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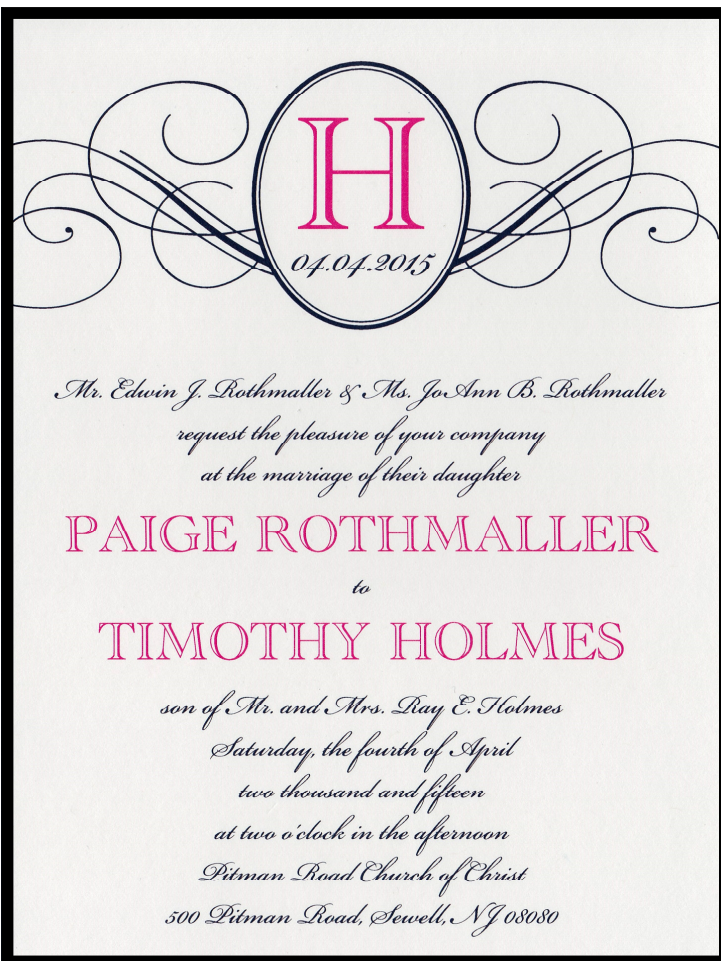
Focusing on

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

Coming Up in April

Coming up in April is a wonderful set of opportunities to experience AND share God's love!

On Saturday, **April 4** at 2:00 PM our entire church family is invited to the church auditorium for the wedding of **Timothy Holmes and Paige Rothmaller** at 2:00 PM.



The invitation features a large, ornate letter 'H' in the center, with the date '04.04.2015' written below it. The text is elegantly styled, with the names of the bride and groom in pink and the date in blue. The background is white with decorative flourishes.

*Mr. Edwin J. Rothmaller & Mrs. Jo Ann B. Rothmaller
request the pleasure of your company
at the marriage of their daughter*

PAIGE ROTHMALLER

to

TIMOTHY HOLMES

*son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Holmes
Saturday, the fourth of April
two thousand and fifteen
at two o'clock in the afternoon
Pitman Road Church of Christ
500 Pitman Road, Sewell, NJ 08080*

On **April 5** we expect an unusually large crowd to join us for our **Easter Sunday service**, and that is also the day that we kick off our week for hosting **Family Promise**. To God



be the glory. We are letting our love for the risen Christ impact those who are desperately needing housing for that entire week.

On **April 25**, a Saturday afternoon, all LIFE group leaders and their spouses will be honored for their weekly commitment to our LIFE Group ministry with an appreciation dinner.



On **April 26** we will be privileged to witness the premier production of our annual musical presented by Diana Hutchinson and our talented members. It is called **HISstory**. This is a great time to introduce new people to our church and many volunteers will be needed to help with greeting, and making as well as serving snacks after the program.

More details for these events will be forthcoming. In the meantime, mark your calendars!

Our Vision

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

From Daniel's Den

Lunch with Two of our Seasoned Citizens

This past week, Merle (Glynn) and I had the distinct pleasure of treating two of our widow ladies to lunch. One of the ladies was 88 years old and the other was 78. As we were about to finish our lunch, the 88 year old looked over at a long table sitting off to one side and said, "Did you see that group of elderly folks sitting over there, I wonder where they are from?" Somehow, that struck me as funny! Talk about the pot calling the kettle black! Of course I couldn't laugh out loud, but I thought to myself, how interesting. An 88 year old commenting about a group of "elderly folks" over at that other table!

Two reflections: 1) To the 88 year old sitting at our table, sound in mind and body, those "elderly folks" with their wheel chairs and grey hair were old. The four people...in their 60's, 70's and 80's at our table were not! It is all about perspective. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13). If you really want to be a more engaged, faithful, connected disciple of Jesus Christ, you can be. It is all about perspective...and desire! How do you see yourself?

2) Spending time with our seasoned citizens can be a huge blessing. Looking out for our widows is all about God's kingdom, God's work, and loving others as we have been loved by Him. It's all about helping others to "experience" God's love...the young, the middle aged and the "elderly folks." You can be religious in the very best sense of the word...you can practice "pure religion" (James 1:27). We can do this people. In fact, we must because **we want this church to be the place where God's love is experienced, known and shared by all!**

Special thanks to Tim, Melody and our teens for sponsoring our **Seasoned Citizens Dinner on Saturday, March 21st**. Sign up on the clip board at the Information Center or call the church office right now and we will sign you up! (856) 589-1500 - **Look out for those "elderly folks," Dan the Preacherman**



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

Spending time with our seasoned citizens can be a huge blessing.



Mike Lazar
Elder

Many people have been saved because of the prayers and service of Christians, so don't turn your back on unbelievers.

Shepherd's Voice

Question: "Is it good to have close friendships with unbelievers?"

The book of Proverbs (12:26) discusses befriending non-believers. One is "The righteous should choose his friends carefully, for the way of the wicked leads them astray". But in Mark 12:31 scripture says "You must love your neighbor as yourself."

The short answer is both are correct. We have two types of friends, Close Friends— people you spend a great deal of time with (outside of a job or other forced time), and Acquaintance Friends - These are usually more shallow in terms of emotions and bonds, and you probably don't confide personal things to them.

So should we form a deep bond with someone who rejects our Lord? Not according to the Bible. God said in 1 Corinthians 15:33: "Bad company corrupts good character." Although close relationships are not recommended, it does not mean we turn our noses up and ignore unbelievers. [2 Timothy 2:24-26](#) tells us that "as servants of the Lord, we are to be kind to and not quarrel with anyone."

Many people have been saved because of the prayers and service of Christians, so don't turn your back on unbelievers. But, having any kind of intimate relationship with an unbeliever can quickly and easily turn into something that is a hindrance to your walk with Christ. We are called to evangelize the lost, not be intimate with them. There is nothing wrong with building quality friendships with unbelievers – but the primary focus of such a relationship should be to win them to Christ by sharing the Gospel with them and demonstrating God's saving power in our own lives.

--Mike Lazar

Our Vision: Becoming a church where God's love is experienced known and shared by all.

Report from our Mission Efforts in C.M.C.H.

Highlights from the Report: "The past couple of months have been fairly difficult for me personally. It started in early December when I flew out to Florida to officiate at my nephew's wedding. The day before the wedding, my mother, who was visiting from Arkansas, took ill and had to be rushed to the hospital. To make a long story short, she was diagnosed with stage three ovarian cancer. Since that diagnosis she has had 3 surgeries (two surgeries due to complications) and we believe a stroke that has left her partially paralyzed on her right side. I ended up spending three weeks in December in Orlando helping my sister to care for her while she was hospitalized.

On a positive note I am excited to tell you that Agata Lepionka was baptized into Christ in January. Agata is a young woman who is married to a Coast Guardsman who is stationed in Cape May. She started attending church a few months ago and studying the Bible. "

Charles Belva

If you would like to read the entire report it is posed on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Ladies Your Help is Needed

If you received a scripture afghan from me would you please take a picture of it and either email to (dottiequilts@yahoo.com) or text it to (856-723-7749). I would really like it if you would be willing to be in the picture with as well, but if you would rather not that would be fine too. I am wanting to make a photo album of all the afghans I have made. It also would help me when someone says they would like the exact one I made so-in-so. I really can't remember the color combinations of each person's afghan.

Thank you so much for taking the time to do this for me.
Love, Dottie

WINTER JACKETS. There are six winter jackets with our church logo. (2 Black - one XL, one S - 4 grey all Large). They are close out specials but they are top quality. See Dottie if you would like to purchase one of these jackets. Cost is \$40



Family Promise Volunteers Needed

On next **Family Promise** host week, April 5-11, is coming up



quickly! **Volunteers are needed. Drivers, Cooks, Evening Hosts, Overnight Hosts, Set-up/Breakdown, Shopper, and Van Transfer.** 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 of them if you need more information.

MORE HELP NEEDED/FAMILY PROMISE

Is there anyone at Pitman Church who loves organizing and/or participating in fundraisers? **Family Promise of Gloucester** has several fundraisers throughout the year. The fundraiser proceeds are used for the upkeep, salaries, etc. of the Day Center, van, staff, etc. It would be nice if we had someone who would be the liaison for the Pitman Church. Contact John Ashton at 609 56-8371 or jashton834@comcast.net for more details.

Every Week!

Did you know that besides our regular meeting times Sundays and Wednesdays there is something happening in our building every day of the week?

Monday Nights	Men's Bible Study 7-8 PM
Tuesday Mornings	Women's Bible Study 9:45-11:30 AM Men's Prayer Time - 10 AM
Wednesdays	Wednesday Night Meals 5:30 PM
Thursdays	Square Dancers group uses our FLC 7-9 PM NAMI MEETING 7-9 PM in our Chapel
Fridays	Men's Prayer Time 6:45 AM

Saturday, March 21st at 6PM
in the Family Life Center

Senior Saints Dinner

All Senior Saints, 50 and above,
are invited to enjoy an evening of
food, fellowship, and entertainment
hosted by the Pitman Road Youth Group!
Sign up now at the Information Center.

You're Invited to the Pitman Road Church of Christ

EGG HUNT!

Sunday, March 29th, 12 Noon to 2 PM
for children to age 12

Lunch will be served at Noon.

Open to the community at 12:30

Special Guest appearance and photos
with the Easter Bunny at 1:00!

Parents & Grandparents, please accompany your children.

Bring your family and friends!

Members can donate plastic eggs, candy, trinkets or cash!

SIGN-UP NOW AT THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE CHILDREN'S WING!

18thirty

Game Night!

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

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.

Bible Study

Come and Experience the Living Word



Bring Your Own Craft Day

Saturday, March 28th

Noon to 5:00 PM

in the Family Life Center

Snacks are provided!

Hope to see you there!



As the weather starts to warm up we can begin to look forward to our Florida crew slowing returning north.

Women of the
DREAM

2015 TEEN GIRL SUMMIT:

Camden Girls on the
Road to Success

REGISTER TODAY!



Keynote Speaker

Susan L. Taylor

Founder & CEO,
National CARES Mentoring Movement

Editor in Chief Emerita,
Essence Magazine



Youth Speaker

Sharnice A. Jones

Author, Speaker, and Founder,
Success 1st

SATURDAY, March 21, 2015

Rutgers University Camden Campus

Registration is now open!

Click [here](#) to register.

There will be workshops for ALL attendees.

Sharnice Jones - 2015 Girls Teen Summit Speaker

Sharnice is a Keynote speaker at the 2015 Women of The Dream Teen Girls Summit to be held at Rutgers University - Camden on March 21st. Registration information:

<http://www.success1st.org/upcoming-events.html>

Two Heartfelt Thank You Messages from Steve & Patti

Dear Pitman Road Family,

You continue to rewrite the definition of church family. Your prayers, letters, cards, calls, texts, flowers, gifts, have made our grieving more bearable and our faith more secure.

We miss you and long for the day of reunion, either down here or late up there! God is good all the time and all the time God is good!

Thank you for sending Dan and Katherine, Kelly, and Brian to comfort and strengthen us during Jessica's Celebration service.

We love you,
Steve and Patti

Pitman Church Family,

Thank you for loving us and encouraging and gifting us again and again.

I am thankful before Jessica left this earth, she witnessed a church known for her love and giving. She saw what Patti and I saw from the beginning...Christ in you and you.

Hope of Glory!!

Love and miss you terribly.
Steve and Patti

More Sincere Thanks!

To My Christian Friends at Pitman

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you for the prayer quilt I received this week. It was an unexpected surprise and when I read the card, then saw all the encouraging words stitched into the quilt with so many tiny knots representing prayers on my behalf, I was truly overwhelmed. It is difficult for me to find all the words to express what it meant to receive such a lovely, meaningful gift! It will provide comfort for me during my treatments and at home and I will think of all of you. I am encouraged everyday by your love, prayers, concern and support that you continue to show towards me and my family as I go through this journey with my illness. I am truly blessed to have such caring, loving friends at Pitman and I love and cherish you all!

Your sister in Christ,
Mary Jetton

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praises : Spring is in the air!!

Prayers Requested:

Georgette Kenna, Beth Loeffler's mother, pancreatic cancer.

Prayers for God's guidance and peace are requested by Larry and Fran for their friend, **Valerie**, and her family as they face a serious family crisis.

Ed Gandolfi, Annette Perine's dad, recovery from surgery.

Dreama Musso, now in rehabilitation hospital.

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 diagnosed with Prinzmetal Angina (coronary vessel spasms).

Greg Krinks melanoma removed from his ear.

Dan Cooper, recovering from foot surgery.

Steve and Patti Sikes as they 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

Mary Ellen and Justin Walker, August

Engaged:

Timothy Holmes & Paige Rothmaller, April 4, 2015.

Anthony DeStefano & Hope Anderson, July 10, 2015

Traveling:

Paul Stanford

SYMPATHY

Our church family extends our deepest sympathy to our servant hearted sister, Harriet, in her time of deep loss. Nothing can prepare a mother to say goodbye to one of her children. Yet, that is exactly what our sister has had to endure. Her faith has been strong throughout this entire struggle. She has feared that David's untimely death would be the ultimate outcome but still when it happened she was not prepared.

Memorial gifts can be made to honor David Davis to the Pitman Road Church of Christ. Make the check out to the church write David Davis in the memo section or pick up one of the slips on either one of the tables in the foyer and fill it out and attach it to your check. You can put it in the collection plate or give it to Dottie.

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Our Deacons

Bud Britton Grounds Maintenance

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	143
Worship	262
LIFE Groups	107
Wednesday	n/c
Contribution	\$9,714
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$376,222
Contribution YTD	\$367,847
Under Budget	(\$8,425)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Kelly Spencer
Kids For Christ	Casey Buchanan
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	Harriet Wensel
Hall Monitor: Worship	Volunteer Needed
Greeters: Front Entrance	Brian & Cindy Holden
Greeters: Back Entrance	Larry & Lea Ann Kellum
Ushers	Horatio Fenton & Jonathan Hooley
Information Desk	Jackie Fenton
Shepherd's Call	Dave Perine
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Jonathan Steward

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	Buchanan's at 5PM	856-770-4534
Hammonton Group	TBA	
Solid Gold	Walkers at 6PM	856-881-4621
Teens	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6PM	856-839-0015
18thirty	Isaziga's at Noon	850-814-6632

Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: Lucy Fair

Menu: Spaghetti



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