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New Adult Classes Begin NEXT Sunday!

2019 Spring Quarter Bible Classes March • April • May Sunday

Location	Intended For	Topic	Teachers
FLC	Adults	The Gospel of John: That You May Believe - Pitman Road University	Garth Hutchinson
B3 Chapel	Couples & Parents	Parenting: What We Did Right- and Wrong	Dan Cooper/Parents
B4	Adults	"Cross Generational Ministry"	Derrick Busch
Parke Place	Senior Saints	Various Topics	Jay Schneider

Wednesday Evening

Location	Intended For	Topic	Teachers
B1	Adults	Barnabas Group	Donna Lazar, Fran Point
B3 Chapel	Adults	The Greatest Commands - 1 John, Matthew, 1 Corinthians	Carl Steiner
B4	Adults	"When People are Big and God is Small"	Derrick Busch

Even though the weather can't seem to decide which season is upon us, we're going to "Spring" ahead! NEW Spring Quarter Bible Classes begin NEXT Sunday! This is a great time to either continue or begin attending Bible classes on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Sunday mornings will feature a Pitman Road University class, a new and exciting parenting class, a class on cross generational ministry, and service time at Parke Place. Wednesday evenings will feature an opportunity to encourage with the Barnabas Group, a class on The Greatest Commands, and a class called, "When People are Big and God is Small." And of course there are classes for children and teens, too!

We hope to see you at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings, and 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings!

Our Mission

From Daniel's Den

What a Journey.... | Survived the Long Bus Trip!

So this time last Sunday, I was headed home from that long bus trip to Gatlinburg. I survived! **Tim and Melody** run a tight ship (or should I say a "tight bus.") The trip was both a learning and enriching experience on so many levels. I love our teens! I love our chaperones. Talk about making a difference...Tim, Melody, and the chaperones are a **M.A.D.** (Make A Difference) group of people. Thanks for inviting me, Tim. Will I do it again next year? If you invite me!

The next journey for our church starts this coming Sunday, as we embark on a new quarter! As our Spring Quarter begins, we have new classes for all ages. Pitman Road University classes continue, textual classes continue, a class on cross generational ministry begins, the Barnabas Ministry continues...and, I am super excited about a class on parenting called, "Parenting: What We Did Right...and Wrong" which will also begin next Sunday. In addition, Robin Steward and Tim Davis have put together excellent classes for all our kids, from Cradle Roll up through the Sr. High Classes. See the front page for all of the adult options.

Parents with children, as you think about whether or not you will attend Sunday School, remember this; "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults." Building strong children depends mostly upon the parents. Public Schools do not build strong children. Even Sunday School does not build strong children! Faithful, engaged, loving, disciplined, committed, intentional, and centered parents build strong children. Don't miss the wonderful classes coming up, starting next Sunday at 9:00 am.





Dan Cooper aka "Dan, Dan, the Preacherman"

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Brian Mansdoerfer Deacon: Jr. Worship Building Maintenance

Are we growing, or are we dying?

A Servant Speaks

Growing or Dying?

I've heard it said, "If you're not growing, you're dying." A tree grows its entire life; it reaches for the sun and grows as big and tall as it can, until one day it dies. Only then does it cease growing. People stop growing physically somewhere in their twenties. After that, you slowly begin degenerating unless you force growth and strength through nutrition and exercise. This slows down the degeneration process because you're now moving in the opposite direction.

The same thing happens to us mentally. However we can force growth here as well, by picking up a book, or learning a new skill. So if we can create growth, and slow the dying process, why do so few people choose to do these things? Most likely because it's very uncomfortable. Growth hurts! Spiritual growth, both individually and as a body, is also uncomfortable. **So why grow? It hurts!**

As a church, a body of individual Christians, what's our purpose? Is it to show people the love of Christ, and bring people to him? Or is it to make sure we get church "right?" Jesus taught us about being followers of Him and spreading His word, not how to do church. Spirit of the law; not letter of the law. Love, grace, and forgiveness, not buildings, kitchens, role disputes, and instruments! Jesus came to simplify things. Love one another and follow him. We all need to be willing to get uncomfortable and stretch our minds beyond the paradigms we cling to; not to find "right" but to grow. We need to seek in love, with patience and grace for each other, to ensure we grow. The alternative is not acceptable. We shouldn't ask what we're getting from church, but instead, what are we becoming? Are we growing, or are we dying?

Secret Sister Revealing Party

THIS SATURDAY!

March 2 at 1:00 pm at the home of Stephanie DeStefano



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 pm sharp! <u>Please</u> 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*



Women's Three Month Prayer Emphasis



Dear Praying Women,

A new 3-month season of prayer has begun and will last for the remainder of February, along with March and April 2019. If you are not already part of a group but would like to be, please contact one of these groups, or cre-

ate 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. $-1 ext{ John } 5:14$

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



THIS SATURDAY!

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!

March 2, 2019 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Brunswick Zone Turnersville Lanes

100 American Boulevard, Turnersville, NJ 08012

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

Join Us



Men's Prayer Time

Did you know that we have a gathering of men at the building three times every week? The men

come together for one reason and one reason alone...PRAYER. If you would like to join them, or if you'd like to share a prayer request, you are cordially invited. We meet three times a week, always in the Conference Room at the church building. Once a month, on a Saturday morning, we pray first then go share breakfast.

Tuesday mornings from 10 am to 11 am Friday mornings from 7 am to 8 am Saturday mornings from 8 am to 9 am

Join us. No special invitation needed.

Prayer Requests? Email Dan at dcooper@coChrist.org



Kareem Rutledge, Jr., who has been recovering from life changing injuries, is now walking! To God be the glory!

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

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	87
Worship	163
LIFE Groups	114
Wednesday	NA/Snow

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Serving Us Today

Nursery
Linda Pugh or Robin Steward
Kids For Christ
Manny Vander Vennen

Jr. Worship
Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance
Greeters: Back Entrance
Brian & Cindy Holden

Information Center Mary Collier

Ushers Steve DePrince & Pat Monteleone

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 Monday at 7 pm	856-419-0544
Covenant	Mychajlowyczs' at 5:30 pm	908-294-4056
Hammonton	Olleys' at 6 pm	908-525-6154
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 12:30 pm	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 Adults	Hutchinsons' Friday at 6:30 pm	856-381-9095
Young Married	Church Bldg, at noon	856-899-9466

Find Us on Social Media:







This Week's Prayer Requests

<u>Praise:</u> Kareem Rutledge, Jr., who has been recovering from life changing injuries, is now walking!

<u>Sunday Morning Requests for Prayer:</u> Doug Oliver requests prayers as he faces further testing in the coming days.

Prayer Requests:

Carol Killeen, Dianne Perales' sister, treatment for breast cancer. **Gwen Phillips** has been hospitalized again. More complications and pain. She requests no visits or phone calls at this time.

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.

We Extend Our Sympathy

Sympathy to **Cookie Rowe** who just discovered that her brother, **John Richard Holmes**, died of a massive heart attack. John lived alone in Pennsylvania and a couple of days passed before he was found. He was 74 years old. Funeral arrangements are pending.

The Refuge Team is Open to New Members



We are looking for folks to serve in multiple ways, Beginners are welcome, as long as you are willing to learn and you want to grow in your walk with Jesus!

REFUGE Contact **Kristy Romeo** for questions or more information! Cell: 414-719-4151



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 still 50 tickets available. Contact **Brian Holden** for additional information.

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