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# LIFE GROUPS



REAL LIFE ...  
REAL PEOPLE ...  
REAL COMMUNITY ...

2019 - 2020

**LIFE Groups begin meeting NEXT Sunday, September 8. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Real life, real people, real community!**

### Ageless

Leaders: Dan Cooper and Andy Mychajlowycz

Meeting time: Sundays at noon

Location: Pitman / Williamstown (homes of group leaders and members)

*All ages are welcome. Families with or without children are welcome.*

### Brook Besor

Leaders: John Peoples and Debbie Durham

Meeting time: Tuesdays at 7 pm

Location: Sewell (home of Debby Durham)

*This group is for adults only.*

### Circle of Sisters

Leaders: Lynne Sbaraglia and Rachel Stetser

Meeting time: Mondays at 7 pm

Location: Mantua/Mount Royal vicinity (homes of the group leaders)

*Women of all ages and marital status welcome.*

### Hammonton

Leaders: Mike Broyles and Tony DeStefano

Meeting time: Sundays at 5 pm

Location: Hammonton vicinity (various homes)

*This is a family-friendly group.*

### Monday Night Men's Bible Study

Leader: Harry Ake

Meeting time: Mondays at 7 pm

Location: Pitman Road church building

*All men are welcome. This group is a textual Bible study.*

### Refreshed Because of Christ

Leaders: Derrick Busch

Meeting time: Sundays at noon

Location: Pitman Road church building (B4)

*All are welcome. Contact leader if you will need childcare.*

### Solid Gold

Leaders: Mike Grove and Mike Lazar

Meeting time: Sundays at 1 pm

Location: Mullica Hill and vicinity (various homes)

*This group is for adults only.*

### Teens

Leaders: Tim Davis and Troy Spencer

Meeting time: Sundays at noon (occasionally evening)

Location: Pitman Road church building

*This group is for teens in grades 7 through 12, focusing on discussions, service projects, and social activities.*

### Vineland

Leaders: Carl Steiner and Steve DePrince

Meeting time: Sundays at 6 pm

Location: Vineland vicinity (various homes)

*All adults are welcome.*

### Women in the Word

Leader: Katherine Cooper

Meeting time: Tuesdays at 9:45 am

Location: Pitman Road church building

*This group is for women of all ages. Childcare is provided. This is a Bible study, covering a wide range of topics.*

### Young Adults

Leaders: Garth and Diana Hutchinson

Meeting time: Fridays at 6:30 pm

Location: Pitman (home of the group leaders)

*This group is for young adults (college students, post-college, working) who are single or dating.*

### Young Marrieds

Leaders: Anthony & Hope DeStefano, Karlyle & Shachara Adams

Meeting time: Sundays at noon

Location: Pitman Road church building (B2)

*This group is for young adults who are married, with or without children.*

## SIGN UP TODAY!

## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## Church is Hard...But...LIFE Groups Can Help

Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgement.  
 Church is hard for the preacher's family, under the microscope of an entire body.  
 Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world.  
 Church is hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn't.  
 Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service.  
 Church is hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands, and seemingly perfect families.  
 Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service.  
 Church is hard for the deacon with an estranged child.  
 Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics.  
 Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader.  
 Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man.  
 Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love.  
 Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying God brings them a mate.  
 Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes.  
 Church is hard for the sinners. Church is hard for me.

It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behavior and dress. However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives. But, here is the beauty of church—

Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation. Church is a body.  
 Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints.  
 Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love.  
 Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace.  
 Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors.  
 Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration.  
 Church is a lesson in faith and trust. Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.  
 Church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.  
 Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where He resides, and if we ask, He is faithful to come.

So even on the hard days at church; the days when I am at odds with a friend. When I've walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle, yet masking the pain with a smile on my face. When I've worn the pressures of the world, under the microscope. When I've longed for a baby to hold, or fought tears as the lyrics were sung. When I've walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away. I'll remember, He has never failed to meet me there. (Author Unknown)

- Dan the LIFE Group Man / Join a LIFE Group and Connect



Dan Cooper  
aka  
"Dan, Dan,  
the Preacherman"



Derrick Busch  
Minister

"Despair denies God's greatness and his goodness, and sets at naught so many promises of Scripture as to make counting them nigh to impossible..."

## We're All A Mess

### 5 Myths About Depression- Michael S. Lundy

#### Myth #3: There is nothing I can do.

As Christians, we have *hope*, and we need to resist despair in light of that hope. We may fully expect to be "afflicted in every way, but not [finally] crushed; perplexed but not driven to despair" **2 Corinthians 4:8-9**.

Gandalf, one of my favorite quotable characters who exists only but no less vividly in the minds of readers, said "despair is only for those who see the end beyond all doubt. We do not."<sup>6</sup> It is a *temptation* to think that we do when we do not, and to see an evil end when God has something quite different in mind and in store.

Despair is, in a sense, the ultimate form of unbelief, and is the sin behind many other sins, including the sin of presumption which says, "It can't get any worse than this," when in fact it *can* get worse and almost certainly *will* if we act on that presumption. Despair denies God's greatness *and* his goodness, and sets at naught so many promises of Scripture as to make counting them nigh to impossible. The psalmist Asaph found himself in this position when he "envied the arrogant." Read and reflect on **Psalms 73**. It is in the midst of corporate worship that God revealed to Asaph the mystery which had until then eluded him.

When we are inclined to think "there is nothing you can do," there is plenty that can be done. One thing—and a very important thing—is to *continue to go to church and worship there along with the rest of God's people*, which is where we should expect to encounter the One who *can* do something. We are specifically enjoined to do so in Hebrews, and forbidden explicitly from doing otherwise **Hebrews 10:25**.

Even when we are at our wit's end—or especially when we are—we should go to church and participate as best we can, and expect to find encouragement there as the verse in Hebrews *explicitly* links corporate worship with encouragement.

- Derrick



## KFC and JR. Worship Start TODAY!

### PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN LOCATION AND AGE!

**Kids for Christ:** for children ages 3 years through 5 years. They will be with Miss Robin in the Connection Clubhouse (D-1).

**Jr. Worship:** for children in Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. They will be with Miss Callie in the Transformation Station (D-5).

*Please follow the new age guidelines. Thank you!*

## Starting Next Sunday, September 8



Brochures with information on all of the groups are also available at the Welcome Center. All LIFE Groups start NEXT Sunday. Please consider becoming a part of a LIFE Group. You will be blessed!

### LIFE Groups

If you haven't signed up for a group yet, there are clipboards located at the Welcome Center with a sign up sheet for each group, along with meeting information.



### Munchkin Ministry

Munchkin Ministry will resume NEXT Sunday at 8:30 am. Clean up will start at 9:45 to insure that everyone makes it to worship on time. Contact John Ashton or Brian Holden if you are interested in helping with set up or clean up!

## Camp Manatawny- Men's Retreat



**Friday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>**

**This is a great opportunity for young men to focus on their spiritual life and develop their faith along with peers, their fathers, and other men! The youth will have their own special program and lessons and are highly encouraged to attend.**

Cost: **Only \$35!** \* Cost for Boys 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 info.

## Men's Bible Study Resuming Sept. 9



**Men's Bible Study will be starting up again Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>!** From then on, it will take place every Monday evening from 7:00 - 8:15 pm. They will be revisiting chapter 12 of Revelation. This group is regularly attended by men from the church and several visitors from the area. We will meet in **The Conference Room**. Snacks, coffee, and other hot beverages will be served. **Please plan to join us for this wonderful time of fellowship, bible study, and prayer.**

## Church Building Security is VERY Important!



**If you are the last one to leave the church building, on either a Sunday or a Wednesday, PLEASE be certain the building is locked and alarmed.**

Last Sunday afternoon it was brought to our attention that all of the lights were left on, and the building was unlocked and unalarmed. If you happen to be the last one leaving our church building, please be certain all the lights are off, the building is locked, and the alarm system is set. You don't know how to do all of that? At least be certain the lights are off and the building is locked. If you'd like to know how to alarm the building, please ask Dottie or Kate for assistance.

Let's not invite trouble. - Dan



**Women's Book Club Begins Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>!**

Please plan to join us for a Women's Book Club on **Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the home of Gloria Myerson in Sewell**. We will discuss the book **"Everybody Always" by Bob Goff, 240 pages, \$9.85 paperback on Amazon**.

This book club is intended as a time of fellowship and stimulating discussion for women, *but it does not fill the role of a LIFE group*. We will be meeting 5 or 6 times per year.

Please see **Brenda Busch** and **Gloria Myerson** for more info!



## 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	86
Worship	171
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	NC

## This Week's Prayer Requests

### Prayer Requests:

**Jane**, Hope DeStefano's grandmother, suffered a stroke. In critical care, continues to have afib and has a clot in her brain.

**Frankie George**, a little boy who Marlene Patterson is requesting prayers for, cannot fight off an infection with the medications the doctors are using. Is facing more severe surgical intervention.

**Dave Balitz**, friend of Sandy Sheehan who was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer, did 44 continuous hours of chemo bi-weekly since February. He is now CANCER FREE! The power of prayer is amazing! Praising God and thanking everyone for all the prayers!

**Gary**, Sandy Sheehan's ex-husband, was moved to Atrium Rehab is moving along slowly. He has to learn how to walk again due to complications.

**Bob**, Sandy Sheehan's brother, infection is gone but he still has a blood clot in his leg that is causing a lot of pain.

**Cliff Dando**, cellulitis has improved, but he is falling a lot due to vertigo. He would appreciate our prayers!

**Je'Ani Lyles**, looking to address current difficulties and make a plan for moving forward.

**Wilma Gillespie**, mother of Elinda Hunter, in a nursing home rehab center for physical therapy as she recovers from injuries due to a fall. Thank you for the continued prayers!

Please continue to pray for **Clare Hightower**, **Patti Frambes**, **Doug Oliver**, **Elinda Hunter**, 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 September and October: Mike Lazar**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	TBD
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	George & Cookie Rowe
Greeters: Back Entrance	Pat Monteleone and Joe Marshall
Information Center	Jackie Fenton
Ushers	TBD
Shepherd's Call	Dave Perine
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson

## NEXT SUNDAY! DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATION WILL APPEAR HERE!



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## Update on Patty Ollek



Sandy Sheehan's cousin, **Patty Ollek**, who was diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer, went into remission after surgery and chemo. Now, she has shared this after another check up:

"I went to the doctors and they ordered a cat scan, MRI, and blood tests. It takes a couple of days but I believe all is good. After the tests we should be in the clear. Thank you to those who prayed for me. I'm living proof that prayer works!"

This means that Patty remains in remission. We are so thrilled to hear the good news! Praise God!

## WAYS TO GIVE



In person  
at the  
worship service.



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