon	856-899-9466

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to **Mary and Lee Collier** on the passing of Mary's uncle, **Jimmy Rush**. They will be traveling to Chicago for the funeral service. No details were yet available. Cards can be sent to the Colliers at their address listed in the directory.

Thank You

The **Holmes** family thanks you for your support during their time of bereavement of the sudden loss of their nephew **Nevin Potts**, 28.

Please continue to keep the family in prayer during this most difficult time.

Dear Pitman Road Church,




I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your prayers. Please know they are working and I feel so fortunate to have all of your prayers. I just want everyone to know how much I appreciate your love and thoughtfulness. Thank You!

Love in Christ- **Pattie Frambes**

Adult Singles Party

There will be a party at **Jay Schneider's** house for older singles (those that feel they don't fit in the young adult group), this **Saturday January 13, 2:00 to 6:00 PM**. In lieu of a birthday gift, feel free to bring a few non-perishable food items for our church pantry, or bring a food dish to share. Please respond by text message to 856-449-9656 or email jay.w.schneider@gmail.com

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