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Thank You for 34 Years, Dan the Preacherman!



Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

My Final Sermon as a Full-Time Minister! And, FDD!

My final sermon as a full-time preacher is today. Thank you for your presence! A lot will change after today, and that is okay. However, a lot will not change, and I take great comfort in that knowledge. Since I have written my **"From Daniels Den"** column at two churches, (Vineland and Pitman Road) over the last 46 years, as nearly as I can tell, **From Daniels Den** has appeared in church bulletins from South Jersey over 2,300 times. Don't fret, I will still be writing!

I have always used my article to connect, motivate, inform, inspire and to encourage. It has never been intended as a format to present deep, profound, and theological truths. Rather, it has been intended, and will continue to be used, to share my heart with you.

Some articles have to do with family and family concerns. (Thank you again for your prayers and support of Katherine as she grieves the loss of her father.) Some have to do with what just happened, or what's happening at church this week or next week. (Like next week I'll be in Springfield, Vermont for my 50th high school class reunion.) My articles have sometimes been about giving and finance. (Like, did you know that over \$4,000 was donated to our Expansion fund in memory of Dwight? And, did you know that we are just a tad behind our budget for the fiscal year 2019, and our fiscal year ends on June 30th, three weeks from today?) Frequently my FDD are about a mission trip. (For example, please pray for John and Kathy Ashton as they are currently in Peru on a mission trip. And for the next two weeks you'll be seeing details about our France Mission Trip.)

God willing, FDD will continue to creep into your hearts and into your homes, even as I move toward semi-retirement.

- Dan the "Serving," "Connecting," "Encouraging," and "Ministering," Preacher Man



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Garth Hutchinson
Elder

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Shepherd's Voice

Our Father

"This, then is how you should pray." Matt. 7: 9-13

The disciples came to Jesus asking Him to teach them how to pray. It was not as if they were unfamiliar with prayer. This practice was certainly a part of their religious upbringing. Yet they saw something in Jesus that they lacked. So one of them asked, "Lord teach us to pray." Jesus gave His disciples a very simple and concise prayer to help them.

He taught them regarding their position in prayer, "Our Father in heaven, holy is your name." Prayer orients us in relation to Him. He is our Father in heaven, a holy and transcendent God who is worthy of our prayers. In this way we acknowledge our dependence on Him as our Father. He is not a reluctant hearer, but a willing listener who seeks us as we come before Him with our thoughts and desires.

Concerning our desires, Jesus taught his disciples what we should desire, and how to express that in prayer. "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." In prayer, we learn to want what the Father wants. We pray that we might learn to want the true reality of heaven present here on earth. The world around us clamors for our attention and for our desires. There is so much to want in this world, yet, in prayer we discern the things of greater importance.

In this prayer, Jesus teaches the disciples to depend on His provision and grace for their lives. "Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors." God's blessings sustain us in life. He gives us what we need for real physical and spiritual growth. In prayer, we accept the mercy that we have received from God and we understand that His mercy is to be extended to others, to our brothers and sisters, through us.

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." Prayer teaches us that we are not alone. God protects us from the evil one. Satan has already lost. In prayer, we learn that in the battle of good and evil, God comes along side of those who trust in Him and learn from Him in prayer.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "A Christian fellowship lives and exists by the intercession of its members for one another, or it collapses." May we be inspired by the spirit of Christ to give ourselves to one another and to the world in the work of prayer.

- Garth



You're Invited

Sunday, June 23

Please join us for a graduation and going away blessing for **Luke Olley** on Sunday, June 23rd, in the Family Life Center immediately following worship.




We'll have refreshments, cake, and a time of blessing to share scriptures, prayers, words of advice, and encouragement. Luke reports to The United States Military Academy at West Point on July 1st.



"Choices of the Heart": Next Sunday is the Last Chance to Participate!

Wondering how you can share the love of

God with women and families facing a crisis

pregnancy? "Choices of the Heart" in Turnersville helps women find alternatives to ending the life of their unborn child by surrounding them with love and a full range of free services. We can help them continue being the hands and feet of Jesus by raising funds in a creative way! Here's how: **Please pick up a baby bottle TODAY from a teen in the church foyer** and fill it with spare change (dollars and checks will fit also). Filled bottles must be returned by next Sunday, June 16th!   

Important Note: "Choices of the Heart" does not perform abortions nor refer clients for abortions. It seeks to help them find alternative choices...thus the name, "Choices of the Heart."

Profiling Our Graduates!

It has become an annual tradition for us to publish a profile of our congregation's high school, college, and technical program graduates. If you have a graduate you would like to see highlighted in the bulletin, **please send the following information to kikeorha@cochrist.org by June 23rd:**

- Graduates name as you want it published.
- Where they are graduating, and any degree or certification.
- Any honors they received upon graduation (scholarships, awards, honor or academic societies).
- What their future plans are (college, continuing education, military service, certifications, employment, etc.)
- A photo.

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 THREE 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)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Summer is upon us, and with it comes the winding down of certain activities here at Pitman Road.



LIFE Groups

As you probably noticed, 2018-2019 LIFE Groups have concluded for the summer. Thank you to all of our group leaders and participants! We also extend gratitude to **Andy Mychajlowycz** for doing a fine job coordinating the ministry! Be on the look out in August for returning, and new, 2019-2020 LIFE Groups!

Jr. Worship

Jr. Worship (for children in 1st-4th grade) is now on hiatus for the summer months and will return in September. Many thanks to **Brian Mansdoerfer** for providing this program!

Kids for Christ

Today is the final day for KFC for the summer months. Beginning next week, June 16, please plan to have your children ages three yrs.- kindergarten sit with you during the worship service. KFC will return in September. Thank you **Manny Vander Vennen** for coordinating this program with your team of volunteers!

Munchkin Ministry

The final day for Munchkin Ministry for the summer months will be Sunday, June 30. In July and August, there will be no snacks or coffee available in our lobby on Sunday mornings. Munchkin Ministry will return in September. Thank you to the **Ashtons and Holdens**, along with your team of volunteers, for providing refreshments for our members and guests each week.



The money for the bus trip to see "Stolen" at Bird-In-Hand Stage in Lancaster County, Pa. is due by June 15th. The cost is \$87 for adults and \$57 for children (ages 4-12). The date of the show is Saturday, September 28th. The cost includes bus, show and dinner at Bird-In-Hand Family Restaurant. Contact

Brian Holden for additional information. (H) 856-881-6792 (C) 856-759-2542 (e-mail) bcholden94@hotmail.com



Teachers will be traveling, moving college students, and volunteering at camp in June, July, and August. **The children's ministry is looking for substitute cradle roll, preschool, and elementary teachers to help this summer on Sunday**

mornings from 9:00-9:45. Curriculum is provided. This is a great opportunity for college students to serve while home on break. Please let **Robin Steward** know how you can help. Thank you!

Our next Family Promise Host Week is July 14 - July 21



There are still a number of volunteers needed for our host week. Please see **John Ashton** in the foyer to see how you can help build communities and strengthen lives! You may also contact John at **609-214-8522** to sign up!

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	192
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	NC

This Week's Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests:

Gerrie, a friend of Van Edwards and the Points, preparing for back surgery again. Please pray that her doctors and surgeon will be able to make spinal repairs that will take care of her intense pain.

Barbara Robinson, suffered a stroke which caused blindness. She is in the Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Vineland, room 21 W. The direct number to her room is 856-285-7871. Phone calls and visits are welcomed.

Max Lancaster, continues his amazing recovery. He and Debbie are very grateful for all the prayers on their behalf. He is now home.

Janice Raively, recovering from back surgery this past Monday.

Marlene Patterson, diagnosed with colon cancer. Please pray for her and her son, Evan.

Patty Ollek, Sandy Sheehan's cousin, went for her cancer check-up to get ready for chemo and her cancer is in remission!

Jerry Rizzuto, diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer. They are still getting opinions on what to do for treatment.

Zach Rizzuto will finish his current chemo in August, and will have another MRI in June.

Eddie, son of Debbie Camorata's friend/coworker, having several very serious health issues. Looking at liver transplant.

Carol Killeen, Dianne Perales' sister, had surgery for breast cancer this past Thursday.

Dante, husband of Sandy Sheehan's friend, Nancy, fell at work and sustained a traumatic brain injury. He has a long way to go.

Rich Gray, co-worker of Tammy Cerquoni, was sent to the University of Penn to get surgery for a spot in his brain.

Rebecca Reimels, Joyce Reimels' granddaughter, facing a crisis.

Doing better, but prayers are still needed and much appreciated.

Dorothy Cunningham, Brenda People's mom, is home but continues to face serious health issues. Brenda is still there with her mom.

Please pray for Brenda as she cares for her mother and her brother.

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

Clare Hightower, just completed radiation treatment.

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

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

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

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

Elinda Hunter, changed from radiation to a pill form of treatment.

Anne Peoples is recovering from surgery and a stroke at home.

Cards and calls appreciated: cell # 302-634-0792

Please continue to pray for **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 June: Horatio Fenton

Serving Us Today

Nursery	TBD
Kids For Christ	Carla Clements
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	Justin & Rebecca Guy
Greeters: Back Entrance	John & Brenda Peoples
Information Center	Mary Collier
Ushers	Terry Rhymes & Corny Walker
Shepherd's Call	Mike Broyles
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson

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Jade Adams would like to thank everyone for the prayers and scriptures that have been sent to her weekly. **She graduates from boot camp on July 19, 2019.** Please keep praying for her, and any words of encouragement would be a blessing!

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Thank You

Joyce Reimels and family wish to express their deepest appreciation for the prayers offered for Rebecca Reimels in this time of need. She is doing better, thank God, but prayers are still needed and very much appreciated.



Thank you to those who donated to the Camp Manatawny Scholarship Fund. Because of you and your funding, seven kids will be able to go to camp who may have otherwise missed out!