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Pitman Road 2018 Year in Review - Part One

Baptisms: 10 Ashley Pearl, 3/4; Adam Cerquoni, 3/4; Barbara Carney, 6/1, in the Jordan River; Emma Vander Vennen, 7/6; Marlon Willis, 7/15; Javon Willis, 7/15; Gabriel Rodriguez, 7/29; Justice Rodriguez, 7/29; Ketzy Harris, 11/4; Marvin Harris, 11/4



Placing Membership: 3 Mark and Linda Pugh, 2/4; Angel Bobe, Sr., 12/16

Requests for Congregational Prayers and Public Sharing: 11

Births: 3 Charlie to Kathryn & Tyler Steffy on 1/1, Paolo to Kristy Romeo & Will Mendez on 9/21, Xzavier to Justice and Gabriel Rodriguez on 12/23

Deaths: 4 Harry Steward, 3/3; Steve Musso, 4/3; Bonnie Wilson, 4/29; Mary Mishoe, 7/14; Rosetta Williams, 7/14

Moved: 12 Hale Family, Zack Olley, Brandon & Mallory Keeks, Nate & Toria Haden, Sharnice Jones

Marriages Nate & Toria Haden, Keon & Imani Shorter, Chris & Judy Fitzpatrick



2018 Calendar Year Statistics:

Bible Class Average: 113
Worship Average: 198
Wednesday Average: 47
LIFE Group Average: 113
Average weekly contribution: \$9,769

Month by Month Events and Activities



January

January begins with a MED Meeting on 1/14. Family Promise Host Week, 1/21-28. Financial Peace University class begins on 1/18.

February

Super Sunday, featuring the roll-out of the 2018 "Connect" theme, annual corporate meeting, "Souper" Sunday Pre-Game Party, and evening Super Bowl Parties.

Deserving a mention: THE EAGLES WON THE SUPER BOWL! Barbara Robinson coordinates annual Blanket Drive. Teens go to Winterfest. Women's Movie Matinee and Ministry Meeting on 2/24. Matching Gifts Challenge is announced; two families offer to make a total matching gift of \$10,000.00 in an effort to raise \$20,000.00 to reduce our mortgage debt, ending on June 30.

March

Women's three month prayer groups begin. Rebekah and Elizabeth Lazar announced as new directors of Junior High 1 Week at Camp Manatawny. Elders announce that Derrick & Brenda Busch will join the ministry staff on a full-time basis, start date pending on move to NJ. The Pearls coordinate the Annual Easter Egg Hunt; over 60 children attend!

April

Special Easter Sunday worship service on 4/1, featuring *Were You There* dramatic production by our youth, coordinated by Diana Hutchinson. It is our most well attended worship service of 2018, at 263. Annual



Angels Outreach "Purple Bag" Challenge, coordinated here by Leza Davis; over 30 large bags of donated items are collected. April 15 is a special Camp Manatawny Sunday, with guest speaker Andrew Cooper; special collection raises \$2,500 for camp debt reduction. Family Promise Host Week, 4/15-22. "Seasoned Saints" Dinner coordinated by the teens and Tim & Melody Davis.

May

Minister Selection Committee is formed; twelve members of the committee are commissioned and prayed over. Feeding the Hungry in Trenton. Mother's Day Family Blessing; eight families with



new babies in the past year are blessed and prayed over. Special Pentecost Sunday morning worship service on 5/20; Acts 2 is read in fourteen different languages. Annual Memorial Day Picnic, scheduled to be at the home of Lisa and Larry Peterson, is rained out and held at the building. Coopers lead tour of Israel and Greece with 37 participants, 5/28-6/9.

June

American Red Cross Blood Drive, coordinated by Mandy Mansdorfer, meets goal. Vacation Bible School, 5/24-27; children's program, *Inside Out & Upside Down*, coordinated by Robin Steward, adult program guest speaker is Matt Fortunato speaking on *Building a God-Centered Home*. A successful Matching Gifts Challenge wraps up, meeting goal, with a total of \$20,000 being contributed to pay down our mortgage debt. Choices of the Heart "Baby Bottle Campaign" coordinated by teens collects \$3,200.

...July through December next week!

Our Mission

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

From Dan and Katherine

To Our Pitman Road Church Family!

You did it again! You blessed our family with a generous Christmas gift. Thank you. You leave this preacher speechless. God is so good. You are so thoughtful.

So, what will we do with your gift this year? No golf passes for me this year! Rather, we used your gift for our anniversary "get-away" weekend, and will save most of it for our France mission trip and the extension to Switzerland this summer. Your generosity and thoughtfulness blesses us now, and will bless us this summer.



Deep Love and Much Appreciation, Dan and Katherine

From Derrick and Brenda



Brenda and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your gift! More importantly, we are blessed by your love and trust as we surrender to God by answering the call into ministry at Pitman Road. Please be assured that we believe that Pitman Road is a very special fellowship with extraordinarily great potential and giftedness from God to minister to this present generation. Please continue to pray for us, as we pray for you daily. Thank you for allowing us to team with you in ministry!

God's grace, Derrick & Brenda



**Dave Perine
Shepherd**

I want to take a moment to thank the church family for taking seriously the challenge put forth by the shepherds last year.

Shepherd's Voice

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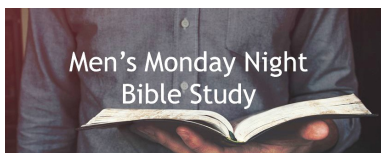
In 2018, as a church family, we focused on the theme of "Connect." We were urged to create MAD (Make a Difference) Moments. If you look back on our year, which is featured on this week's and next week's bulletin front page, you will see we did do a lot of that! So I want to take a moment to thank the church family for taking seriously the challenge put forth by the shepherds at the beginning of last year. And I want to encourage you to continue doing that in 2019.

Often, Annette and I will have conversations with people in the church family about involvement and activities. We will sometimes hear something like this: "Our church should have (insert an event, outreach, activity, class, or ministry here). Our response is often something like this: "That sounds like a great idea. But, you know, it takes someone to do that, and if you would like propose that idea, and head it up, we are more than happy to connect you with the people you need to speak to in order to see if it's possible. If it is, we are willing to help you get connected to the resources you may need to get started." If you have an idea for an event, activity, etc., I want to encourage you to consider taking the initiative to get the ball rolling!

When I was a deacon, Annette and I spent many years working with the DeStefanos, Holdens, and DeLoskeys in the Body Life and Fellowship ministry. We know how much work and effort it takes to make things happen here. And we know that can be daunting when you're not sure "how things are done." We also know how rewarding it can be to accomplish something that enriches our church family! If you have an idea, we want to "connect" you with the people and resources you need, so you can "make a difference" in our church family or in our community. Please feel free to speak to us so we can point you in the right direction.

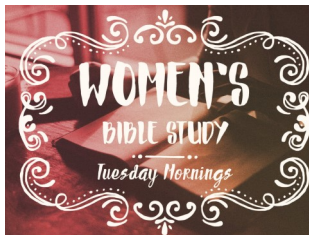
-Dave

Coming Up at Pitman Road!



Men's Monday Night Bible Study is meeting here tomorrow night, and each Monday night, at 7:00. Coffee and snacks are provided. The study of the New Testament continues. All men are welcome!

This Tuesday, Women in the Word Tuesday Morning Bible Study resumes after a winter break! This is great time to jump in if you haven't been attending. The group meets at 9:45 here at the church building. Child care is available! Bring a Bible you can take notes in. All women are welcome!



Almost all positions are filled for our upcoming **Family Promise Host Week**, January 20-27. If you want to help, please stop by the table in the lobby and sign up for one of the remaining slots!

Bring Your Own Craft Day is Saturday, January 26, from noon to 5:00 pm. Come and spend the afternoon working on your favorite craft projects and enjoy the company of other who appreciate "crafty people!" Snacks are provided!



IMPORTANT! On Sunday, January 27, the "Chili Run" will begin at the Carolina Blue parking lot. Pitman Road will be closed for a period of time beginning just before 10:00 am. **YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET TO OUR CHURCH BUILDING WHEN THE ROAD IS CLOSED.**

Please plan to be at the church building no later than 9:45 am to guarantee that you will be able to get here for the worship service. The road will be reopened by the time the worship service is over.

**"SOUPER" SUPER BOWL
PRE-GAME PARTY**



The annual "Souper" Super Bowl Sunday Pre-Game Party will take place here immediately following the worship service on Sunday, February 3! More details to come!

It's time to plan our evening Super Bowl parties! If you would like to host a Super Bowl party in your home, please contact Dan as soon as possible!

SAVE THE DATE! The Pitman Road Women's Ministry will be hosting Women's Prayer Program here on Saturday, February 23, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, with special guest speaker Margaret Robertson. Registration and details coming soon! If you have any questions, please see Mary Collier, program coordinator.



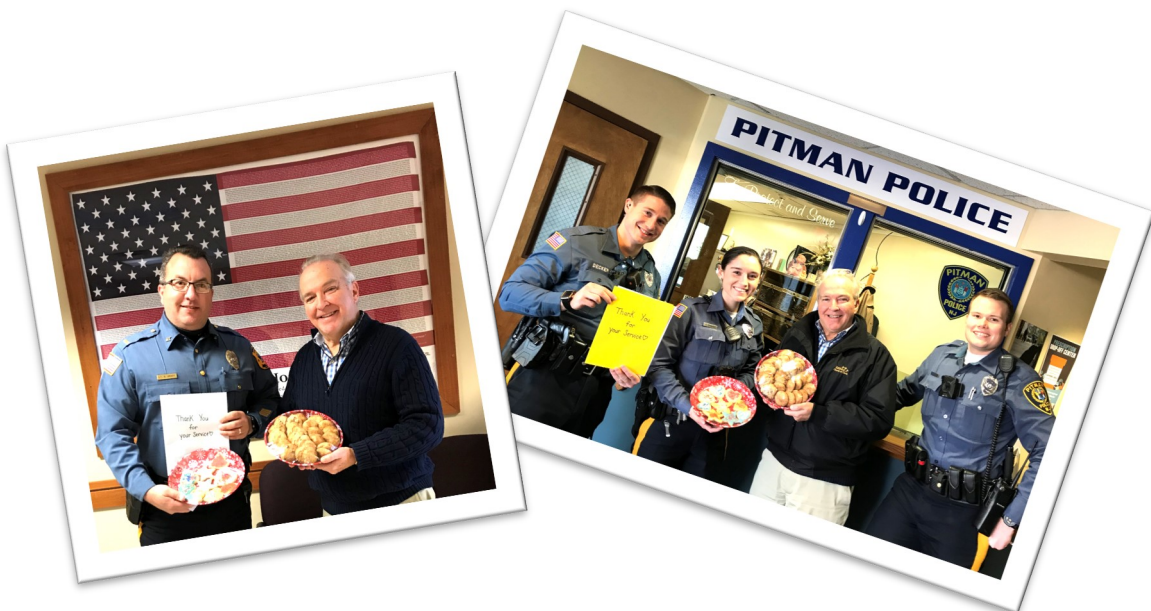
ATTENTION SECRET SISTERS and THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SECRET SISTER! The annual Secret Sisters Revealing Party will be on March 2 at 1:00 pm, at the home of Stephanie

DeStefano. Please let Dottie know if you plan to continue as a Secret Sister in 2019. If you would like to join Secret Sisters, now is the time! Please see Dottie for information or to sign up.

Serving Those Who Serve Us! (A M.A.D. Moment)

This past Wednesday was National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. **Our teens, led by Tim and Melody Davis,** baked cookies and wrote notes for our two local police departments to express appreciation for their service. Dan delivered the cookies and notes to both the Pitman and Mantua Township Police Departments on Wednesday afternoon.

Dan received notes the next day that read, "Thank you! The cookies are gone!"



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	134
Worship	192
LIFE Groups	74
Wednesday	NC

Giving for DECEMBER

December GOAL	\$49,150.00
Total December Contribution	\$51,877.00
Fiscal YTD GOAL	\$265,410.00
Fiscal YTD Contribution thru December	\$264,091.00

This Week's Prayer Requests

The January list of long-term, ongoing prayer requests is available as an insert in this bulletin, and in the lobby. New, urgent, and immediate prayer requests will appear in the bulletin. If you do not see your recent, ongoing, prayer request here, it was moved to the ongoing list.

Praises!

Karelle Pierre-Jacques will not have to have chemotherapy! Biopsy results from the sentinel node show no signs of cancer! Karelle and her family thank you for your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for her complete healing from the surgeries.

Kareem Rutledge Jr., Pattie Frambes, La'Verne Daniels, Debby Durham, and Angel Bobe, Sr. were all here worshipping with us last Sunday!

Prayer Requests:

Dwight Thompson was hospitalized upon returning from visiting their family last weekend for severe fatigue and dehydration.

Judy Fitzpatrick, Chris Fitzpatrick's wife, radiation treatments for throat cancer.

Angel Bobe, Sr. is now home from the hospital.

Larry Kellum Sr., slated to begin new treatment..

Steve De Prince, recovering from nerve and tendon transfer surgery on his right arm .

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.

La'Verne Daniels at home recovering from foot surgery.

Please continue to remember in your prayers **Larry Kellum, Sr., Gwen Phillip, Dwight Thompson, Linda Prenger, Patti Frambes, and Doug Oliver** as they receive treatment for/ recover from 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	Judi Campbell
Kids For Christ	Tina Broyles
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Andy & Donna Mychajlowycz
Greeters: Back Entrance	Ron Dargan & Mark Frock
Information Center	Mary Collier
Ushers	Larry Peterson & Harold Pearl
Shepherd's Call	Garth Hutchinson
Song Leader	Mike Broyles

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Sheehan's 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	Mychajlowyczs' at 5:30 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	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	Church Bldg. FLC, Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Married	Church Bldg. at noon	856-899-9466

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When you leave today, pause at the corner of Pitman Road and Lambs Road and see our new billboard! If you miss it today, no worries! It will be there through the end of March!