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Invite someone!

Invitations are available at the Welcome Center.

Our Schedule:

9:00 am

- Bible classes for all ages

9:40 am

- Coffee and donuts in our lobby

10:00 am - Worship service featuring the sermon:

"What the Resurrection of Jesus Means to Me"

THIS Wednesday, April 17, 2019

- For children ages 0 to 12 years old
- Dinner served at 5:30 pm and Egg Hunt begins at 6:30 pm
- Photos with the Easter Bunny directly after Egg Hunt
- Bring a basket to collect your eggs. (Bags will be provided if you don't have one.)

Invite a friend!

Invitation cards are available at the Welcome Center

Please sign up TODAY if you plan to attend. Donations of candy and/or money are appreciated, and can be given to Aaron or Jenn Pearl. Adults are asked to please accompany their children throughout festivities.

Our Mission

From Daniel's Den

I am excited about my up-coming semi-retirement!
I am excited about Derrick Busch's increasing role once their home in Philadelphia sells!

I am excited about the coming of the Peacher family!

Believe it or not, I continue to hear a handful of people expressing "concerns" about our future. Why concerns? I think the biggest reasons for the concerns are centered on the fact that things are changing and going to be different. But, different is not bad! In fact, different can be good! **God is still in control.** I think it is good that Katherine and I are going to be able to continue to minister in this church, just on a part-time rather than a full-time basis. And, I'm excited about my new title, "Connections Minister." This change will be effective on July 1, as we begin our new fiscal year.

I think it is great that once Derrick and Brenda sell their place in Philadelphia, they plan to buy here in South Jersey and begin a full-time ministry with our church (rather than only being able to serve this church on a part-time basis). Derrick will take my office and his new title will be "Pastoral Care Minister." Derrick and Brenda, as you undoubtedly know, have so much to offer. Katherine and I are thrilled to continue partnering in ministry with them. Love that they heard the "Macedonian Call" and answered it.

And I am excited about the coming of the Peacher family. In so many ways, they remind me of Katherine and me when we came to this church in 1984. Moving far away from family! Committed to kingdom work. Young family, young children, eager to humbly serve and invest heavily in church and community to help inspire growth. Not afraid to get their hands dirty! Joey's title will be "Preaching Minister."

Together, we three ministers will present a united front, and as a partnership, each of us will be able to minister to this body out of some of our greatest strengths. Do not be concerned. **God is in this.** The Selection Committee has done their job well. This process has been bathed in prayer. Humble hearts are seeking to put first things first. I am claiming this promise, "... we know that to those who love God, who are called according to His plan, everything that happens fits into a pattern for good." Rom. 8:28 (JB Phillips Translation)

-Dan the Connecting Preacherman



Dan Cooper aka "Dan, Dan, the Preacherman"

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-Romans 8:28

A Continued Introduction of our Newest Member, Travis Laborde!

We are so glad that you chose to be a part of this family, Travis! This was a message that Travis sent to Dan:

Dan, I wanted to write a few things to describe my first impressions of the Pitman Road Church of Christ from a new person's perspective. Not at all a new Christian, but new to this congregation. Of course I'll give some details, but I'd like to start by giving a one-word summary: WOW!

I'll start with the most immediately visually obvious stuff, even if it is less important overall. The building is beautiful, clean, and functional. The grounds and parking lot are well maintained and inviting. Once you get inside, the wide open spaces, the computer screens, and other helpful presentations immediately let you know that lots of things are going on here. An effort is being made to tell you all about it. Seriously, I'd want to come back just to go to the information desk and look at all the stuff there. And what did I see there? Sign-up forms for people to get involved with stuff. Wow.

Next, the part that really made me give this church a second and third look; I attended a Monday Night Bible Study. The group dynamic was unbelievable. I can't really describe this well without revealing one of my own faults, so as shameful as this will sound, here goes. During this study time some questions were asked and opinions raised that were "obviously wrong, even silly." And right in front of the pastor! I figured you would want to put a stop to that right away, given the fact that there was "a new guy" in the room (me) and wanting to "not give the wrong impression of the beliefs of this church." Nope. You never said a word. Everyone got to say their piece, clarifications were made, gently, and we moved on. I am absolutely and utterly blown away by the way classes and studies are done at this church. Letting everyone be involved without fear or intimidation. Simply encouraging the learning to continue.

Finally, the part that really makes me want to make this my home; the people are amazing. I come from a predominately Pentecostal background. While my mind has always known better, my heart is quick to say that "unless you look like them, you're probably one of those half-way Christians, like Baptists." Which is fine! I've never seen non-Pentecostal people as serious about following the Lord as I have seen at this church. So many people, of such diversity, genuinely care, and are genuinely taking steps as ordered of the Lord. I am completely humbled, and my world view might change if I hang around too long!

And everything is so well organized. From the website, to the bulletins, to the people serving in various capacities each week - everything has been thought of and attended to. There was a race or something preventing access to the road near the church. I had no idea. I just went to the website to see what time you have service on Sunday and I saw the notification about access being limited that morning. So well done. I've spent my whole adult life wishing I could get back to one of those first two churches where the Lord became real to me. Those are thousands of miles away, not to mention decades of time. For the first time since then I can honestly say, I'd be proud to call this my home church.

TODAY Directly After Service!

God Go With You, Tade!

Please join us to wish Jade Adams well on her next journey as she leaves for boot camp for the United States Marine Corp. on April 22, 2019.

We will be meeting in the young adults classroom, room B2, right after church today to have a sendoff prayer and share refreshments.

We wish Jade well and know that God is with her always!

Creation Care Breakfast–THIS Saturday!

We are not cooking at our church, however, **WE REALLY NEED HELP SETTING UP AND SERVING!** Please contact Harriet Wensel if you are able to help, and to discuss times needed. Thank you!



If you are interested in attending, see Kate Ikeorha for tickets.

Camp Manatawny Sponsorships



Here at Pitman Road, making sure <u>all</u> of our children are able to go to Camp Manatawny is a priority! If you would like to contribute to sending a child to camp, this would be the appropriate time to let Dottie know. This summer's base camp fee is \$325, but there may be discounts that

apply depending on each particular child's eligibility. You may contribute all or part of the fee; any amount is welcome! Write your check to the Pitman Road Church of Christ, note "camp sponsorship" on the memo line, and drop it in the collection plate or give it to Dottie.

Family Promise- HELP NEEDED!



PITMAN ROAD

Sunday, April 21 - Sunday, April 28

A few volunteer positions are still available for our next **Family Promise Host Week**:

Sunday, 4/21: Overnight Host (Need 1 female)
Saturday, 4/27: Evening Driver (Need 1)
Sunday, 4/28: Breakdown (Need 2 or more)

Please see **John Ashton**, our coordinator, in the lobby TODAY to volunteer, or call him at **609-214-8522**.



This Monday evening, from 7:00 - 8:15 pm, the Men's Bible Study group will be featuring the Book of Revelation. 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. Please join us

for this wonderful time of fellowship, bible study, and prayer.

DATE CHANGE! New Date is May 11th

All Gaints Dinner Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Family Life Center Everyone 55+ is welcome to attend! COME AND ENJOY A NIGHT OF FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR TEENS! Please RSVP to Melody Davis by text, call, or email.

Junior/Senior High Retreat



April 26-27 for Grades 7-12

Join friends, summer staff, and other campers for a weekend that is highly social, relaxed, and offers a lot of fun for teens! You'll participate in games and activities, enjoy some free time, and worship Christ through singing and studying God's Word.

Invite your friends, get your youth group involved; you don't want to miss this opportunity!

Cost: Only \$35! (plus a \$4 processing fee) Includes a light dinner, snacks, program, activities, 1 night seasonal cabin lodging, breakfast and lunch on Saturday Go to manatawny.org for the schedule, to register, or for more information.

Must be registered and paid in full by April 13th!

Gloucester County Community Chorus presents:

"Grand Musical Tour Around the Globe"

Join us as we travel the world through music! The chorus will present songs from Australia, Argentina, the British Isles, Japan, Israel, the Caribbean, and Africa.

Sunday, May 5, 2019 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Admission is Free

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*.



If you have good news to share with the church family, please email your information to kikeorha@cochrist.org!

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	125
Worship	215
LIFE Groups	80
Wednesday	34

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Elder on Call for April: Mike Broyles			

Serving Us Today

Song Leader

Nursery TBD

Kids For Christ Robin Steward

Jr. Worship Brian Mansdoerfer

Greeters: Front Entrance Mandy Mansdoerfer & Pat Monteleone

Garth Hutchinson

Greeters: Back Entrance Joe Marshall
Information Center Shachara Adams
Ushers John & Corey Peoples
Shepherd's Call Horatio Fenton

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Mychajlowyczs' at noon	908-294-4056
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	609-980-5102
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	Nick's Pizzeria on Delsea Drive	856-304-4995
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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This Week's Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests:

Alan Cattier, friend of the Points, is a recent widower who has mobility issues and is facing a very serious surgery.

Barbara Robinson, traveling safety.

John Grillo is recovering from surgery for a fractured hip.

16 year old daughter of Aurelia, friend of Kelly Spencer, had a mini stroke which led to the discovery of a lesion on her brain.

Dennis Hobbs, a friend and coworker of Troy Spencer, collapsed at work and found out that he has brain cancer. His prognosis and course of action are to be determined.

Je'Ani Lyles is continuing to be treated for blood clots.

Doug Oliver, is receiving treatment at Cancer Treatment Centers of America.

Patty Ollek, Sandy Sheehan's cousin, diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer and just had surgery. Will start chemo in a few weeks. Cards would be deeply appreciated: *8 Oakwood Ave., Key Largo, FL 33037*.

David Balitz, friend of Sandy Sheehan, has stage 3 colon cancer and is doing chemo.

Dorice E. Mitchell, Katherine Cooper's dad, is continuing to struggle with both physical and mental issues.

Clare Hightower, is about to begin 4 weeks radiation therapy. **Cliff Dando** says thank you for your prayers and he will begin therapy for his vertigo.

John Schofield is starting to walk again after a stroke. **Dorothy Cunningham,** Brenda Peoples' mother, has multiple health issues.

Carol Killeen, Dianne Perales' sister, treatment for breast cancer. **Gwen Phillips** is home and will be beginning chemo again soon.

Elinda Hunter, began radiation treatment for breast cancer.

Rich Rinnie is now home after post-surgical complications. Jo Ann requests no visitors. Meals are appreciated.

Anne Peoples is recovering from surgery and a stroke at home. Cards and calls appreciated: cell # 302-634-0792

Bill Carney, Barbara's husband, grateful for improvement with his walking after open heart surgery.

Please continue to remember in your prayers Judy Fitzpatrick, Larry Kellum, Sr., Gwen Phillip, 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.

Weekly Men's Prayer Times



Mark these in your date book.
Add these to your calendars.
Each prayer time lasts 1 hour.

In the Conference Room

Tuesdays at 10:00 am Fridays at 7:00 am Saturdays at 8:00 am