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#### Focusing on

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

Please invite your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers.
Invitation flyers are available in the foyer.

CELEBRATE THE RISEN CHRIST

on Easter Sunday, 4.5.2015

8:30 AM Coffee, donuts, bagels, fellowship

9:00 AM Bible classes for children & adults

10:00 AM Worship service: Dan and Carlos will have a special message, Make Some Noise! for both children and adults.\*

\*This will be a family day, all children will remain in the auditorium throughout the worship service.

We are asking our members not only to invite guests to worship with us on Easter Sunday, but also to think about the comfort and experience of all of our guests that day. We need to "share our love" by doing several things:

- Please help keep our building clean this upcoming week.
- Please leave the best parking places open for our guests next Sunday morning.
- Please sit towards the front of the auditorium during worship and leave the seats in back open for easy access for our guests, particularly those arriving close to and after the start of the worship service.

Let's work together to become a place where God's love is experienced, known, and shared by all!

# From Daniel's Den

#### **Both Words and Deeds Contribute to Conversion**

In 2011, one of our deacons came to me and said, "Dan, for that next mission trip to France, I want to suggest you take this US Army retired woman staff sergeant with you. She goes skating with us every Monday. She is retired military, so you know what that means about her mouth! But she is a finish carpenter and we could really use her. She has a good heart. What do you think?" After meeting with her, I said yes.

She did make the trip! Her carpentry skills were excellent, and she contributed in a mighty way to our team effort. Not only that, she was powerfully impacted by the team of diligent workers. In fact, on Easter Sunday, 2013 (nearly two years later) in front of a full auditorium, this formerly foul mouthed sergeant was baptized into Christ.

Months later, as I was continuing to study the Bible with her, I asked what the major contributing factor was in her decision to put on Christ in baptism. There were many things, she said, "But I can remember coming back down that mountain where we were working in France. I was so humbled by what I saw happening there. All of those people working together, for people they didn't even know and would never meet, all for the common cause of Christ. I had to be a part of that!"

Both the words of the Bible and the deeds of love that she witnessed drew her to Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32) Sometimes, on mission trips, God does His finest work on those who go to serve, and not on those we serve!

Still working to help our church become, "A place where God's love is experienced, known and shared by all."...24/7.

-Dan the Preacherman

(Individuals referenced above are active members in our church today. Thank you, God.)



Dan Cooper aka "Dan, Dan, the Preacherman"

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Carlos Isaziga

Yes, we will have guests next Sunday, some we don't know, and some we do.
Among them will be Jesus.

# Carlos' Corner

#### **Someone Is Coming Over Next Week**

If you are anything like the Isaziga family, you will fully understand what I'm about to describe. The day or two before guests come over to our house for dinner, holiday, LIFE Group, or other activity we begin preparations. We clean, we organize, we get the house looking and feeling great. Why do we go through all that? We want our guests to feel comfortable in the house and enjoy their visit with us.

Next week someone will be coming over to the house. Easter Sunday is a Sunday on which people make it a point to go to church. What an awesome opportunity it will be to help people meet Jesus! I enjoy the story of Zacchaeus so much, and for so many reasons. But today I want you to think about this. Jesus invited himself to Zacchaeus' house. Plain and simple. You know how Zacchaeus responded.

"So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly."

(Luke 19: 6 NIV)

May we welcome Jesus in next Sunday. Yes, we will have guests next Sunday, some we don't know, and some we do. Among them will be Jesus. He brings something we cannot offer...unless He is in the house with us. Listen to what Jesus says about his visit with Zacchaeus:

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

(Luke 19: 9, 10 NIV)

Because of Him, *Carlos* 

# Egg Hunt Today!



#### FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

OUR FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK BEGINS ONE WEEK FROM TODAY. VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED!!!

**SUNDAY APRIL 5** 1 OVERNIGHT HOST **MONDAY APRIL 6** AM DRIVER 1 OVERNIGHT HOST **TUESDAY APRIL 7** AM DRIVER 2 OVERNIGHT HOSTS **THURSDAY APRIL 9** 2 OVERNIGHT HOSTS **FRIDAY APRIL 10** 1 OVERNIGHT **SATURDAY APRIL 11** 2 OVERNIGHT HOSTS **SUNDAY, April 12** MORNING DRIVER





IF YOU ARE WILLING TO FILL ANY OF THESE VOLUNTEER SLOTS, PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE FOYER. QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO MARY AND LEE COLLIER.

## A Note from Steve and Patti

Dear Pitman Road Church Family,

I weep with joy even in writing this note. You will never know how much a role you played in helping us bear up under Jessica's illness, and eventually, her passing. The Sikes family will always be thankful to God for connecting us together as one. God is good.

I've sent a DVD recording of Jessica's celebration service, MC'd by Dan and led by my brother-in-law and one cousin. The other is a tape of pictures, plays, and songs sung by our Sikes family sung at Dad and Mom's 40th wedding anniversary, over 27 years ago.

On top of all of this, your sacrificial giving allowed us to pay off all of Jessica's bills. Thank you! Thank you!!!

We love you and will always cherish our relationship together. Jessica was so encouraged by you as a church family truly known for their love for one another. (John 13:34-35)

-Steve and Patti

#### Please take note:

There will be no *Kids for Christ* or *Junior Worship* on Easter Sunday, April 5th. Families will sit together for the worship service.

## France Prep Class Schedule Changes

Due to the on-going play practice, and other numerous and wonderful Wednesday night options, we are cancelling our Wednesday night France Prep Class for the month of April. We will meet for the last 4 weeks of the Spring Quarter (May, 6, 13, 20 and 27) and we will meet for the first 4 weeks of the Summer Quarter (June 3, 10, 17 and 24). Then, we will depart for France to begin our intense work of ministry and serving on Friday, June 26, God willing. *-Dan* 

## A Weekend to Remember

A Weekend to Remember marriage event presented by Family Life will take place on May 1st - 3rd. You have two locations to choose from: King of Prussia or Washington D.C. We will not be formally organizing a group to go this year, nevertheless we encourage couples to take advantage of this Friday night through Sunday event. It will bless your marriage. For information and to register, go to <a href="http://www.familylife.com/events">http://www.familylife.com/events</a>. If you have questions about the event you can see Derek Davis for information.



Mr. Edwin J. Lothmaller & Ms. JoAnn B. Lothmaller request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter

## PAIGE ROTHMALLER

to

## TIMOTHY HOLMES

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



Please mark your calendars!

Performance dates for the Spring Musical: **HIS**tory

are

Sunday, April 26th at 4PM and

and Sunday May 3rd at 4PM

Performances will be followed by a finger food reception.

Please invite your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers!

Printed invitations will be available soon!





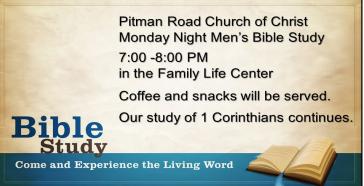
SIGN UP NOW TO PREPARE A

# Wednesday Night Meal

The sign up sheet for April, May, and June is now posted in the FLC.







# New Baby!



Adam Jeremy
Thompson was
born on Tuesday,
March 24th! He
weighed in at 7lbs.
and 14 oz. Congratulations to Lauren
and Jeremy on the
birth of their third
son! We also congratulate proud
"Baba" Debbie
Camorata!

# Sympathy

We express our sympathy to **Liz Browning** and family on the passing of her husband, **Garry**, last week. Garry and Liz were dedicated members of the Pitman family in the 2000's, until they moved to Tennessee due to Garry's job. Garry had been battling cancer for some time. Services were held this past Wednesday.

# Thank You for Your Support

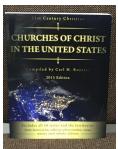
Dear Pitman Church,

Our family has been able to rejoice in memories of Garry's life with friends. No tears were shed as he looked so well and peaceful. We made it through the visitation well; tomorrow (funeral services) will be the hard part, but it's necessary for me to complete my journey with my best friend.

Thank you Pitman church for the beautiful Peace Lily. It warmed my heart when I saw it. Thank you for your love and support and mostly your prayers. They have been felt many times these past few months.

God Bless you all! -Liz Browning and family

## 2015 Directory of Churches of Christ



The **2015 Directory of the Churches** of Christ in the US has just arrived. If you are traveling and looking for a church to worship at while you are away, or would like to find information about the location and composition of churches of Christ in the U.S., this is a handy resource. It's available for you to use at your convenience in the conference

room. Please don't borrow the directory from the conference room but feel free to photocopy any pages you need.

#### Thank You for All You Have Done

We want to thank the congregation for all of the calls, cards, meals, visits, and especially your prayers during the past few difficult months. All of your support and love provided so much encouragement to us, we don't know what we would have done without you! Thank you for easing our burden.

In Christ.

Millie Moore and Jim Frampton

# This Week's Prayer Requests

<u>Praises</u>: Harvey Grillo was granted full custody of his children!

#### **Prayers Requested:**

**Lisa Peterson's** father passed away on Wednesday. More information will go our via email when it's available.

**Carl Steiner** is recovering from shoulder surgery. Please pray for a full recovery.

**Nancy Calabro** recovering after heart procedure last Thursday.

**Sandra Cox**, Charles Belva's mother, stage 3 ovarian cancer **Ashley Corey** is requesting prayers for her husband **Chris Corey**. There is a proposed reduction of teaching positions in the school where he is employed. Please pray Chris' job will not be affected.

**Deanne Wilson,** cerebral amyloid angiopathly, a neurological condition that increases the chance of hemorrhagic stroke and memory loss.

Marion Clark, Barbara Robinson's brother, covered in boils. Tammy Jones, friend of Cindy Holden, request's prayers for the son of a family friend, Matthew, 27 yrs. old, who lost his job due to heart failure. He must have surgery and has constant arterial fibrillation. Also for Tammy's 8 month old great nephew, Elijah, hospitalized for influenza.

Johnny Reimels, Joyce's son, bulging disc.

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

**Libby Mansdoerfer,** diagnosed with Juvenile (Type 1) Diabetes.

**Mary Lea Thompson** diagnosed with Prinzmetal Angina (coronary vessel spasms).

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

Steve and Patti Sikes, grieving the loss of their daughter.

**Harriet Wensel**, grieving the loss of her son.

**Military:** Andrew Holden at West Point.

**Expecting:** 

Sarah and Bruce Stratton, June

Mary Ellen and Justin Walker, August

Brianne (Gelsinger) and Tom Lodado, October

**Engaged:** 

Timothy Holmes & Paige Rothmaller, April 4, 2015. Anthony DeStefano & Hope Anderson, July 10, 2015

**Traveling: Paul Stanford** 

#### **Our Ministers**

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### Our Deacons

Bud Britton	Grounds Maintenance	
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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; Inform	mation Technology; Website	
Jay Schneider	Serving Our Seniors	
	World Evangelism	
Manny Vander Vennen		
Chu	rch 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 171
Worship 266
LIFE Groups 112
Wednesday 121
Contribution \$11,930
Fiscal YTD Goal \$397,176.00
Contribution YTD \$392,114.00

(\$5,062.00)

## Serving Us Today

**Under Budget** 

Nursery Judi Campbell Kids For Christ Tina Broyles Jr. Worship Brian Mansdoerfer Hall Monitor: Bible Class Lori Hernandez **Volunteer Needed** Hall Monitor: Worship Greeters: Front Entrance Corny & Phyllis Walker Greeters: Back Entrance Waverly & Dawnna Hale Ushers Steve DePrince & Corny Walker Information Desk Jerri Manfre Shepherd's Call Mike Broyles

## L.I.F.E. Group Locations Today

Ray Holmes

Garth Hutchinson

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	D. Contravo's at 5 PM	856-243-2431
Hammonton Group	Ashton's at 5PM	609-561-8371
Solid Gold	Walker's at 6PM	856-478-6972
Teens	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	DePrince's at 6PM	856-293-1011
18thirty	Easter Egg Hunt	850-814-6632

# Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: NO MEAL

Menu: NO VOLUNTEER



Song Leader

Communion





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