



# PITMAN ROAD

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Connecting to our Community

### All Saints Dinner

Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Our annual All Saints Dinner is coming up! This wonderful event will be coordinated by **Tim and Melody Davis** and our **teens**, and will be held in the **Family Life Center** on **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**. You will be served by our teens! There will be fun and games! **This meal is free**, and you are encouraged to invite members from the community. This annual dinner is designed to honor those who are 55 and over. **You do not need to be a "senior citizen" to enjoy this wonderful time of food and fellowship!**



### Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

An Easter Egg Hunt and a Wednesday night meal prepared by **Aaron and Jen Pearl** is coming up soon! This is something that is fun and different. In addition to the kids from our church being invited, they are encouraged to invite their friends. Yes, there will be an egg hunt. Yes, there will be a photo op with the Easter Bunny. If you plan to attend the meal, you are requested to sign up on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. **We would be so "hoppy" if you joined us!** More information to come.



### Creation Care Breakfast

Saturday, April 20, 2019 from 9:00 - 11:00 am

This **Easter Eve**, we will be holding a Creation Care Breakfast hosted by the **Pitman Council of Churches** which will take place at our building in the **Family Life Center**. Our guest speakers are President of Pitman Borough Council, **Paul Blass**, and **Dare Euler**, Education Commissioner of Pitman Environmental Commission. God has given us the earth and charged us to take care of it. How are we doing on that front? What can residents of South Jersey do to better care for our environment? When does recycling help and when does it hurt? Come and learn more! Tickets are available for purchase, and are **\$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-12**. Tickets can be purchased in advance through our church, from other local churches, Mama Marie's in Pitman, or from Pitman Jewelry. All ticket sales will fund **Pitman High School Scholarship Fund**.



The Pitman Council of Churches  
invites you to an

## Easter Eve Breakfast

Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 9:00 am  
at Pitman Road Church of Christ  
500 Pitman Road, Sewell, NJ 08080  
across from the Pitman Golf Course

featuring guest speakers  
**Dare Euler** and **Paul Blass**

"CREATION CARE"  
The Christian's Responsibility  
to Care for the Earth

### Gloucester County Community Chorus

Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 3:00 pm

The Gloucester County Community Chorus will be performing a **free concert** in our building this May. The concert will focus on **"Music Around the World."** Several of our members and friends, including **Julie Church** and **Marlene Bundridge**, are members of this chorus. You might consider dismissing your LIFE Group that day in order to be present for this event. We would love to welcome our guests with a room full of people! Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program, so if you would like to volunteer to help with that, please contact **Harriet Wensel**.

## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## Anne Peoples Asked That I Pray for Her!

Last week I visited our 92-year-old sister in Christ, Anne Peoples. I've known Anne for 35 years now, and she is one of my favorite people. (She reminds me of my mother, and is the age my mother would be if she was still living.) Anne recently had hip surgery, and following that surgery she had a stroke. Following her stroke, as I understand it, there were significant and immediate symptoms, but the medical people on site got her treatment for her stroke almost immediately.

But this article is not about strokes. It is about prayer and faith! As I was preparing to leave her room I said, "Anne, can I pray for you before I leave?" Her response: "You'd better!" So I prayed, and before I could look up, she continued the prayer. She started, "Lord, I want to be with you. Come on, take me..." Those words struck me! And she continued with other requests. I opened my eyes and looked for something to write on. The only thing I could find was a napkin. I wrote those words down on that napkin. What a simple but beautiful prayer for every Christian!

Can you pray that prayer? **"Lord, I want to be with you. Come on, take me."**

Learning to Pray, **Dan**

**What are the symptoms of a stroke to look out for?**

**Think FAST!**

**Face:** Check smile (face) and see if one side of the face droops.

**Arms:** Raise both arms. Does one arm drop down?

**Speech:** Say a short phrase and check for slurred or strange speech.

**Time:** If the answer to any of these is "Yes," call 911 right away. Write down the time the symptoms started.



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

"Lord I want to  
be with you.  
Come on,  
take me..."



**Derrick Busch**  
**Minister**

Meditative  
Thought: "It is  
true; what or  
who you need  
will control  
you."

## We're All A Mess

### Wednesday Night Reflection

*The fear of human opinion disables; trusting in GOD protects you from that.* - Proverbs 29:25 (MSG)

It has been both refreshing and eye-opening to uncover the deep, deep struggle that impacts us ALL on Wednesday nights. We have been blessed and deeply convicted by the realization that this struggle impacts every area of our lives more than we know. More directly, it impacts our relationship with God, and our relationship with one another. We have traced the origin of this struggle all the way back to the biblical text found in Genesis 3. One of the exciting and life giving examples of hope is the refreshing discovery that the Word of God speaks loudly to this struggle that impacts us ALL. The struggle that we're confronting on Wednesday nights is *"The fear of man!"* This past Wednesday, we started the process of unpacking the dominant questions that the Bible asks; "Whom will you fear?" "Will you fear God or people?"

Perhaps you're saying to yourself, "I don't struggle with the fear of man!" Have you ever experienced any of the following: 1. Peer pressure 2. Are you over-committed and struggle to say NO? 3. Do you "need" something from your spouse, like their listening ear or respect? 4. Is self-esteem a critical concern for you? 5. Do you ever feel as if you might be exposed as an impostor? 6. Are you always second-guessing decisions? 7. Do you feel empty or meaningless? 8. Do you get easily embarrassed? 9. Do you ever lie, especially the little white lies to make ourselves look better? 10. Are you jealous of other people? 11. Do other people often make you angry or depressed? 12. Do you avoid people? 13. What's your reasoning for dieting? Have you answered yes to one or several of these questions?

Come and join us as we explore the three basic reasons why we fear other people:

1. We fear people because they can expose and humiliate us.
2. We fear people because they can reject, ridicule, or despise us.
3. We fear people because they can attack, oppress, or threaten us."

- Derrick



## TODAY After Worship!

 Please join us for a  
**GIFT CARD SHOWER**  
 celebrating the birth of  
**Xzavier Rodriguez**  
 in honor of parents  
**Gabriel & Justice**  
**TODAY immediately after worship**  
**in the Family Life Center**  
*Recommended Gift Cards: Target, Walmart, or Buy Buy Baby*

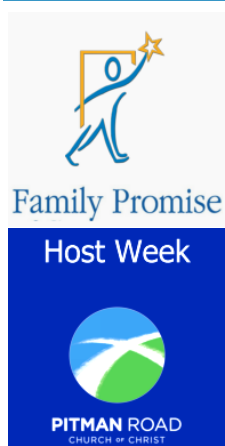
## Men's Bible Study TOMORROW Evening!



**This Monday evening, from 7:00 - 8:15 pm,** the Men's Bible Study group will be featuring the **Book of Jude**. This group is regularly attended by men from the church and several visitors from the area. We meet in **The Conference Room**. Snacks, coffee, and other hot beverages will be served. This week we plan to watch an 8 minute YouTube video presentation by "Read Scripture" before studying the text. **Please join us for this wonderful time of fellowship, bible study, and prayer.**

**75** *years young*  
 PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE  
 75TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF  
*Harriet Wensel*  
**Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 1-4 pm**  
**In the Family Life Center**  
 RSVP by Wednesday, March 27, by calling or texting  
 Stephanie DeStefano if you are planning to attend.  
 If you are able to provide a finger food,  
 please let Stephanie know what you are  
 bringing. *No desserts, please!*

## Family Promise Host Week



**Sunday, April 21 – Sunday, April 28**

Our next Host Week of the year is coming up quickly, and MANY volunteer positions are still available. Please see **John Ashton**, our coordinator, in the lobby TODAY to volunteer, or call him at **609-214-8522**.

**Volunteers for the following positions are still needed:** (See John for specific days these are needed.)

Shopper	Cook
Evening Host	Laundry
Overnight Host	Evening Driver
Room Setup	Van Transfer
Room Breakdown	

## THIS Saturday!



**Jay Schneider** is planning a trip to the **Liberty Science Center** this **Saturday, March 23**. This museum is designed to be of interest to both adults and children. Jay plans to meet up with his daughter Bethany and spend most of the 6 hours there at the Sherlock Holmes exhibit. If enough people

are interested in going, we may take the church van.

Contact Jay at **856-449-9656** if you are interested.

Visit their website at <https://lsc.org> for more information!

## THIS Saturday!

**Bring Your Own**  
**Craft Day**  
**THIS Saturday, March 23**  
**Noon to 5:00 pm**  
**in the Family Life Center**  
**Snacks are provided!**  
*Hope to see you there!*

## We Extend Our Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Allison Glover** and her family as her father, **Ken Upchurch**, 73, passed away unexpectedly this last Saturday. Mr. Upchurch was an amazing and caring man who had a heart for evangelistic mission work. He continued to help missionaries raise funds for different organizations up until the time that he went to be with the Lord. Our thoughts and prayer are with Ken's daughters, **Allison and Jessica**, his wife **Carolyn**, his grandchildren **Hailey and Riley**, and the rest of their family. We grieve, but not as those who have no hope.

## We Are So Proud of You!



**Jade Adams** just enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. She will be leaving for Paris Island on April 22, 2019.

**Zack Olley** just enlisted in the United States Navy.

**Luke Olley** was just inducted into the National Honor Society.



There are **20 tickets** still available for the **September 28th** bus trip to see **"Stolen"** at the Bird-In-Hand Stage in Lancaster County, PA. The cost is **\$87 for adults** and **\$57 for children (ages 4-12)**. The cost includes bus, show, and dinner at Bird-In-Hand restaurant. **All money is due by June 15th**. Checks are

payable to Pitman Road Church of Christ. For additional information, please contact **Brian Holden**. E-mail: **bchold-en94@hotmail.com** Phone: **(856) 881-6792 (C) (856) 759-2542**

## 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	92
Worship	182
LIFE Groups	122
Wednesday	32

## Giving for FEBRUARY

Month GOAL	\$39,320.00
Total Month Contribution	\$37,430.00
Fiscal YTD GOAL	\$344,050.00
Fiscal YTD Contribution thru February	\$339,819.00

## This Week's Prayer Requests

### Prayer Requests:

**Dorice E. Mitchell**, Katherine Cooper's dad, was admitted to the hospital in Nashville with congestive heart failure as well as sepsis. He is very weak.

**Clare Hightower**, diagnosed with breast cancer. Just received a good prognosis. Surgery in a couple of weeks.

**Karelle Pierre-Jacques'** surgery went well and she is home recovering. She has gone back to work.

**Tristan Garcia**, age 5, son of **Rebecca Guy's** best friend, is recovering from septic shock which affected his vital organs.

**Cliff Dando**, suffering with vertigo. Waiting to see a specialist. Friends of **Imani Johnson** lost everything in a house fire.

**John Schofield** is starting to walk again after having a stroke.

**Dorothy Cunningham**, Brenda Peoples' mother, is back in the hospital with pneumonia. This is complicated by other health issue. John and Brenda are there with her.

**Barbara Robinson** requested prayers for her father, **Marion Jacobs**, for continued recovery. He is now in a rehabilitation hospital.

**Doug Oliver**, doctors discovered a mass on his liver. A biopsy will be scheduled soon.

**Carol Killeen**, Dianne Perales' sister, treatment for breast cancer.

**Gwen Phillips** is home and had her last radiation on Tuesday. She will be beginning chemo again soon.

**Dwight Thompson** is weak and continues treatment.

**Elinda Hunter**, began radiation treatment for breast cancer.

**Rich Rinnie** is at a rehabilitation facility after post-surgical complications, but he may be released this week. Jo Ann requests no visitors. Meals are appreciated.

**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, delayed recovery from open heart surgery.

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 March and April:**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Tina Broyles
Kids For Christ	Jessica Forman
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Larry & Lea Ann Kellum
Greeters: Back Entrance	Justin & Rebecca Guy
Information Center	Shachara Adams
Ushers	Larry Peterson & Corny Walker
Shepherd's Call	John Peoples
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 Monday at 7 pm	856-419-0544
Covenant	Mychajlowyczs' at noon	908-294-4056
Hammonton	Ashtons' at 6:00 pm	609-214-8522
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	Church Bldg. at noon	856-905-4002
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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