



# PITMAN ROAD

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**Rain or Shine!**

**THIS Wednesday, October 30**  
**6:15 - 8:30 pm**

A safe, traffic free environment  
for your children to Trick or Treat!

**Please accompany your children**  
**through the parking lot while they**  
**Trick or Treat.**

**Trunk or Treat begins at 6:15 pm.**

**We are asking our members to all be here**  
**with your vehicle trunks decorated and**  
**candy to hand out to the children!**



**Indoor Event!**

**FREE Fun and Games**  
**for children ages 2—12!**

**This is a family event, so please plan to ac-**  
**company your children through the activi-**  
**ties and enjoy the evening together!**

**Activities will begin around 7:00 pm.**

There will also be a meal THIS Wednesday at 5:30 pm, before Trunk or Treat and Fall Festival. If you would like to attend this Wednesday night meal, **be sure to sign up on the salmon colored sheets THIS Sunday.** Please place the sheet in the collection plate, or lay it on Kate Ikeorha's desk. Thanks!

### Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## Linda Prenger and "New Day!"

Linda Prenger recently visited Nashville, and came back to New Jersey raving about a new book she had just discovered. She ordered ten copies of the book *New Day* and gave me a copy. As soon as I read the book, I promptly ordered ten more copies. So, you get the idea that this book really impressed Dan and Linda. (For whatever that's worth!)

Among other things, the author of *New Day*, David Young, suggests that the church of the first century was a "shock and awe" church. Why would he say that? Because the church (a brand new religion) started with about 120 members in 33 AD, and by the end of the first century there were probably no more than about 25,000 members. These Christians though, went everywhere preaching Jesus. During the first three centuries, Christianity grew at a staggering rate. In *The Rise of Christianity*, church historian Rodney Stark states that by 350 AD there were perhaps 34 million Christians in the Roman Empire, which was half its population. "And, they did all of this while they were an *illegal* religion" (p. 6).

English philosopher Will Durant describes the remarkable power of Christianity in the empire: *There is no greater drama in human record than the sight of a few Christians, scorned or oppressed by a succession of emperors, bearing all trials with a fierce tenacity, multiplying quietly, building order while their enemies generated chaos, fighting the sword with the word, brutality with hope, and at last defeating the strongest state that history has known. Christ and Caesar had met in the arena, and Christ had won* (p. 6).

In his call for a "New Day" in the church, Young contrasts two striking movements in the churches of Christ today. One movement is pushing toward "theological liberalism." The other movement is pressing to enforce a "calcified form of traditionalism." I will be sharing more about "Restoring the Revolutionary Method of Christ's Church" in coming days.

- Dan the Connections Man



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

*New Day* by  
David Young...  
It's worth the  
read!



**Tony DeStefano**  
Deacon

Are you willing  
to try? What  
would Jesus  
do?

## A Servant Speaks

### Change and Opportunity

I have found that once you turn sixty, most conversations revolve around change. Popular topics are updating, downsizing, moving, retiring, getting healthy, welcoming change, or more often, dreading change. The truth is, at some point you just don't feel like blazing new trails when the old ones are both clear and familiar. But like it or not, the world around us is transforming rapidly. If we do not adapt, we will become irrelevant, we will be shoved aside, and we will wither away.

I learned this lesson at work. New leadership will try new methods with or without you. Some will work and some won't. A few will surprise you in their success. It took me a while to accept it, but I can see that despite missteps, progress is being made. Now I write "I am receptive to change" in my self-evaluation comments (much to my supervisor's amusement).

Who was a bigger agent for change than Jesus? He transformed our thinking from "an eye for an eye" to "turn the other cheek." The Jewish leaders rejected Jesus and "began seeking to destroy Him, for they were afraid of Him." But God had a plan, and Jesus' teachings and sacrifice brought the entire world into it.

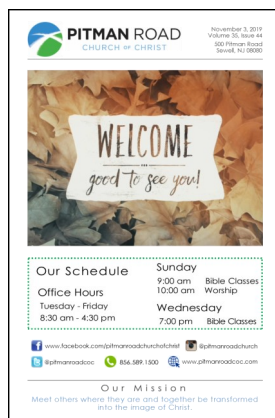
One of the more disturbing changes in our country is a decline in those who identify as Christian, and a lack of affiliation among those who do, a group also known as religious "nones". According to a Pew Research study, only 49% of Millennials describe themselves as Christians and 40% of them are religious "nones"! Do we see this as a catastrophe or as an opportunity? Can it be both?

John Adams said: *"Every problem is an opportunity in disguise."* We need to attract and connect with these young, unaffiliated families, but it may take adjustments on our part to do so. Are you willing to try? What would Jesus do?

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* - Jeremiah 29:11

- Tony

## New Bulletin Format Starting NEXT Sunday!



Starting next Sunday, November 3, you will see a smaller, more compact version of the bulletin on a weekly basis.

### What will it include?

- \* Our Schedule
- \* Social Media Information
- \* WEEKLY Events and Announcements
- \* LIFE Group Information
- \* Contact Information

Events and announcements will continue to be sent out by e-mail. They will also be displayed on our social media platforms, along with our

church website (which will be consistently kept up to date).

**Urgent/daily prayer requests will be sent exclusively through e-mail.** We will still have a cumulative prayer list for ongoing requests on a monthly basis.

All e-mail requests will now be handled by **Kate Ikeorha** ([kikeorha@cochrist.org](mailto:kikeorha@cochrist.org))



### Calling All Seniors!!!

Jay and Bethany Schneider are tentatively planning to have a party for seniors at their house **Saturday afternoon, November 16**. More details to come!



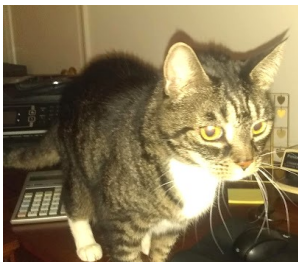
### Thank you to all those who volunteered during our Family Promise Host Week!

Whether you cooked, hosted, drove, set-up, or cleaned up, your service was invaluable to the success of the week. By volunteering for this ministry, you have assisted in lives being positively impacted by the love of Jesus!

We also thank **John Ashton** for his continuing efforts in recruiting volunteers and coordinating the week. **Our next host week will be January 19-26, 2019, so mark your calendars!**

If you have not been involved in Family Promise in the past, please consider getting involved in the future. It is a blessing to be a part of an outreach ministry that gives a hand up to those in need right here in our own communities. **It's never too soon to contact John and sign up to volunteer!**

## Looking for a Loving Home



We are looking for a good home for a 10 year old, male house cat named **Jude**! He is well trained and adapts well to change. We inherited Jude when Jayne's mom passed away, but we are moving and can't take him with us. We would love to find him a loving, fur-ever home!  
-Steve and Jayne DePrince



## CAMP MANATAWNY - Area Wide Worship Sunday, November 3

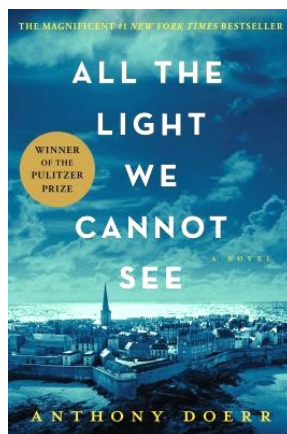
Do you ever feel like your church is the only one around? Us too! God's people are everywhere, so let's come together for a collective time of worship and encouragement, and as a reminder that we are on a mission together! **Worship is from 4-5 pm, and dinner is from 5-7 pm.** Questions? Contact **Scott Rutherford** at **484-769-7228**.



Thanksgiving cards for our members who have moved, missionaries, military, needing encouragement, and continuing financial supporters are available in the lobby for us to sign starting **TODAY through Sunday, November 17**. This is a tradition that

is somewhat unique to the Pitman Road Church of Christ. The recipients of cards are always so appreciative that we have taken the time to remember them during this season of thanks. **Please take a moment to stop at the tables in the lobby and jot down a note of encouragement, thanks, and love to these special people!** Once again, a big thank you goes out to **Janet Betts** and her team for creating the beautiful and special cards.

**\* If you have someone who's not on the list who you would like to receive a Thanksgiving card, please let Dottie know ASAP. (Please make sure to provide a name and address!)**



### Summer is gone, but Book Club goes on!

Our Next Read: **All the Light We Cannot See**

Author: Anthony Doerr (2014)

Available on Amazon: \$10.79

Other Sites: Fantastic Fiction, Abebooks, Thriftbooks

**Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Gloria Myerson's house.**

## Parke Place - Volunteers Needed

We continue to receive thanks and prayers from the residents for providing them a time of worship. There are a few residents that have trouble reading or can't see to read at all. One resident has asked if someone would come and read the Bible to her.

### Might that person be you?

**Jay Schneider** can tell you more. (856-449-9656)



If you haven't heard yet, we are filling boxes this year for **Operation Christmas Child**. Pick up your boxes in the lobby, sign your name on the clipboard, and have fun filling your box for a special child! You can go to [samartanspursure.org](http://samartanspursure.org) to learn more about this project and how to pack a shoe box, or see **Tina Broyles** and the Operation Christmas displays in the lobby. **Bring your box and \$9.00 for shipping by the deadline, Sunday, November 17!**



## 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	101
Worship	171
LIFE Groups	109
Wednesday	NC

## This Week's Prayer Requests

**Sunday Morning Response to Invitation:** Emma Drummer lost two close friends; Jimmy Hightower has doctor visits coming up

### Prayer Requests:

**Nancy Smith**, recovering from outpatient surgery on cancerous spot on forehead and recovering from skin graft.

**Cathy Toomy**, serious health issues.

**Chuck Degroate**, Chuck Olley's brother-in-law, recovering for a procedure to screen for cancer. Waiting on pathology report.

**Glenn Ziegler**, Melody Davis' dad, continue to pray for his blood pressure issues and recovery from medical procedure.

**Marlene Patterson**, complications from chemo treatments. Also recovering from recent visit to the hospital.

**Anita O'Hara**, will be continuing her stay in Elwood Hills. She is improving, but still needs more improvement before she can go home to her apartment. Visits and phone calls are appreciated. If you plan to visit, call her first.

**John Schofield**, Jayne's husband, still struggling with walking since his fall.

**Willie May Richardson**, Barbara Robinson's cousin, very ill in Aiken, SC.

**Misty**, Troy Spencer's sister, pancreatic cancer that spread to her liver. Unfortunately her condition has worsened and she will remain in NC. His parents will be living in NC for the duration of Misty's treatments. Continued prayers are welcome and needed.

**Ray Angelucci**, father of Derrick Busch's good friend and co-worker, has been declining further regarding his health. Medically, the family has been told there is nothing else that they can do to preserve his life. Prayers for Ray Angelucci and family!

**Hazel**, Emma Drummer's sister, continued recovery after having a pace maker put in.

Please continue to pray for **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 November: John Peoples**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Tina Broyles
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Sherri Herndon
Greeters: Front Entrance	Larry & Lea Ann Kellum
Greeters: Back Entrance	Corny & Phyllis Walker
Information Center	TBD
Ushers	Andy & Donna Mychajlowycz
Shepherd's Call	Derrick Busch
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Mychajlowycz' 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
Hammonon	DeStefanos' at 6 pm	609-705-6031
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7 pm	856-217-3956
Refreshed	Church Bldg. rm B4 at noon	267-303-4877
Solid Gold	Rowes' at 12:30 pm	
Teens	Not Meeting Today	610-476-9057
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 5 pm	609-805-0228
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. FLC, Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Adults	Hutchinsons' Friday at 6:30 pm	609-414-2606
Married with...	Church Bldg. rm B2 at noon	856-899-9466

## Find Us on Social Media:

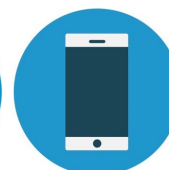
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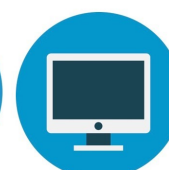
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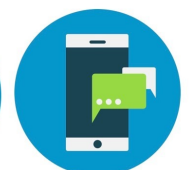
In person  
at the  
worship service.



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