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Happy Easter † He is Risen

# PITMAN ROAD POST

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To be a place where God's love is experienced, known, and shared by all.



# THERE'S AN A.P.P. FOR THAT!

[A PEACHER'S PERSPECTIVE]

## THE REALITY AND BEAUTY OF RESURRECTION



**Joey Peacher**  
Preaching Minister

We used to collect crosses. Crosses are made of all different materials: ceramics, wood, metal, plastic. Crosses are jeweled, decorated, imprinted with scripture verses. There are stylized crosses, Celtic crosses, Coptic crosses. One cross we have was made in Jerusalem from olive wood, but my favorite one is one twisted from barbed wire. Most crosses hide the reality they reflect, but not one made of twisted, rusty steel with sharp edges that could make you bleed if you held it improperly. Have you ever thought about what the cross really is?

The cross was a Roman tool used to execute its criminals more than two thousand years ago. It wasn't just a form of execution; it was a form of torture and humiliation—where the victim usually suffocated to death from the weight of his own body. If people had decorated their homes or their bodies with crosses, it would be like displaying little electric chairs, nooses, or lethal injection chairs today. The fact that such an ugly instrument has become a thing of elegance and beauty is a testimony of what Easter is all about.

The Resurrection is the day that took things that were broken, cruel, harsh, ugly, and repulsive and made them beautiful again. The Resurrection is redemption. The Resurrection is transformation. The Resurrection does not make the cross a little less barbaric, a little smoother, or a little kinder. The Resurrection is so powerful and so transformative that it takes a symbol of death and alters it into a symbol of life and salvation.

This brings us to another ugly reality with a beautiful result. In the years after Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples faced persecution and rejection. Acts 12:2 tells us the apostle James was killed by Herod. The Jewish historian Josephus told us that James, the half-brother of Jesus, was stoned to death by Jewish leaders. The second-century church leader Origen wrote of Peter's crucifixion. Tradition tells us that all the other remaining apostles, except for John, died as martyrs. There is convincing evidence, both inside and outside of the Bible, that several of the apostles died for their faith and that they all faced significant persecution for their belief in Jesus' Resurrection.

Peter, James, and Paul knowingly and willingly died alone at the hands of various rulers. Their determined adherence to believe and proclaim the Resurrection brought no fame, power, or status. Rather, it cost them everything! The real ugliness of their deaths displays the beauty of the resurrection. Their transformed hearts and lives were a result of the certainty of the Resurrection!

We can be certain of Jesus' resurrection and live transformed lives, too. The cross reminds us of Jesus' death in our place, but it can also remind of the transformative beauty and power of the resurrection. Happy Easter! - **Joey**

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and Strengthen Lives!



Family Promise

Host Week



PITMAN ROAD  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

## FAMILY PROMISE

**Sunday, April 11 through  
Saturday, April 17**

Thank you to all who signed up to help with our host week!

Please contact **John Ashton**, our coordinator, at **609-214-8522** or **[jashton834@comcast.net](mailto:jashton834@comcast.net)** if you have any questions regarding drop-off procedures, the day or position you have, etc.



**Dan Cooper** and **Andy Mychajlowycz** were appointed as elders on Sunday, March 7. We feel very blessed to have them (and their wives) join the five existing elders in shepherding this flock of God's disciples.

Work & Worship Weekend is coming and we need your help. Come help with spring cleaning, repairs and projects AND enjoy being at Camp! For more information and to register, go to [www.manatawny.org/workandworship](http://www.manatawny.org/workandworship)



**2021**

# **WORK & WORSHIP WEEKEND**

**Friday April 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>**

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If you can't wait for Summer Camp, come to the Junior/Senior Spring Retreat (for teens in grades 7 to 12). Bring your friends for a safe, spiritual, fun time! For more information and to register, go to [manatawny.org/jrsrhighretreat](http://manatawny.org/jrsrhighretreat)



Camp Manatawny  
**Junior / Senior High  
Spring Retreat**  
(Grades 7 – 12)

**"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."  
- 1 Timothy 4:12**

**Friday Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday Apr 24<sup>th</sup>**



# COVID-19 INFORMATION

The Board Announcement on "2021 Summer Camp and Covid-19" is now available at  
[www.manatawny.org/summercampcovid19](http://www.manatawny.org/summercampcovid19)



The FINAL DEADLINE for Early Bird Registration is THIS month! Register and pay for overnight camp by Friday, April 30 and get \$26 off. For more information and to register, go to  
[www.manatawny.org/summercamp](http://www.manatawny.org/summercamp)



# FROM DANIEL'S DEN

## MY DAD'S LAST "BAPTIZED" HOT DOG



**Dan Cooper**  
Connections Minister

Many of you know that my dad, at age 92, reached the end of his journey on this earth last Thursday, March 25, 2021. I was blessed to spend three days with him in Spokane Washington the week before he passed. I read to him, fed him, gave him Pepsi to drink (his favorite), prayed with him, and shared stories with him.

Dad's mother died when he was seven, his father drank too much and he was downright wild. After his mom's untimely death, my dad was pushed around from one relative to next. Whatever he had as a home was dysfunctional. As a teen, trouble followed him, or he sought it out. He was a high school drop-out. One day he took a "joy ride" (he stole a car) and when he was caught the judge ultimately told him he could go to jail or join the military.

He did what you or I would have done! He enlisted. While serving in the Army Air Corps in Alaska in the late 1940's, dad's life would forever change when a missionary taught him about Jesus, and dad was baptized into Christ in a little church building in Anchorage, Alaska.

At the time, dad had not even graduated high school. However, after an honorable discharge he attended a small Bible college (Mid-Western School of Evangelism) in Ottumwa, Iowa and ultimately decided to become a preacher. He met my mother while attending that school. That's also where my parents met, and married on St. Patrick's Day, 1950. And that's where I was born, fifteen months after they had married. (I was in college before I learned how to spell Ottumwa!) He and mom celebrated their 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary before she passed. Dad dedicated 70 years of his life to living a life for Jesus, very different from the life his father had lived. Dad and mom spent their lives sharing the gospel and converting people to Jesus, all around the world. Only God knows how many people they helped to transform.

In case you were not aware, in the churches of Christ we practice baptism by full immersion in water. Sprinkling is simply not acceptable. Dad has preached that all of his life. The last night I was with him, dad insisted on a hot dog for dinner. And he emphasized the hot dog have mustard and relish, and that it had to be immersed in hot water. That's the only way he would have it. That hot dog had to be immersed.

As he ate, we assured him that the hotdog had been immersed, so he could really enjoy it! True story! I thank God for my dad who was a "cycle breaker."

Rest in peace, dad. Heaven will be sweeter because we've known each other here.

Your # 1 Son, **Dan**

## CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR STEVE SIKES

As many of you may know, our dear brother Steve has been battling deteriorating health issues for a while. Now, this past month he has developed some serious issues that have required medical attention and a hospital stay.

Let's continue to pray with Steve and Patti for rest and healing, God's wisdom for Steve's medical team, and answers for him to be in good health for many more years of ministry.

God is good all the time, and all the time God is good!



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## A HEARTFELT "THANK YOU"



**Roseann Savastano** would like to thank the Pitman Road family for all of the love, prayers, and sympathy expressed to her after the loss of her brother, Neil. You all have been a huge blessing and a comfort to her during this difficult time.

## THANKS SO MUCH!



**Ed and Tammy Cerquoni** would like to say thank you to the teen group for helping out with cleaning the building and for cleaning and organizing the teen room. They did a great job!



## IN LOVING MEMORY

We extend our sympathy to those who have lost a loved one recently. The following people went on to be with the Lord last month:

**Carol Broyles**, mother of Mike Broyles (3/1)  
**Ken Atkinson**, father of Debbie Lancaster (3/12)  
**Bill Gahn**, brother-in-law of Elinda Hunter (3/13)  
**Joan Riday**, mother of Donna Connor (3/15)  
**Lee Cooper**, father of Dan Cooper (3/25)  
**Sylvain**, close friend of Garth & Diana Hutchinson and Craig & Katie Young, and all those who went on a France Mission Trip (3/27)

We send our love, prayers, and comfort to all families and friends during this time.



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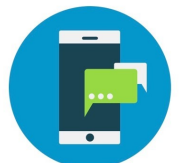
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