



# 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]

## JESUS REPAIRS TOES, HEARTS, AND MORE



**Joey Peacher**  
Preaching Minister

*"Behold, I am making all things new. Write this down for these words are trustworthy and true." (Revelation 21:5)*

Many of you reading this know that I broke my toe not too long ago. I'm confident my toe will heal because our bodies are amazingly designed by a healing Creator. Scabs and scars are evidence of built-in healing. Some parts of our bodies can even regenerate. Although all bones can repair themselves, ribs can regenerate themselves. Ribs are commonly removed during surgeries that require bone grafts in other parts of the body. The rib bone is one of few bones mentioned in Scripture. If you remember, God created Eve from Adam's rib. God chose the one bone that could regenerate itself (which explains why men don't have more ribs than women, not to mention DNA). Our bodies break and heal, but sometimes they are beyond repair. The conditions of our world are similar.

Hurricanes tear through the Gulf of Mexico and flood multiple states. We know they are coming. We prepare for them, but we can't stop them. Earthquakes, tornadoes, famine, cancer, war are all parts of the world in which we live. Creation groans from the effects of the brokenness. Humanity continues to strive for utopia, but humanity's fallen state makes it impossible to achieve. Just like no one can get eggs out of a cake that has been baked, no one can get the sin out of us and the world; no one, that is, except Jesus. Jesus can repair our bodies and our spiritual hearts, make us sinless in the eyes of the Father. Like our ribs, our spiritual hearts regenerate too (Hebrews 10:16, Ezekiel 36:26). He gives us a desire to live for Him in the midst of the chaos, but that's not all.

He has promised to return to earth to right all that is wrong with this world. John saw a vision of the Lord doing just that and recorded it in Revelation 21. Jesus is going to make everything new. Forty days after His resurrection, He ascended into heaven. At an unknown time in the future, He will descend from heaven in the same form and in the same way that He left. After He returns, He will continue His work of making everything new by giving Christians new bodies, patterned after His resurrection body.

Whereas our current bodies are flawed, weak, natural, sinful, and perishable, our new bodies will be like His – complete, invulnerable, spiritual, holy, and immortal. With the same power He used to raise himself from the dead, He will raise us. He's not going to enter your grave and perform CPR to reanimate your old body. He's going to transform your current one, whether it is alive or dead when He returns, into a glorified one.

Then, with the same power Jesus used to create the cosmos, the world as we know it will be transformed in an instant. Jesus will eliminate the presence of sin, setting creation itself free from its bondage to corruption. And the results will be astounding. Disease will end. Disabilities will be made permanently whole. Discord will give way to constant harmony. Decay will reverse into perpetual growth. Tranquility will replace disorder and success will supplant disaster. Even death itself will die. Revelation 21:4 describes his return in this way:

*He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.*

One day everything will be repaired permanently. Jesus is the only one who can save us from all that is currently wrong. Our job is to wait, to worship, to stay faithful, and to partner with him in the mission of regenerating hearts.

\* Parts of this article are excerpts from articles by Scott Lothery and Georgia Purdom



## MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

**Sunday, May 28 at 1:00 PM**

In Hammonton, at the Home of Larry and Lisa Peterson

Join us for a Memorial Day Picnic after church! Bring a swimsuit if you want to swim. (Look in the directory or call the church office for their address.)

**An email with more information and an RSVP link will be sent out this week.**

We hope to see you there!





## POTLUCK TODAY!

Join us for a Potluck in the Family Life Center! **TODAY, May, 7th, at 11:45 AM** after worship service. There will be food, fellowship, and fun!



## CONGRATULATIONS!

**Andy and Donna Mychajlowycz** are celebrating the birth of their second grandson! **Myles**

**Aleksander Lyons** was born on April 25, 2023 at 10:53 AM and

was 8 lbs., 6oz. Congratulations to Andy, Donna, Jackie (mom), and Aaron (dad)!



## WATCH AND DISCUSS GROUP

We have been meeting at the building on most Sunday evenings at 5PM to watch and discuss all episodes of the TV series, **"The Chosen."**

We will only be meeting one time in May. **Class #7 will be held on Sunday, May 21.**



## GRAD CELEBRATION LUNCHEON



**Sunday, June 4 After Service**  
**Here at Pitman Road in the FLC**

**Join us as we celebrate all 2023 high school & college graduates!**

We will be recognizing and honoring these grads after the sermon, before the closing prayer.

After service, everyone is welcomed to join the graduates and their families in the Family Life Center for a light lunch.

We are so proud of our grads and all of the hard work they have put into their accomplishments!

## IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY



Our dear sister, **Signa Cook**, went to be with the Lord this passed Wednesday, May 4, 2023. She was known and loved by so many. Please pray for her husband, Gary, and her children Summer, Kirah, and Hannah along with the rest of the family. Information about Signa's memorial service to come.

## TWO GREAT WAYS TO GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH

We have two really great ways to give to our church that increases the value of each of your gifts...

1. A dollar for dollar match is offered to any donations to support Alec Bryant, and the efforts to plant a new church in Millville. We have been challenged with a \$5,000 matching gift. And, so far, \$2,000 has been given and matched. So, we still have another \$3,000 waiting to be matched. When gifts are given that total another \$3,000, those donations will miraculously turn into \$6,000. If you'd like to make a donation make your check's payable to the Pitman Church and add Millville Mission to the Memo Section of your check.

2. If you purchase ShopRite Gift Cards from Dottie in the church office, you receive ShopRite Gift Cards for the full value of what you pay, but ShopRite donates 5 % of the purchase to the church. So, buy and \$100 gift card, and ShopRite donates \$5 to the church. In fact, I'm going to buy one from Dottie right now!

- Dan Cooper

# choices OF THE HEART

## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

**Last Day to Return: Sunday, June 25th**

"Choices of the Heart" in Turnersville provides numerous FREE and CONFIDENTIAL services to women and their families!

- Pregnancy testing
- Ultrasound confirmation of pregnancy
- Education on options beyond abortion
- Adoption counseling and referral
- Community referrals
- Counseling for men and partners
- Peer counseling and crisis intervention
- Ongoing pregnancy support services and mentoring
- Parenting education
- Partnership with Axia Women's Health of Virtua
- Abortion education, and post abortion care
- ... and so much more!!

*(Please note: they do not refer for, nor perform, abortions.)*

**We can help by raising funds in a creative way!**

Please pick up a baby bottle (or more) from the table in the foyer, fill it with change, and return it to church either on a Sunday morning or during the week between office hours. Dollars and checks (written out to "Choices of the Heart") will fit, also.

**Call or text Stephanie DeStefano at 609-560-5690 with any questions.**

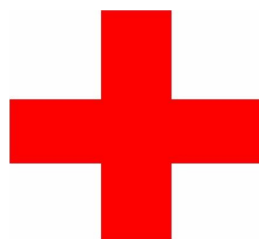
THANK YOU for blessing these women in need!!



## MUNCHKIN MINISTRY

**The last day of Munchkin Ministry is Sunday, May 28.**

It will resume in September.



## American Red Cross

### BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday, July 16 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

In the Family Life Center at Pitman Road COC

Make an appointment, and save yourself a long wait. To make an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or go online to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

## CONNECT WITH US



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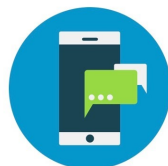
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**The Malawi Project**



**Dear Pitman Road Family,**

What a joy to be a part of God's family! We are completely overwhelmed by what you have done for 500 mothers in Malawi. You have given them and their babies a chance to live and be healthier than they could have ever imagined. A big "thank you" from them.

Dick and I are so amazed and encouraged by what your church has done- bigger and better than any other congregation that has given of themselves. The picture of the whole church is truly priceless!

**We will be writing you up on our website.** We would appreciate any comment on what this has done for the church and individuals. You will encourage and challenge others to make these Baby Packs for Life. Thank you.

Jesus was so great to establish the Kingdom here on earth so we can love and uphold each other. Even from far away, we can touch and help our sisters. What a blessing for all of us!

**- Suzi and Dick Stephens**



We would love to make this an ongoing project here at Pitman Road! More information and details about how we are going to go about this, to come.



Visit **manatawny.org** to register, and for more information and details on each of these events.

## **CAMPSHIP FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday, May 13 AT 1PM**

Come for a free lunch, learn about Camp, and give to sponsor a camper. Or give at [www.manatawny.org/donate](http://www.manatawny.org/donate).

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## **REMEMBERING ISAIAH RIDE**

**Saturday, May 20 at 11AM**

Registration at 10AM. \$20 per rider, \$5 per passenger. Cars and trucks are welcome. All proceeds will be donated to Camp Manatawny.

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## **FAMILY CAMP**

**Friday, May 26 - Sunday, May 28**

For all ages. Cost is \$130, up to four family members. Children 4 and younger are free. Registration ends May 26.

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## **SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE**

**Saturday, May 27 from 10AM - 4PM**

FREE & open to public. No reservations required.

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## **CAMP SONSHINE**

**Saturday, June 3 - Sunday, June 4**

Ages 8-18. Cost is FREE. Registration ends June 3.