

## Introduction to Ministry Model Articles

Transitions can often wear us down, but not always. Consider the excitement surrounding these “transitions” – a wedding, a new birth, a new car or home, a promotion, a retirement. Change can be, and often is, natural, good, and “just what the doctor ordered.” Our transition to a new ministry model is upon us. It has been bathed in prayer and carefully thought out. It includes a minister for these three areas: Pastoral Care, Preaching, and Connections. We believe that God is at work and that Derrick, Joey, and Dan will form a great team that will lead our church family into a future of reaching others for God, while maintaining all the things that have made Pitman Road a special place. Over the next few weeks, our bulletin will present a description of each part of our new ministry model. We hope this process will clarify roles, answer questions, and convey our enthusiasm for our ministry team and the work they will do.

### Our Pastoral Care Minister



Our pastoral care minister must be one that is multi-talented, spiritually gifted, held in high esteem by the church family, and able to communicate in a sincere and loving way. He will provide ministerial care and coordination of the areas essential to the health and spiritual growth of our church family. Church planning, spiritual growth development, counseling, visitations, teaching, mentoring, and ministries coordination are all a part of his responsibilities. In his preaching, we will look to him to use God’s Word to remind the church of God’s calling and expectations. Though not directly facilitating every aspect of church function, he is viewed as the minister that has his finger on the pulse of all church activity. If our church family were a cruise line (we will use this analogy in each article), he might be seen as the captain of the ship; keeping the boat on course, the passengers safe, and everything running smoothly. This minister is a person that is mature, interpersonally and professionally skilled, grounded in the Word, and not easily tossed about by the winds and waves of life. The Shepherds see **Derrick Busch** as just such an individual, and look forward to him filling this role.

Derrick demonstrates all the qualities that are needed to serve as our Pastoral Care Minister. Outside of church circles, *pastoral care* has been defined as “emotional and spiritual support” and “helping acts directed toward the healing, sustaining, guiding, and reconciling of troubled persons...” This is our brother, Derrick! In his part-time work with the church over many years, he has proven his desire and effectiveness in the areas of teaching, counseling, mentoring, organizing, and preaching. We know that Derrick is a humble, servant-hearted team player. God has prepared him for this moment in ways that we all recognize, and ways that He will further reveal to both Derrick and the church family. The elders are confident in this decision, and trust that Derrick will be a guiding influence at Pitman Road for years to come.

## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## France Mission Trip Coming Up-Trip # 8

**Our church is faithful to the "Great Commission."** As a matter of fact, it is one of our Core Values! ***"We have the responsibility to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, make disciples, baptize believers, and model God's love."*** (Matt. 28:18-20; Matt. 22:37-39, Mark 16:15-16)

**We are serious about spreading the good news of Jesus Christ around the world.** Of course, that sharing of the good news starts right here in South Jersey. Over the last three decades, the "good news sharing" has called for both our dollars and our volunteer spirit. Our members send money around the world to proclaim Christ. And, our members have traveled the world...to China, to Panama, to Tanzania to Haiti, to Honduras, to Peru, to China, to Japan, to Ghana, and France, to proclaim Christ!

**Our next mission trip is to France, coming up on June 21-30.** We have between 25 and 30 eager volunteers ready to go. About half of the volunteers this year are from our congregation right here at Pitman Road, and the other half are from around the nation, with most of them coming from Nebraska. What can you do to help? First and foremost, you can pray for both our effectiveness and our safety. (If you've noticed the news lately, France is experiencing more than a little unrest.) Second, some in our group still need money to help pay for their trip, so you can see me if you'd like to make a donation. Total cost for the trip is just under \$2,000. (We take no money out of the church contributions to support this trip.) Third, maybe you can volunteer to drive our group up to Newark International Airport in the church van on Friday, June 21; or to pick us up on Sunday, June 30. Let me know if you can help!

Finally, begin now to plan to join us on our next mission trip, in June, 2021. Typically, I lead these mission trips to France every other year, (odd numbered years), during the last full week of June.

**- Dan the Mission Minded Preacher Man**



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

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**Steve Pierre-Jacques**  
Deacon

## A Servant Speaks

### God is Good

*"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice!" -Philippians 4:4.*

Sounds so simple, yet, this can be so difficult. How does one rejoice when faced with the loss of a job, cancer, or death? These are life altering events that can paralyze, crush, and destroy. Yet, we are reminded to rejoice in the Lord always. Recent events in my life have made me realize that it is very hard to rejoice when I'm focused on what's happening to me or around me, but much easier when I'm focused on Christ.

Fixing my eyes on Christ reminds me:

1. This broken world is not our home.
2. There will be no more pain and no more sorrow.
3. God is on His throne.

Focusing on His promises makes it fairly easy for me to rejoice, even through tears. For God is good, always.

**- Steve**

### To God be the Glory!

After suffering a traumatic brain injury last Easter, one that put him in a coma resulting in loss of speech and movement, **Kareem Rutledge, Jr.** walked into the church building this Easter! In fact, at the end of service, he asked for the mic and then stood as he addressed the congregation and thanked God for the progress and healing that has taken place thus far.

We thank God for watching over Kareem, and for the many prayers that have been heard and answered over this past year!





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 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Admission is Free

Light refreshments will be served at intermission, so if you would like to volunteer to help with that, please contact **Harriet Wensel**.

## Honoring a Life and a Legacy



**Gwen Phillip** passed on to her reward this past Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We grieve with Anthony and the rest of the family, however, not as those who have no hope.

**A celebration of Gwen's life will occur tomorrow, Monday, April 29, 2019.**

The viewing will be from 10:00 am - 11:00 am, the service will begin at 11:00 am, and an interment and repast will follow the service.

Viewing: Overbrook Park Church of Christ  
7630 Woodbine Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19151

Interment: Fernwood Cemetery

**For those who would like to ride in the church van, we will leave the church building at 9:30 am. Please contact the church office or Dottie TODAY if you are interested. Those riding in the church van will not return to the building until after the repast.**

## Early Bird Discount ENDS April 30<sup>th</sup>!



If you are planning to send your child to one or more of the overnight camp weeks this summer, and you are able to pay in full by April 30<sup>th</sup>, you will receive a \$30 discount! **The Early Bird Discount for Camp Manatawny ends this Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>!** If you are paid in full and registered by then, the cost will be \$295. After April 30<sup>th</sup>, the cost will be \$325.

Go to [manatawny.org](http://manatawny.org) for the schedule, to register, or for more information. Additional information, such as the summer camp schedule, is also available on the bulletin board in the B wing.



# REFUGE

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**Sunday, May 5 @ 5:30 pm**

All are welcome. Come as you are.

(Speaker to be announced.)



## Church Upgrades



**Do you have any ideas or suggestions for possible improvements for the church building and grounds?** Maybe you've been wanting basketball hoops in the Family Life Center, or more water fountains around the building? If you have any ideas at all, either visit the Welcome

Center and write them on the clipboard provided titled "Church Upgrade Ideas and Suggestions" or get in touch with the team coordinating the effort: **Manny Vander Vennen, Brian Mansdoerfer, and Troy Spencer.**

**Ladies' Day**

"Forgiveness From Within"

**Saturday, May 11, 2019**  
**At Camden Church of Christ**  
 818 North 27th Street, Camden, NJ 08105

**8:15 am** - Registration  
**9:00 - 12:00 pm** - Program  
 Continental Breakfast & Lunch will be served

**Speakers:**  
 Rashonda Fisher, Dominique Spence,  
 and Kathleen Adams

RSVP to **Kathleen Adams** by phone at **(856) 701-0952** or by e-mail at **kathleen1214@gmail.com**  
**RSVP BY MAY 5TH, 2019**

## Camp Manatawny- Ladies Retreat



**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Women of all ages** are encouraged to attend for a weekend of encouraging sessions, relaxation, renewal, and fellowship. Come make new friends or bring a group from your area for a memorable weekend. What a wonderful opportunity for ladies to come together to encourage, support, laugh, and strengthen our faith! Speaker: **Rebecca Hobbs**

**Cost: Only \$35!**

**Cost for Girls 12 and Under: Only \$10!**

(plus a \$4 processing fee on all registrations)

Includes a light dinner, snacks, program, activities, 1 night seasonal cabin lodging, breakfast and lunch on Saturday

Go to [manatawny.org](http://manatawny.org) for the schedule, to register, or for more information.

## Coming May 19<sup>th</sup>!

**choices**  
OF THE HEART

**"Choices of the Heart"**  
**Baby Bottle Campaign**

God has given us a unique opportunity to help some people in need in our community: families with crisis pregnancies. "Choices of the Heart", in Turnersville, provides a vast number of free services to these women and families. We can help them by raising funds in a very creative way!

Again this year, our congregation is invited to participate in a "Baby Bottle Campaign" fundraiser. Each church family and single adult will have the opportunity to take a baby bottle home and fill it with spare change (dollars and checks will fit also).

**Our kick off Sunday is May 19<sup>th</sup>!** More information to follow in the coming weeks!

## 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	NC
Worship	252
LIFE Groups	40
Wednesday	35

# This Week's Prayer Requests

## Sunday Morning Prayer Requests:

**Je'Ani Lyles and Carla Ortiz**, health insurance battles.

**Justin and Rebecca Guy**, prayers for family of Sincere Howard, the 17 year old student who was shot in Camden.

**Jade Adams** informed the congregation that she was leaving on Monday (April 22<sup>nd</sup>) to head to Parris Island, SC for boot camp for the Marines.

**Kareem Rutledge, Jr.** asked for the mic, thanking God for the progress and healing he's experienced after suffering a traumatic brain injury last Easter.

## Prayer Requests:

**Mary Lea Thompson** left for Nashville with her daughter this past Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. She will be returning at the end of May.

**Dorice E. Mitchell**, Katherine Cooper's father, has been placed on Hospice Care. Katherine flew to Nashville this past Wednesday to be with him and family.

**Katherine Cooper**, was sent to the ER in Nashville after she became very sick, with a temperature of 104°.

**Clare Hightower**, begins radiation treatment on April 30<sup>th</sup>, with an end date of May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Mary Griffith**, Mom-mom of Shane and Audrey Frock, has a lung infection and is having various testing done.

**Patti Frambes**, minor growth in tumor, however, doctors are optimistic. Chemo treatment will resume tomorrow.

**Wilma Gillespie**, Elinda Hunter's mom, continue prayers requested for issues with her heart.

**Angel Bobe, Sr.**, continuing to suffer breathing complications.

**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.

**Doug Oliver**, is receiving treatment at Cancer Treatment Centers of America. Requesting prayers for further upcoming decisions.

**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.

**Cliff Dando** says thank you for your prayers and he will begin therapy for his vertigo soon.

**Jayne Schofield**, having serious problems with her left ear and jaw due to bone deterioration.

**Dorothy Cunningham**, Brenda Peoples' mother, has multiple health issues.

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

**Elinda Hunter**, 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 pray for **Judy Fitzpatrick, Larry Kellum, Sr.**, and **Linda Prenger**, 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 April: Mike Broyles**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Jayne Schofield
Kids For Christ	Carla Clements
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Andy & Donna Mychajlowycz
Greeters: Back Entrance	Derrick & Brenda Busch
Information Center	Rebecca Guy
Ushers	Andy Mychajlowycz & Justin Guy
Shepherd's Call	Mike Broyles
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	Not meeting today.	908-294-4056
Hammonton	TBD	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	Walkers' at 12:30 pm	856-478-6972
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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