



PITMAN ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Our Vision

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

Our Mission

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

Pitman Road POST

Make
a difference

Move
into family

Meet
Jesus

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

[A PEACHER'S PERSPECTIVE]

INDOMITABLE SPIRIT



Joey Peacher
Preaching Minister

I would like to share part of my personal essay I wrote as part of my 2nd Degree Black Belt Candidacy.

I take seriously the oath we repeat at the beginning of each class. The words we say are powerful. We are vowing to live by high standards and infuse our life with the discipline it takes to accomplish that vow. Principles like honor, integrity, loyalty, respect, and humility are unfamiliar and unpracticed in much of the world around us. These are ancient principles, given new life and fresh meaning through generations of karate disciples, who apply these standards to their lives. I am especially fascinated by the standard of an "indomitable spirit" and the connection between the mental, physical, and spiritual aspects of ourselves. Indomitable is defined as "incapable of being overcome; unconquerable." The spirit of a black belt is one that will not be overcome by circumstances or struggles. Growth happens through struggle, but the struggle is not only physical. The mental and spiritual intertwine with the physical to create an indomitable strength.

What is the source of the unconquerable spirit within? I am not strong enough. Breathing and visualizing is empty activity if the well into which we dip for strength is not deep and never-ending. When speaking with a woman at a physical well, Jesus said the water he provides becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within us (John 4:14). I have discovered that my strength is enhanced if the source is recognized and remembered. One-minute pauses during holding exercises are moments to share struggles and pain with the One who can take on an infinite amount. When I verbally say to myself, "cast your cares on Him," (1 Peter 5:7) I am reminded of the infinite source of strength within me. When I breathe, pause, and remember the infinite source of strength, these pause moments, amid struggle, become moments of connection between physical, mental, and spiritual aspects of myself. Karate, and specifically black belt training, challenges me to rely on the spiritual source of indomitable spirit.

The challenge continues to be finding ways to integrate the strength of Jesus into my karate. Jesus found the strength within his spirit to bleed, be beaten, drag a cross uphill, and hang crucified for three hours, until he decided he was done, and he did all of that for me to be right with God. He has given me that same spirit and I can find the strength within me to go a little longer or push a little harder.

Despite an indomitable spirit, physical injuries happen. Seems like my injuries have multiplied this year. Bone bruising on one arm has morphed into tendon and ligament damage in thumb, elbow, and knee. Shoulder muscles rebel against an onslaught of push-ups. Thoughts of future arthritis in joints whisper in my ears. Let's face it, aging is fighting an uphill battle against an enemy that besieges us until there is nothing left. Some reading this understand this better than others. Age is destined to win a victory against each of us, yet there is hope when we trust in the eternal source of our indomitable spirit.

Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:30-31)



CONGRATS!

Zack Olley and Eve Ulbrich married on October 1st in Vermont. Congratulations to Zack, Eve, Chuck and Andrea, and the rest of their family. Wishing you both a lifetime of love and happiness!



CONGRATS!

Matthew Peterson, son of Larry and Lisa Peterson, married **Kelsey** on October 2nd in Asbury Park, NJ. Congratulations to this beautiful couple and their families. Wishing you love and happiness!



SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL (FUN, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP!)

Sunday, November 13th at 11:45 AM in the Family Life Center

This month, the potluck theme is: Thanksgiving Dinner. Turkey, ham, drinks, and desserts will be provided.

Please bring all food FULLY prepared; heated, cut, and ready to serve! We now have a hot box for food that needs to stay warm during service. (NOTE: Please do not put cold food into the warmer. It will not make your food any hotter than the temperature it was at when you put it in.)

THANKSGIVING CARDS



Thanksgiving cards will be in the auditorium to sign until **NEXT Sunday, November 13**. You may also stop by the building any day during office hours to sign them.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are filling shoeboxes again this year for Operation Christmas Child. **All packed boxes are due**

NEXT Sunday, November 13. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Broyles.

PACK THE PULPIT

We will be handling "Pack the Pulpit" the same way that we did last year. We plan to collect and distribute 50 Thanksgiving baskets to those in need.

PACK A BAG

The "official" shopping list and grocery bag are in the foyer on the white communion table. **Packed bags are due NEXT Sunday, November 13, which will be "Pack the Pulpit Sunday"**. You do not need to wait until Pack the Pulpit Sunday to bring in completed bags. Packed bags can be dropped off to the building during office hours any time between now and the deadline.



TURKEYS AND PIES

This year, the church will be providing 25 turkeys and 25 pies. This means that we will still need 25 turkeys and 25

fresh pies. (Please, no frozen pies!) If you would like to donate a turkey and/or a pie, please see or contact Dottie by THIS Wednesday, November 9.

Turkeys and pies need to be brought in on November 20, the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

* Please do not bring pies to church next week on "Pack the Pulpit Sunday".



IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Lucy Fair's sister, **Christine Chester**, passed on to her reward on Wednesday, October 12. Our love and prayers are with Lucy and the rest of the family.

LADIES' DAY AT PITMAN ROAD



Saturday, December 3

Pitman Road sisters, come and experience the JOY of fun, food, and fellowship! More details to come.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH PLANTING (STARTING) A NEW CHURCH IN MILLVILLE, NJ?

Carl Steiner, our deacon over World Missions, is already attending and helping with a church plant in Millville. Not only that, he preached for the church last Sunday in the absence of their full time preacher, Alec Bryant.

Just this week, motivated by the generosity of one of our members, a matching gift challenge has been offered in support of the Millville church. This member is offering to match \$5,000 for any and all donations up to \$5000. The end result would be \$10,000 for the church. **If you would like to make a donation (of any amount), up to \$5,000, your donation will be doubled.** Donations above the \$5,000 will also be accepted but without the matching amount.

How? Make your check payable to Pitman Road Church of Christ, and add "Millville Mission" to the memo section of your check. Thank you for helping us to be a great commission church, spreading the word of God around South Jersey, and around the World. Blessings, **Dan** (Your Connections Pastor)



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The **Pitman Church of the Nazarene** will be holding it's annual Community Thanksgiving Service on November 20 at 7 pm. They would love to have you join them!



MANY THANKS

Our Pitman Road women enjoyed a beautiful day together at the hymn sing at Collingswood with the Camden and Collingswood Church women last weekend. We sang our hearts out in praise to our wonderful God! We also enjoyed a delicious luncheon together. Thanks to all who attended and brought delicious desserts!

- Brenda Busch and Tina Broyles

Thank you for the prayers lifted up and will continue to lift up for my family. We lost my dad, Reginald Bartholomew, and his funeral was June 25. Then, my niece, Jennifer Bartholomew, died and was buried on July 18. My sister, Corinne Bartholomew, was buried on Oct. 29. I pray to God, "grant us all, through the rest of this year, a moment of quiet and peaceful rest."

- Marlene Lazarus

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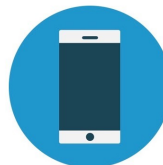


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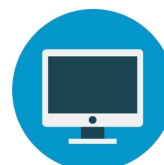
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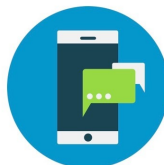
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