



# 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]

## A HOLY CALLING



**Joey Peacher**  
Preaching Minister

*"I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent." (Luke 5:32)*

Jesus loves His Father and loves people. Jesus calls us to love God first and love others. We know this, but sometimes I think we forget or ignore something else Jesus taught: repentance.

All the writers of the New Testament address sin and the need to give it up and then avoid it. Jesus, Paul, Peter, and John addressed believers and called them to repent, to transform, to change their life and way of thinking. In fact, the scarlet thread running throughout the entire Bible involves the corruption, consequences, confusion, and catastrophe of sin and the solution God offers with Christ on the cross. God will bring us back into the perfect creation through Jesus, but as we wait for the consummation (final fulfillment) of God's plan, we are called into a transformative relationship of ever-increasing holiness through repentance. Being a part of God's kingdom, having a solid foundation built on the wholesome teaching of the Gospel, receiving forgiveness, growing in holiness to be more like God are all linked with repentance. Here are just some words from Jesus, Paul, and Peter about repentance:

In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents. (Luke 15:10)

It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of His name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.' (Luke 24:47) – Final words of resurrected Jesus

Surely you must know that people who practice evil cannot possess God's kingdom realm. Stop being deceived! People who continue to engage in sexual immorality, idolatry, adultery, sexual perversion, homosexuality, fraud, greed, drunkenness, verbal abuse, or extortion—these will not inherit God's kingdom realm. (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

The law is for people who are sexually immoral, or who practice homosexuality, or are slave traders, liars, promise breakers, or who do anything else that contradicts the wholesome teaching that comes from the glorious Good News entrusted to me by our blessed God. (1 Timothy 1:10-11)

God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives His Holy Spirit to you. (1 Thessalonians 4:7-8)

But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. (1 Peter 1:15)

There are too many other compelling scriptures to include here, but here are a few more to read on your own: Ephesians 4:21-24, Colossians 3:5-10, 1 John 3:6-9.

Jesus had personal interactions with sinners that compelled them to change. Matthew changed. Mary Magdalene changed. Zacchaeus changed. Nicodemus likely changed. Saul changed to Paul. Jesus is the son of God, full of love, truth, and power. We are all works in progress when it comes to being like Jesus, yet Peter says we are called to be holy as God is holy.

Holiness is the calling for someone who has committed to be a follower of Jesus. Holiness isn't something that happens to you; it is something you pursue. God calls you to cut off sin in your life as you pursue a life that reflects His character. The life of God is in you. The power of the resurrection of Jesus is at work in you and that gives you living hope\*, but we must continue to examine our motivations and base our beliefs on God's Word.

If our foundation is built on man's word instead of God's Word, we end up with a host of ideas that "contradict the wholesome teaching" of the Gospel and transfer moral authority to man. God wants us to pursue a repentant (transformative) life with him and that begins with knowing and trusting the Word He's given us, all of His Word, from Genesis 1 through Revelation 22.

\*From devotional by Colin Smith



## WILD WEDNESDAYS AT PITMAN ROAD

**On Wednesdays in July and August; 5:21 pm - 7:21 pm**

Starting Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at the church building

**All families with kids and teens...join us for an activity night!**

There will be games (pickle ball, basketball, board games, etc.) and brief devotionals. There will be a devotional activity for younger kids, and a devotional activity for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> that will be based on the show, "The Wild Brothers." Pizza will be provided!





## 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." This June, we will meet **TODAY, June 4<sup>th</sup>** (class #8, **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>** (class #9), and **Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** (class #10).



## SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL POTLUCK AND GRADUATE CELEBRATION

**NEXT Sunday, June 11th in the FLC (after we honor all graduates at the end of our worship service)**

Join us for our monthly potluck, where we will also be recognizing and honoring Pitman Road's 2023 high school graduates! **Please bring a dish to share.** Drinks and dessert will be provided. See you there!

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If you have not already gotten your graduate information to Kate Ikeorha, please do so ASAP! Send all information, and a photo or two, to her by email or text: [kikeorha@cochrist.org](mailto:kikeorha@cochrist.org) or 609-442-7936 by **TOMORROW, June 5 (extended deadline).**

- \* Any picture of the graduate
- \* The school they graduated from
- \* Any extra-curricular, athletic, or scholastic achievements/involvement (in and out of school)
- \* Plans after high school (college, trade school, work, etc.) or plans after college (continuing education, job, etc.)
- \* Feel free to include any other information!



## CAMP SONSHINE

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

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

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## OVERNIGHT CAMP

**Saturday Afternoon to Saturday Morning**

\$395 per week (plus a \$4 processing fee)

⇒ **Senior High 2: June 24 - July 1**  
(completed grades 11 and 12)

⇒ **Senior High 1: July 1 - July 8**  
(completed grades 9 and 10)

Visit [manatawny.org](http://manatawny.org) to register and for more information/details on each of these events.



## IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

**Todd Thompson**, son of Mary Lea Thompson, age 59, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, May 27, 2023. We send our love and prayers to Mary Lea, Jeannie (Todd's wife), their children, and the rest of the family during this time.

**choices**  
OF THE HEART

## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

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

There are still a few baby bottles left in the foyer! Grab a bottle, 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.**

## JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR BIBLE CLASS! ALL AGES!

Elementary Bible class teachers are needed at 9:00 am on Sundays in July and August! Please contact **Robin Steward** at 856-264-9003 to volunteer! (Kids for Christ and Jr. Worship will also continue through the summer.)

### 2023 Summer Quarter Bible Classes - June, July, August

Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am	
Adults	Room B4 (Library) "A Faith Hero of Mine" coordinated by Dan Cooper
Middle School and High School	All tween and teen classes are held in the C-wing.
Cradle Roll, Pre-K, and K-5	All children's classes are held in the D-wing.
Senior Saints (Assisted Living)	Worship at Parke Place led by Jay Schneider

## A SINCERE "THANK YOU" TO THE MEMBERS OF PITMAN ROAD

My name is Robin Shelburne, and I am the team leader for **Young Life Capernaum**, the special needs ministry that you have graciously and generously opened your doors to this past year. It is impossible for our team to put into words what a tremendous blessing your church body (and your church BUILDING) have been to the work we are doing in reaching out to kids and their families. Many of the kids who are part of this group are completely unchurched, but they have come faithfully all year to this beautiful space, and we have shared the Gospel with them week after week. We have also experienced a whole lot of JOY in the process! The way you have shown the open-hearted love of Christ to them through your hospitality is a beautiful picture of the welcoming love of Christ. We hope this little video recap [visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8CyUzupKdn4> to watch the video] gives you a glimpse of just how much you have blessed them and blessed us as well. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your partnership in sharing the compelling love of Jesus. We are deeply grateful.

Sincerely, **Robin and the Capernaum Team**

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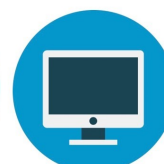
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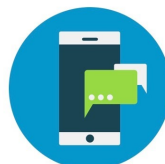
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