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Women's Prayer Program *Grace Under Fire*

“...My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness...”
-2 Corinthians 12:8-9



Guest Speaker:
Margaret Robertson

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23
8:30 am - 1:00 pm

God speaks to our hearts through scriptures and prayer. One need not look far to see signs of strife and division in the fabric of life. Despite what goes on around us, God provides us with the power to maintain “Grace Under Fire.” Join us as we delve deeper into scripture for the wisdom needed to rise above the chaos of the world.

This is a free event! Breakfast, lunch, and childcare are provided.

Please register at: pitman-womens-prayer-program.eventbrite.com

For information, contact:

Mary Collier, Program Coordinator: 215-888-0646

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Winterfest 2019

About 40 teens, their guests, and their chaperones are in Gatlinburg, Tennessee for Winterfest this weekend. While there, they have been worshipping with thousands of other teens and adults from all over the country. It is truly an unforgettable experience!

Please keep this group in your prayers as they begin the long bus ride back to New Jersey today. We are excited to have them back soon so that we can hear all the details about their trip!



Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

MAD...Stuck on a Big Bus - With a Bunch of Teens

It is true; about the time you read this, probably on Sunday morning (I just hope it is not during our communion service or during Derrick's sermon!), I am stuck on a bus with a bus load of teenagers. But I'm not the only adult stuck there. Also on the bus are our leaders: **Tim and Melody Davis, Chuck Olley, Troy Spencer, Jenn Pearl, Karelle Pierre-Jacques, and Nate and Toria Haden.** We'll be on that bus for over ten hours today. We were all locked in that same bus only three days ago! We all volunteered for the "lock up," and we paid our own way as we were locked on that bus. Why?

You might rightfully ask, "Why would nine adults, apparently of sound mind, agree to be locked up in a bus for over 20 hours in a four day period?" It is not ignorance! They know what they are doing. At least all of them, except Karelle and I who are newbies, know what they are doing because they've done it before.

We are all on this trip because we are **MAD!** We are determined to **"Make A Difference"** in the lives of our teens! We are investing in our church's future! We are experiencing "short term pain for long term gain!" We believe "a soul is a terrible thing to waste," so we're investing our time, energy and our money in these precious souls. Thanks to all the parents and others who are also investing.

We are locked in a bus, because we believe the words of Jerry Hill (founder of Timothy Hill Children's Ranch) as he says, "It is easier to build strong children than it is to invest in broken adults."

-Thank you for your prayers! **Dan**



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

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Derrick Busch
Minister

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We're All A Mess

FEAR!

As I think about Jesus sending out His disciples, it's interesting to me to note His words, His focus, and His stance that He chose to take at such a time. As Jesus sends them out to do ministry, to lovingly interact with the world, and to proclaim boldly the reign and lordship of Jesus Christ...He warns them about **Fear!** Is this warning still applicable to you and me today? Do we struggle with fearing man, more than we fear God? This misguided fear has the potential to greatly impact our ministry to the 21st century world. We are called to **speak** and **lovingly** live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ with **loving boldness!**

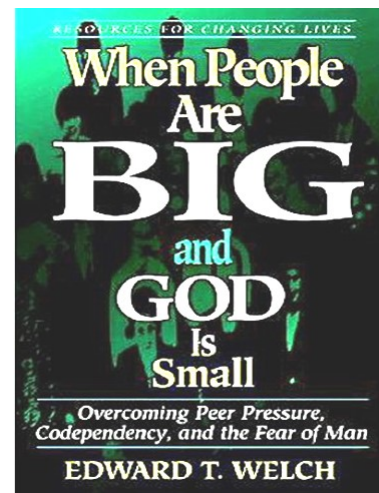
Ed Welch of the Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation, in his book, **When People Are BIG and GOD is Small**, is a powerful resource! Here's an excerpt from the book below. It's a must read!

"However you put it, the fear of man can be summarized this way: We replace God with people. Instead of a biblically guided fear of the Lord, we fear others.

Of course, the 'fear of man' goes by other names. When we are in our teens, it is called 'peer- pressure.' When we are older, it is called 'people-pleasing.' Recently, it has been called 'codependency.' With these labels in mind, we can spot the fear of man everywhere.

The problem is clear: People are too big in our lives and God is too small. The answer is straightforward: We must learn to know that our God is more loving and more powerful than we ever imagined. Yet this task is not easy. Even if we worked at the most spectacular of national parks, or the bush in our backyard started burning without being consumed, or Jesus appeared and wrestled a few rounds with us, we would not be guaranteed a persistent reverence of God. Too often our mountain-top experiences are quickly overtaken by the clamor of the world, and God once again is diminished in our minds. The goal is to establish a daily tradition of growing in the knowledge of God."

- Derrick



Women's Three Month Prayer Emphasis



Dear Praying Women,
A new 3-month season of prayer begins this week, and will last for the months of February, March, and April 2019. As of right now, there are three groups meeting. If you are not already part of a group but would like to be,

please contact one of these groups, or create one and invite a couple of women to join you.

In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation. -Psalm 5:3

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. -1 John 5:14

Let us encourage one another in this important spiritual blessing of prayer! Current groups are:

Thursdays at 6:30 am by phone:

Free conference call phone number: 515-604-9863

Access code: 756 796

Contact persons: Carla Clements or Melody Davis

Tuesdays at 9:00 am at the home of Yvonne Pearl

Contact persons: Yvonne Pearl and Debbie Schreiner

Mondays at 10:00 am at the home of Gloria Myerson

Contact persons: Gloria Myerson and Diana Hutchinson

With love in Christ,

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

Men's Bowling Fellowship



We are offering yet another opportunity for men to come together and fellowship. We will be hosting monthly bowling gatherings. Let's come together for a little competition, laughter, and fun!

Brunswick Zone Turnersville Lanes

100 American Boulevard, Turnersville, NJ 08012

Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

For more information, call **Justin Guy** at 609-468-2208

Secret Sister Revealing Party
Saturday, March 2 at 1:00
at the home of
Stephanie DeStefano



If you are interested in being a Secret Sister this year, please let me know and I will give you a questionnaire to fill out.

Please bring your favorite finger food to the party!

If you are unable to attend the party, please be sure that your gift is given to me or to Stephanie, so that you are "revealed" to your Secret Sister along with everyone else.

Lynne Sbaraglia has graciously offered to drive the church van to Hammonton. It will depart from the church parking lot at 12:15 sharp! **Please** contact me and let me know if you will ride in the van.

Thank you to all who participated this year, and I am looking forward to the new year! Each and everyone one of you is a blessing to me. Love you all, **Dottie**



Please join us for a

GIFT CARD SHOWER

celebrating the birth of

Xzavier Rodriguez

in honor of parents

Gabriel & Justice

Sunday, March 17, 2019, Immediately After Worship
In the Family Life Center

Recommended Gift Cards: Target, Walmart, or Buy Buy Baby

Support Southwestern Christian College

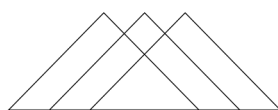
Wouldn't you love to support a great cause while at the same time enjoying some rich Christian fellowship?

Dan has tickets for a dinner supporting Southwestern Christian College hosted by the Newark Church of Christ on Sunday afternoon, March 3, at 2:00 pm. Donations of a minimum of \$40 are requested, and the donation is 100% deductible.

This is the 50th Annual National Dinner Day; the new president of the college, **Dr. Erwin Seamster**, will be the featured guest speaker. Dan will be driving the church van. Please see **Dan or Dottie** if you are interested in attending or for more information.

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT FOR TICKETS!

The Refuge Team is Open to New Members



REFUGE

Are you interested in getting more deeply involved with this ministry? We are looking for folks to serve in multiple ways, from running the soundboard or PowerPoint, to singing or playing an instrument, to organizing the snacks on a monthly or every-other-month basis. Beginners are welcome, as long as you are willing to learn and you want to grow in your walk with Jesus!

Contact **Kristy Romeo** for questions or more information!

Cell: 414-719-4151

Children's Ministry Opportunities



The Children's Ministry is looking for additional teachers for the 5th and 6th grade teaching team. This is a great opportunity for males to lead the young men and women in this age group. Please see **Robin Steward** if you can lead or co-teach this

spring, summer, or next school year. Co-teaching is a great way to start if you are not comfortable leading a class yet.

Thank you! **Robin** (856-264-9003)

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	123
Worship	203
LIFE Groups	92
Wednesday	30

Giving for January

January GOAL	\$39,320.00
Total January Contribution	\$38,298.00
Fiscal YTD GOAL	\$304,730.00
Fiscal YTD Contribution thru January	\$302,389.00

This Week's Prayer Requests

Sunday Morning Requests for Prayer: Harriet Wensel requested prayers for her daughter-in-law **Nancy Mathis-Anastasi** who was hospitalized with an infection. **Barbara Robinson** requested prayers for her father, **Marion Jacobs**, for continued recovery. He is now in a rehabilitation hospital.

Prayer Requests:

Dwight Thompson is at home and has begun new treatment.

Elinda Hunter, treatment pending.

Rich Rinnie remains hospitalized after triple bypass surgery and post-surgical complications. Jo Ann requests no visitors. Meals are appreciated.

Dorothy Cunningham, Brenda Peoples' mother, continues recovery in a rehabilitation hospital. Please continue to pray for her, Brenda, and Brenda's brother Ronnie.

Anne Peoples is recovering from surgery for a fractured hip. Cards and calls at the rehabilitation facility: Manor Care, Health Services, 5651 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE 19808. Room 178 B; cell # 302-634-0792; Manor Care # 302-239-8583

Bill Carney, Barbara's husband, still at Atrium rehabilitation in Woodbury.

Please continue to remember in your prayers **Judy Fitzpatrick**, **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 their rehabilitation/recovery from life changing injuries.

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Elder on Call for February: Dave Perine

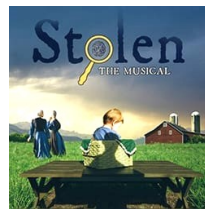
Serving Us Today

Nursery	TBA
Kids For Christ	Yvonne Pearl
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Horatio & Jackie Fenton
Greeters: Back Entrance	Frank & Sandy Sheehan
Information Center	Rebecca Guy
Ushers	Terry Rhymes & Justin Guy
Shepherd's Call	Dave Perine
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson

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 Monday at 7 pm	856-419-0544
Covenant	Perines' at 5:30 pm	908-294-4056
Hammonton	Broyles' at 6 pm	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 Adults	Hutchinsons' Friday at 6:30 pm	856-381-9095
Young Married	Church Bldg. at noon	856-899-9466

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There is a bus trip scheduled for **September 28, 2019**, to see the musical **Stolen** at the **Bird-In-Hand Stage Theatre in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania**. The cost is \$87.00 for adults and \$57.00 for children (4-12). The cost includes bus, show, and dinner at the Bird-In-Hand Family Restaurant. All money is due by

June 15th. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer. There are 100 tickets available. Contact **Brian Holden** for additional information. Home: 856-881-6792 Cell: 856-759-2542 e-mail: bcholden94@hotmail.com

A SUPER Thank You!

Thank you once again to **Tony and Stephanie DeStefano** and **Larry and Lisa Peterson** for coordinating the annual "Souper" Super Sunday Pre-Game Party! We also thank all who pitched in to help them set up/clean up, and all who contributed food and desserts. It was a great beginning to a long day of eating and celebrating!



THANK YOU to all who were **SUPER GENEROUS** by contributing to the Family Promise Ministry fund! **\$274.29** was given at the Pre-Game party and evening parties in homes. This money will go directly to help fund our Host Weeks here at Pitman Road.