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FOCUS 2015

Focusing on

- God's Word
- God's Son
- God's Vision
- God's Mission

New Spring Quarter Classes Begin Today!

2015 Spring Quarter

March, April, May

Sunday

Location	Intended For	Topic	Teachers
Family Life Center	Adults	Revelation	Mike Grove
B-1	Lavender Ladies	Proverbs	Mary Lea Thompson, Yvonne Pearl
B-2	Young Adults	Truth Matters: Confident Faith in a Confusing World	Coordinated by Carlos Isaziga
B-3 Chapel	Women	"I Want God"	Alana Peterson
B-4	Men	"Stepping Up" A Call to Courageous Manhood	Coordinated by Carlos Isaziga
Conference Rm.	Adults	Finding Encouragement through God's "Do Not Be Afraid" Passages	Mike Broyles
Parke Place	Senior Saints	Worship	Jay Schneider

Wednesday

Location	Intended For	Topic	Teachers
B-1	Adults	Barnabas Group	Donna Lazar and Fran Point
B-2	Young Adults	Message for the Messed Up	Carlos Isaziga
B-3 Chapel	Adults	The Gospel of Matthew	Garth Hutchinson
B-4	Adults	A Psalm and A Prayer	Dave Perine
Conference Room	Adults	France Mission Trip Prep Class	Dan Cooper
Auditorium	Adults	Singing Class	Matt Downing

While you are here today, please stop by the table at the entrance to the auditorium and check the new phoning card to confirm that your contact information is correct. Please put a check mark next to your name if the information is correct. If the information is incorrect, or you would like to add information, please note it on the yellow tablet on that table, next to the card. Dottie would very much appreciate if you would take a moment of your time to do this.

Our Vision:

A PLACE WHERE GOD'S LOVE IS EXPERIENCED, KNOWN, AND SHARED BY ALL.

From Daniel's Den

You really are... “just a vapor that appears for a little while...”

In the last ten days I have been brought face to face with death and dying. As a minister, that is no surprise, but what is shocking about these three deaths is that they were not old people!

Jessica was only 31. From the time she was diagnosed with cancer to the day she died, less than one year passed. Shocking! No words to describe the loss! The funeral home was full last Thursday as folks gathered from the local community and fourteen states to celebrate her life.

Randy was only 58, he appeared to be in perfect health. He looked to be in better shape than most men his age, was retired military, and served as an elder in the church. In past years, he had served as a deacon in our church. The Friday night before he passed, Randy and his wife took a ride in a convertible with the top down, enjoyed the 80 degree temperatures and snapped photos.

John was only 60. He was a first responder in New York City. During his career he received numerous citations. He was among the first responders on site at the World Trade Center on September 11th and present when Twin Towers fell. By nature a servant, he served in any way he could at Ground Zero. Unfortunately, his service there left him with terminal cancer. Even in death he continued to serve by donating his body for medical research. I was there with his sweet, devoted wife last Wednesday when she picked up his ashes from the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania.

A sobering reality....as illustrated by a 31 year old, a 58 year old, and a 60 year old...“You do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. You ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that’” (James 4:13-15)

-Dan the “Vaporman”



Dan Cooper
aka
“Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman”

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Carlos' Corner

Jesus Really Meant It

There are these red letters in the Bible; they only appear in the New Testament, specifically in the first four books. Why red? Who thought of it? The idea of printing Jesus' words in red began with a man named Louis Klopsch. He served as the editor of the *Christian Herald* magazine. The first red-letter Bible was published in 1899. Klopsch thought of red to symbolize the blood of Jesus Christ. You can read more about Klopsch & the origin of red-letter Bibles at <http://www.crossway.org/blog/2006/03/red-letter-origin/>.

I love the fact that God placed that idea on Klopsch's heart. There is something special about reading one of the books that tell the story of Jesus and allowing those red letters to stand out and penetrate your heart and mind. Those red letters are His words. They are powerful words. They are healing words. They are true words. Jesus said many things. Things that we sometimes take for granted or even don't take seriously. Like “love your enemies,” “sell your possessions and give to the poor,” “whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,” “if the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first” and much more.

Recently 21 Egyptian Christians were persecuted and executed in Libya because they followed Jesus. Jesus spoke of this in John 16: 1-3.

“All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God.”

Jesus really meant this and it is really happening. My heart is heavy for the families of the 21 martyrs. Following Jesus is not supposed to be safe or comfortable. We don't usually tell this to people when they decide to give their lives to God. We should. It's what Jesus told us will happen. For now, pray for those being persecuted, pray for those through whom the persecution is coming, pray about what we can do to fight evil and injustice, and pray we do not grow comfortable and safe.

Abundant mercy, peace & love.
Your brother and servant,
Carlos

Out of the Mouths of Babes!



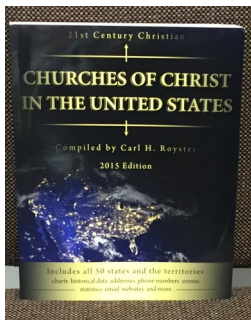
What an excellent morning we had in Jr. Worship!. Fifteen children were in attendance. Linda Kuznetzoff was happy to assist, and was very helpful in all that she did. I would be very happy if she would assist again in the future, and she said she would be happy to help out from time to time,whenever needed. We

started off with a prayer for our church and for our time together. We then sang *Who's Side Are You Living On*.

Our lesson for the day corresponded to Dan Cooper's sermon about Nehemiah 5. To begin the lesson, I asked the children what an elder was. At least two replied that an elder was a very old person, and one added that an elder was soooo old that they could not take care of themselves or anything else. I was quick to bring to light the fact that the church was run by elders and that they are very dedicated people who are responsible for the church, etc. etc.... I asked if anybody knew who our elders were. At first nobody knew who the elders were, but when I restated that they are in charge of the church, somebody suggested that Dottie was the elder. Although they did not know who exactly ran things, most of the kids seemed to agree that Dan Cooper did not run things. Another child suggested that "the lady named Mary Lea" was the elder. Finally someone guessed correctly that Dwight was one of the elders. So, we had a little lesson on who the elders were, and collectively we named them all. We also listed the names of the ministers. Someone thought Steve Pierre-Jacques was a minister, but we straightened it all out. Eventually we got a bit into the lesson, until it was obvious that their attention spans had been maxed out, so, I asked one of the kids to put on a movie. I asked for a movie about Nehemiah. As she was putting the movie in, I asked her if she knew who Nehemiah was? She replied, "He was the King's Cupbearer in the times of Babylon Captivity and he.....etc etc.....well, it became obvious that she knew a whole lot more about Nehemiah than most adults I know!!!

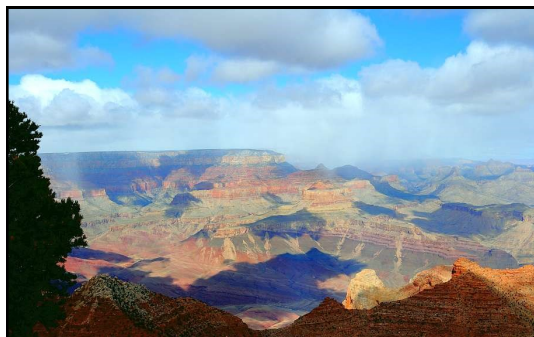
Today was a day that I really liked doing Junior Worship! Just thought I would share. - Sincerely, **Harry Ake**

2015 Directory of Churches of Christ



The 2015 Directory of the Churches of Christ in the US has just arrived. If you are traveling or would like to find information about the location and composition of churches of Christ in the United States, this is a handy resource. It is available in Dottie's office upon request.

Canyonlands Tour



For years **John Clayton**, the former atheist, has led a tour of the geological formations out west. He calls it the "Canyonlands Tour." John

spent his career as a public school teacher, teaching geology and various other sciences. He is now retired but continues to speak on Christian evidences.

This coming summer he will lead a one-week tour of some of our nation's most fascinating geological formation's. The tour starts in Arizona and covers Bryce Canyon, Zion Canyon, the Petrified Forest, and the Grand Canyon.

The Coopers and the Akes have just sent their deposit money. We are wondering if any of the rest of our church family would want to join us for this tour, August 23-28. There is a strong possibility that this will be the last tour that John leads since he is now in his mid-70s. If you would like more information you can see either of his two most recent journals, or you can call Ron Gholson of Queenslander Tours at 303-800-3702. The price of the tour is about \$875 per person, from Flagstaff, AZ, but a \$250 deposit needs to be made in the next couple of weeks.

New Icemaker!



Thank you to **Aaron Pearl** for installing our newly purchased icemaker! After several years of bringing the used icemaker he donated back to life, Aaron let us know that was finally kaput. It didn't take long to see how much we depended on having an icemaker here in the building.

The elders decided to make this the first purchase from the "Capital Fund" which will be used to cover costs for improvements to our facility. This fund was formerly known as "The Expansion Fund." As donations and memorial gifts continue to come in, it seemed prudent to rename this fund to more accurately describe it's function at this point in time. So as you enjoy our refreshing new ice, you will know that the icemaker was purchased with funds over and above our regular giving!

Deadline for Registration is NEXT Sunday!



Unwrap the BIBLE
LIVE SIMULCAST EVENT

Register Now!

CHRISTINE CAINE PRISCILLA SHIRER LISA HARPER SHEILA WALSH CHARLOTTE GAMBILL

See familiar stories in a new and meaningful way! Open your Bible and step inside the Scriptures as dynamic teachers bring God's Word to life!

Saturday, March 14th, 2015

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Pitman Road Church of Christ

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Cost of Admission: \$15 and includes light breakfast and lunch.

Childcare will be available.

There will be a \$3 fee per child to cover the cost of food and snacks.

Deadline for registration is March 8th.

Registration forms available in the foyer.

When it comes to the Bible, there's always more to unwrap!

Next Sunday, March 8th

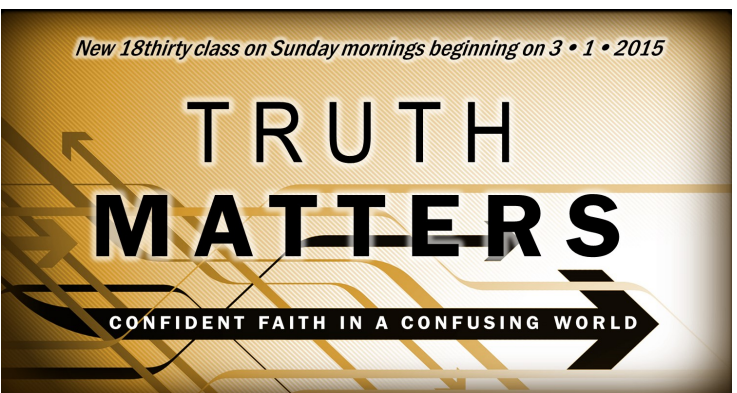


Remember to set your clocks FORWARD one hour before you go to sleep on Saturday night so you arrive at church on time Sunday morning!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

SPRING FORWARD

Hey 18thirty!



New 18thirty class on Sunday mornings beginning on 3 • 1 • 2015

TRUTH MATTERS

CONFIDENT FAITH IN A CONFUSING WORLD



coffee house fellowship • praise and worship experience for young adults

REFUGE

Experience God

Saturday • March 7th • 7-9 pm

Coming Up This Month!

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| March 7 | Refuge - 18thirties Young Adults 7-9 PM |
| March 8 | Daylight Savings Time begins! 2 AM |
| March 8 | Button Club 2 PM Open to all |
| March 14 | Unwrap the Bible simulcast 8 AM- 5 PM |
| March 20 | 18thirties Young Adults Game Night - 6-9PM at the Isaziga's |
| March 21 | Senior Saints Dinner time TBA |
| March 28 | Craft Day Noon- 5 PM |
| March 29 | Eggstravaganza - children 2-12 following worship |



18thirty Game Night!

Friday, March 20th
6:00-9:00 PM
At the Isaziga's
Bring your favorite Game Night finger food!

New Birth!



This past Tuesday, immediately following the Women's Bible Study, **Sarah Stratton** was baptized into Christ.

Sarah, her husband, **Bruce**, and their two year old son, **Christian**, have been attending church with us since last fall. They first learned about our church through an on-line search, and found our web site, and decided to visit us. Sarah has been a regular and very consistent student in the Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study.

Sarah and Bruce are expecting their second child at the end of June. They are both quiet and reserved, but driven to know God and do His will. Please get to know this young family!

Assistance Requested

The Waverly and Dawnna Hale are planning a trip with their sons to visit Harding and Lipscomb. The trip is much too long for Alice. They are in need of someone who would be willing to stay with her in our home while we are gone from March 7 - 15. If you are willing to stay with Alice please contact The Hales at 856-765-9478 by March 2.

Family Promise Volunteers Needed

On next **Family Promise** host week, April 5-11, is coming up quickly! **Volunteers are needed.** Please consider participating in this ministry and sign-up at the table near the auditorium entrance. **Mary & Leonard Collier** will be the coordinators for this upcoming host week. Contact either one of them if you have questions or need more information.



The Button Club meets
NEXT Sunday, March 8th,
at 2:00 PM in the Library.
All welcome!

Prayers Requested

Stephanie DeStefano responded to the invitation this Sunday requesting prayers for her 79 year old mother, Dreama, and her 82 year old father, Steve.

They both have serious health concerns and they both are desperately wanting to be baptized into Christ. Pray that their health will improve to the point that they can both be immersed sooner, rather than later.

This Week's Prayer Requests

The monthly prayer list of long-term, ongoing prayer requests for MARCH is now available next to the Proclaimer in the foyer. New, urgent, and immediate prayer requests will appear in the Proclaimer.

Praises : Ryan and Pam Monaghan welcome their new son **Julian** last week! The teens and chaperones returned safely from Winterfest.

Prayers Requested:

Dreama Musso, See above prayer request

Libby Mansdoerfer was diagnosed with Juvenile (Type 1) Diabetes. Pray for Libby and the family as they settle into their "new normal."

Mary Lea Thompson was admitted to the hospital on Wednesday night with chest pains.

Greg Krinks had a melanoma removed from his ear on Thursday morning.

Steve and Patti Sikes as the grieve the loss of Jessica.

John Grillo, recovering at home after extensive surgery to repair his elbow.

Lee Cooper, Dan's father, still awaiting prostate surgery.

Nancy Calabro, blood clot and cardiac issues.

Military:

Andrew Holden at West Point.

Expecting:

Brendan and Lisa Downing, March

Lauren (Camorata) & Jeremy Thompson, March 28 - a boy!

Sarah and Bruce Stratton, June

Engaged:

Timothy Holmes & Paige Rothmaller, April 4, 2015.

Anthony DeStefano & Hope Anderson, July 10, 2015

Traveling:

Paul Stanford

Pitman Road Church of Christ
Monday Night Men's Bible Study

7:00 -8:00 PM
in the Family Life Center

Coffee and snacks will be served.

We have finished the book of Romans!
This week Garth Hutchinson will begin
a study of 1 Corinthians.

**Bible
Study**

Come and Experience the Living Word



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Derrick Busch Young Adults

Tim Davis Teens

Tony DeStefano Body Life & Fellowship

Matt Downing Worship

Glynn Durham LIFE Groups

Darren Fields Greeters Ministry

Brian Holden Special Activities; Body Life

Garth Hutchinson Local Evangelism

Larry Kellum, Jr. Caring & Sharing

Brian Kleineweber Financial Consultant

Brian Mansdoerfer Building Maintenance; Jr. Worship

Chuck Olley Teens

Aaron Pearl Youth

John Peoples New Member Involvement

Steve Pierre-Jacques
..... Audio Visual; Information Technology; Website

Jay Schneider Serving Our Seniors

Carl Steiner World Evangelism

Manny Vander Vennen
..... Church Directory, Kids for Christ

Sunday Schedule

9:00 AM Bible Classes

10:00 AM Worship

Wednesday Night Schedule

5:30-6:30 PM Meal

7:00-7:45 PM Bible Classes

7:45 PM Fellowship

Last Week

Bible Class	NA
Worship	197
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	86
Contribution	\$11,674
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$355,368.00
Contribution YTD	\$341,065.00
Under Budget	(\$14,303.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Tina Broyles
Kids For Christ	Debby Durham
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	Lori Hernandez
Hall Monitor: Worship	Volunteer Needed
Greeters: Front Entrance	Leonard & Mary Collier
Greeters: Back Entrance	Steve & Janyne DePrince
Ushers	Anthony Phillip & George Rowe
Information Desk	Mary Lea Thompson
Shepherd's Call	Larry Point
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Tony DeStefano

L.I.F.E. Group Locations Today

Group	Location	Contact
Brook Besor	Durham's, Thursday at 7PM	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Prenger's, Tuesday at 7PM	856-689-7932
Convenience Group	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
The Flock	Mansdoerfer's at 5 PM	856-237-3767
Hammonton Group	Broyles' at 5PM	609-561-8532
Solid Gold	Walker's at 6PM	856-478-6972
Teens	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6PM	856-839-0015
18thirty	Church Building at Noon	850-814-6632

Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: No volunteer

Menu: No meal;



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