



In continuing with our three-part series on our new ministry model, next up is...

Our Preaching Minister



Our preaching minister must be an individual that demonstrates possession of, and the skill to use, a spiritual gift of increasing importance in our time and place – the ability to convey God’s Word, and message of Jesus, to a broad audience including believers, seekers, questioners, doubters and the indifferent. His style and methods might vary from the traditions and practices of which we have grown accustomed, but this will help us to better connect with others who are not a part of our church family, and did not grow up in our church heritage. This brother will use his talents both within and outside of our church walls. We see him routinely promoting the cause of Christ, our vision, mission, and spiritual growth steps to our church family and through associations and activities in our surrounding communities. In addition to delivering the majority of our Sunday morning messages, he will be a team player and work alongside our ministerial team in teaching Bible classes and assuming needed responsibilities. In keeping with our cruise ship analogy, our preaching minister would

be the head of the advertising and promotions department. He might provide answers to questions like these: Do I need to take this journey? What am I going to gain? What will it cost me? Why should I take this journey with you? He is a person that has training and experience in speaking to these types of questions for all those who are on a spiritual journey. The Shepherds are looking to **Joey Peacher** to be that voice for our church family.

Joey has demonstrated the experience and training to take on our Preaching Minister position. Joey has served as a full-time pulpit minister. While having a single individual deliver the majority of our worship messages might seem foreign to Pitman Road, it is the norm in most churches and was even our own practice for over forty years. We will look to Joey to provide a consistent message that communicates God’s Word in a loving way that empowers and unites his listeners around living out our vision and mission. His approach will help us connect with a wider audience. Additionally, Joey’s experience in serving others through community organizations and building alliances with other communities of faith, will help us impact our neighbors in new and meaningful ways. Though as our Preaching Minister, Joey’s primary role will be to develop and deliver messages as described above, he will share other responsibilities as worked out with our Pastoral Care Minister, Derrick. We look forward to the arrival of the entire Peacher family, and to the part Joey will play in helping Pitman Road advance the story of Jesus.



Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den



Here's a Bible passage that I would like to share with you...

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

Philippians 4:8 ESV

- **Dan the Preacherman**



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"



Derrick Busch
Minister

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We're All A Mess

So Much Fear and Anxiety (Part Two) - Ed Welch

If there is anything close to a command about fear in Scripture, it would be this. *When we are afraid, and we will be, we are to turn to Jesus.* This is God's calling in our lives and it is our growing aspiration or aim in the midst of worries: "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you" (**Psalm 56:3**). We can try depending on ourselves as if we can manage and control our world, or we can try to quarantine ourselves with our worries, as if worry itself might shield us from future threats; but it won't work.

But trusting God in times of anxiety takes practice. It is a spiritual skill, and it is less automatic than we realize. With practice, we will be able to turn to Jesus more quickly and in ways that actually erode anxieties. Results will not be immediate. The ways of God are that we gradually grow in meaningful trust and confidence in him and love for him. If anxieties were immediately extinguished, we would turn to him less, which would be to our detriment; and if we don't turn to him? Then, and only then, can we add sin to the picture.

We need to confess that we want other things more than him. We confess that our desires have become what are most dear to us. Then, we turn and humbly listen to his words, and, as little children, grow in the skill of truly believing what our Father says.

As you think about your life past and present, do you struggle with any of the following common traps that have roots all the back to Genesis chapter 3? Do you have fearful thoughts that if people really knew who you were, they would not like you? Are you easily embarrassed? Do you have a fear of being rejected, physically hurt, and the like? Come and explore the life-giving biblical answers to these life crippling struggles on Wednesday nights at 7.

- **Derrick**

"Choices of the Heart": Baby Bottle Campaign Kickoff Sunday, May 19th!

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OF THE HEART

Choices of the Heart Pregnancy Center
108 Greentree Road, Suites LM
Turnersville, NJ 08012
(856) 374-2445
<https://choicesoftheheart.com/>

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 numerous free services to these women and their 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 19th! More information to follow, next Sunday!



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.

**At the Pitman Road Church of Christ
TODAY, May 5, 2019 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Admission is Free

Male Camp Counselors Needed!



August 3-10, 2019

Manny Vander Vennen is urgently looking for men (age 18 or older) that would be willing to serve as counselors at **Elementary 1** week. **He needs at least six more male counselors!**

Elementary 1 is the week with the youngest group of campers, aged 7-8 years old. Having an opportunity to spend time with these excited and enthusiastic young campers as they grow in their knowledge of Christ, and as they enjoy the activities and beauty of camp, is something that promises to be a highlight of your summer! ***Please contact Manny if you are able to help:*** (home: 856-241-7757; cell: 484-886-5349; email: manatawny@gmail.com)

With Sympathy and Love



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Cooper family on the passing of **Katherine Cooper's** loving father, **Dorice E. Mitchell**. After a long life of service to his Lord, Dorice has breathed his last breath and gone to be with his beloved wife, Valeria. He was buried with great love this past weekend in Nashville, TN. We grieve, but not as those who have no hope.



Camp Manatawny Sponsorships



Here at Pitman Road, making sure all 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.

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

Our Deepest Condolences



Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Mark Frock** on the passing of his mother, **Mary Griffith**, and **Shane and Audrey** on the passing of their mom-mom. Mary passed away this past Thursday morning surrounded by her children, grandchildren, and loved ones. The family is grateful to the Lord for allowing her to be surrounded by so much love; the same love

she had shown to all of them.

A celebration of Mary's life will occur at the Pitman Road COC tomorrow, Monday, May 6, 2019. The viewing will be from 10:00 am - 11:00 am, the service will begin at 11:00 am, and a luncheon will follow the service in the Family Life Center.

Church Upgrades



Do you have any ideas or suggestions for possible improvements for the church building and grounds? 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.

Early Arrival! It's a boy!



Luke and Aubrey Greenleaf welcomed their third baby boy, **Valarik Lawrence**, into the world at **3:18 pm on Friday, April 26, 2019!** He weighed **5 lbs. 2 oz.**, and was **17^{1/2} inches** long. We congratulate Luke and Aubrey along with **Zachary and Xavier** on their new son/brother! Mom and

baby are doing well, however, Valarik (originally due in June) will need to spend a couple of weeks in the NICU before coming home. Welcome, Valarik! We can't wait to meet you!

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	85
Worship	181
LIFE Groups	96
Wednesday	30

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Elder on Call for May and June: Horatio Fenton

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Jayne Schofield
Kids For Christ	Debby Durham/Tina Broyles
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	George & Cookie Rowe
Greeters: Back Entrance	Larry & Lee Ann Kellum Jr.
Information Center	Mary Collier
Ushers	Larry Peterson & Harold Pearl
Shepherd's Call	John Peoples
Song Leader	Mike Broyles

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	REFUGE at 5:30 pm	908-294-4056
Hammonton	REFUGE at 5:30 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	Brittons' at 6:00 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' Fri. @ 6:30pm/REFUGE Sun.	856-381-9095
Young Married	Church Bldg. at noon	856-899-9466

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  @pitmanroadchurch

This Week's Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests:

Jayne Schofield, right wrist broken and casted. Having serious problems with her left ear and jaw due to bone deterioration.

Emma Drummer, scheduled to have a procedure done this Tuesday, May 7th.

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

Clare Hightower, radiation treatment until May 29th.

Patti Frambes, minor growth in tumor, however, doctors are optimistic. Resumed chemotherapy.

Wilma Gillespie, Elinda Hunter's mom, continued 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.

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.

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

Elinda Hunter, changing from radiation to a pill form of treatment. Several appointments in May.

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

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.

Camp Manatawny Family Camp

May 24-26, 2019



This is a great time to enjoy our summer camp activities and re-energize your family's walk with God! **Activities include canoeing, kayaking, archery, riflery, swimming, crafts, and family friendly food!** The lessons often follow a family friendly movie theme, along with **thought**

provoking and engaging messages throughout the weekend.

Cost: \$100. Includes 2 nights cabin lodging, all meals and activities for up to 4 family members. (*Upgraded lodging is available for additional cost during registration.*) \$20 for each additional family member ages 5 and older. **Children 4 and younger are free.** Go to **manatawny.org** for the schedule, to register, or for more information.

