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FOCUS 2015

Focusing on

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

2015 Camp Manatawny Schedule and Registration

Session:	Dates:	Grades:	Directors:
Senior High 2	June 21 - July 4	11th - 12th	Shawn Cutts
Senior High 1	July 4 - 11	9th - 10th	John Mark Neihs
Junior High 2	July 11 - 18	7th - 8th	David Garrett Mark Wilson
Intermediate	July 18 - 25	5th - 6th	Andy & Chris Hower Jeff Werkheiser
Junior High 1	July 25 - Aug. 1	6th - 7th	Aaron Pearl
Elementary 2	August 1 - 8	3rd - 4th	Matt Ahearn
Elementary 1	August 8 - 15	1st - 2nd	Manny Vander Vennen Eric Williamson

Register online at manatawny.org.

This year's camp fee is \$325.

Early Registration Discount: Save \$25.
DEADLINE FOR EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT IS THIS THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH!!!

First Time Camper Discount: Save \$25 for all first time campers.

Refer A Friend Discount: If you are a returning camper and refer friends who have never attended Camp Manatawny, you will save \$25 for EACH friend that attends.

Multi Camper Discount:

Available for families with three or more children from the same household attending camp. The discount is \$25 and is applied to the third and subsequent child.



Financial assistance to send your child to camp.



We are committed to provide opportunity for all children connected to PRCOC to attend Camp Manatawny. Please see Dottie if you need financial assistance for your child. **(It is key that you see Dottie, even if**

you speak first to an elder or minister.)

After you speak to Dottie, register your child online at manatawny.org. Select the "sponsorship" option during the registration process. (Do not select "campship." This is a different type of financial assistance for those not receiving assistance from a local church.) Let Dottie know you've completed the registration process and she will send payment to camp.

Help a child go to Camp this summer!

For members who are willing and able to contribute to sending a child to camp this summer, this would be the appropriate time to let Dottie know. This summer's base camp fee is \$325, but there are several discounts that may apply depending on a particular child's eligibility. Write your check to the Pitman Road Church of Christ, note "camp sponsorship" on the memo line and drop it in the collection plate or give it to Dottie.



Our Vision

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

From Daniel's Den



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

Now Abides Faith, Hope, and Love... But the greatest of these is love!

Was there at least a part of the love chapter, 1 Corinthians 13, that was read at your wedding ceremony? I'll bet there was! It has become a tradition in Christian weddings. A good marriage is built upon the kind of love that is described in 1 Cor. 13.

This love is willing to offer its "body to be burned" if necessary (1 Cor. 13:3), is kind, long-suffering, is not puffed up, is not easily provoked, yet rejoices in truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. This love never fails. I might add that this love is a love that dares to take risks.

This is the same kind of love that Dr. Kent Brantley (Time magazine's Person of the Year), demonstrated when he went to Libya as a medical missionary. This is the kind of love that was demonstrated when Jesus came to the earth. This was the kind of love that was demonstrated when Jesus went to the cross. And finally, this is the kind of love that Jesus Christ calls you and me to demonstrate in our interaction with others.

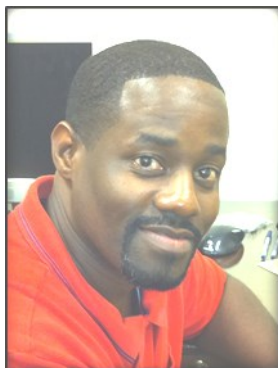
When did you last "suffer" because you loved? When did you give up on "envy" because you loved someone? When did you last choose up to "give up your own way" because of love?

Familiar scriptures need to be read more carefully! Familiar scriptures need to be read with greater intentionality. How could it be that anything is greater than faith? Yet Paul says in 1 Cor. 13:13 that love is greater than faith. Amazing! Sobering! Convicting!

To top it all off, Holy Scripture says, "God is love!" (1 John 4:8)

-Dan the Loving Preacherman

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Derrick Busch
Deacon

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A Servant Speaks

Reminding One Another to Rejoice!

When was the last time you or I needed a *reminder*? The fact that it's a *reminder* denotes that it's information that we already know. As we work out our salvation with fear and trembling, fueled by the grace of God, we all need *reminders* to remain steadfast, persistent and courageous in our Christian marathon. We're living in a world that does not, will not and cannot encourage, promote nor guide us into the ways of God righteousness. In fact, Peter in **(2 Peter 1:12-15)** *reminds* the church in the midst of false teachers, immorality and greed to **grow in the knowledge of the truth of God's Word**. False teaching... immorality... greed... does this ring a bell as we work out our salvation in 2015? Absolutely! Just a *reminder* before any hatred, bitterness or harsh feelings towards the world (people) settle in our minds... "For God so loved the world" **(John 3:16)**. We must do likewise!

Out of all of the possible reminders that we need in 2015, can we *remind* one another to simply rejoice? Yes. Rejoice! What are we waiting for? Are we waiting for perfect circumstances? Are we waiting to have all of our problems resolved? Are we waiting to have all of our questions answered? The truth of God's Word, the Christ of that Word is the foundation to our rejoicing. Let us reflect deeply and daily on the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (The Gospel).

Do these phrases ring a bell: "Stinking thinking," "Garbage in garbage out?" These two phrases emphasize the fact that what you and I allow into our minds will control what is played out in our lives. In the same way, rejoicing is a choice! Now, I'm not emphasizing or referring in any way to positive thinking. Rather, I'm referring to God's standard and God having lordship over our thinking. But, you and I must make a choice to rejoice. Here are a few biblical texts to ponder and meditate on as we make the choice to rejoice: Please email me your meditative thoughts at choicetorejoice@gmail.com.

Philippians 4:4-9

Psalms 5:11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

-Derrick

More Camp Manatawny News and Information

Camp Manatawny Family Camp

Friday, May 22nd through Sunday, May 24th

This year's theme is **Angry Words**.

Registration Fee: \$100 per family up to four members; \$20 for each additional family member 5 yrs. and above; children 4 yrs. and under are free. Register online at www.manatawny.org.



Includes: Summer cabin lodging, all meals, and all activities and registration fees. No meals or activities are planned for Monday. Guests may stay on Sunday night, but Family camp officially ends after camp fire on Sunday night.



What is Family Camp?

It's a time to camp as a family, worship together and participate in all the activities that are offered during our summer sessions. Build unity, have fun and experience God... as a family!

You'll spend quality time with each other, have interactive sessions and learn how to strengthen your relationships as a family with Christ at the center. Camp activities will give you a chance to challenge yourselves and encourage each other.

Spring Clean Up Day May 9th, 9 AM - 3PM

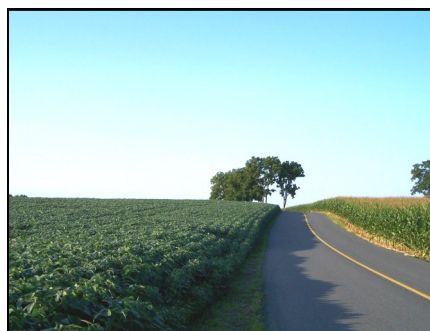
Put your work clothes on and come out for a fun filled day of gardening and cleaning up camp after a long hard winter. This is a great opportunity for students to receive community service credits for school. Contact Jim or Carol Bailey at 215-822-3845 or at jcbailley@comcast.net to sign up.



Open house at Camp Manatawny

Saturday, May 23rd, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Are you, a family member, or friend is new to Camp Manatawny? Visit camp during our open house and let's get acquainted! Be our guests for the day and learn about our summer programs, participate in all activities and enjoy lunch on us!



Manatawny Trails 5K Run/Walk Saturday, May 23rd, 8:00 AM

Put your running shoes on and run the trails of Manatawny.

The scenic course follows dirt roads from the Manatawny creek to forested rolling hills. This event will challenge even the best trail runners. If you don't feel like running, you can participate in the 1 mile walk. Register at www.manatawny.org.

Camp Sonshine

Saturday, May 30 - Sunday, May 31

A weekend of camp designed provide an enjoyable camp experience in a loving Christian environment for children with special needs ages 8 - 18 years. Camp Sonshine provides one-to-one assistance throughout the adapted program, with careful attention given to the individual needs of each camper. There is no cost, and space is limited, so apply early.

For more information on these and other events at camp, visit manatawny.org or call the camp business office at 610-689-0173.



Upcoming Events and Activities



Monday Night Men's Bible Study

The Monday Night Men's Bible Study will meet for three more Monday nights before breaking for the summer:

Monday, April 27th, Monday, May 4th, and Monday, May 11th.

For these three nights, the men will continue and conclude the study of 1 Corinthians.

Meeting time is 7:00-8:00 PM

Coffee and Snacks are provided.

All men are welcome and encouraged to invite guests!



Spring Cleaning!!!

It's time to do some spring cleaning here at Pitman Road! Before the staff begins cleaning and organizing, we want to give you time to take any items home that belong to you. We are targeting the large storage closet in the FLC, the Information Center, the coat room, the office wing work rooms, kitchen and kitchen storage pantry. Please check around for anything you've left behind. If there is something stored here that needs to remain in the building for ministry or activity use, please label it with your name, and what it's purpose is.

SPRING
cleaning

You have until May 24th, after that date any unidentifiable items will be disposed of at the staff's discretion.



Feed the Hungry in Trenton

**Saturday, May 9th
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

A sign up sheet is available at the Information Center or send an email to **Larry Kellum, Jr.** to volunteer to serve the meal. Transportation to Trenton is provided from the church building in the van, departure is 10:00 AM. The group will return to the building at approximately 2:00 PM.

\$500 is needed to cover the cost of the meal. If you would like to donate, make your check out to Church of Christ and note "Trenton Meal" on the memo line.



Food Pantry Funds Low



Currently, we are very low on funds to purchase groceries for the Food Pantry.

Each week our Food Pantry ministry provides non-perishable food items to many families in need.

If you are willing to make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry, please see Dottie, or write your check to Pitman Road Church of Christ, note "Food Panty" in the memo section, and drop it in the collection plate as it is passed. Please consider making a monthly donation to the Food Pantry ministry. Your generosity **IS** making a great difference for the better in the lives of many people!

Requesting Prayer

Prayers were requested last Sunday at the invitation.

Dave Darrah asked for prayers for his wife **Joanne**, who had surgery to remove a blood clot on the brain. She is recovering, but the dealing with some paralysis at this time.

Carolyn Dargan asked for prayers for her father who is suffering with cancer.

New Births

Last Monday night, **Steven and Dreama Musso, Stephanie DeStefano's parents**, were baptized and clothed with Christ! Their commitment capped a 30 years of prayer by Stephanie. Next week, we will feature an article tracing the history of the Musso's decision. For now we want to say to Steve and Dreama: "Welcome to the family of Christ, we rejoice with the angels in heaven!"

Sight and Sound Theater Bus Trip

There are still many tickets available for the **Sight & Sound** bus trip to see **The Miracle Of Christmas** on Saturday, November 14, 2015. There are enough tickets for two buses but Brian may soon need to make a decision on whether to send back some of the tickets while he is still able to do so. If you are interested in going please sign up at the Information Center as soon as possible. These trips are fun and interactive for all ages. The cost for adults is \$97, teens (13-17) \$79, and children (3-12) \$56. The cost includes bus, show, and dinner at Shady Maple restaurant. There will be time for shopping at the Rockvale Square Outlets. Please contact Brian Holden for more information at: (856) 881-6792 or bchandle94@hotmail.com

You Can Fill a Need!

Jay Schneider will be attending a Drexel University reunion on May 2nd. **At the reunion, there will be an opportunity to donate collecting men's and women's business suits of all sizes so that students have proper attire for interviews.** Jay is accepting donations of business suits.



This Week's Prayer Requests

Praises : Katherine Cooper was able to get the treatment for cellulitis she needed in time to leave for vacation.

Prayers Requested:

Vivian Owens, friend of Paul Stanford, is still hospitalized after injuries suffered in a bad fall. He is showing signs of improvement, but at 92 years of age, it will be a slow recovery.

Katherine Cooper, continued recovery from cellulitis.

Barby Jo Crema, Noreen Wills' mom, was diagnosed with an inoperable retinal tumor. She has an appointment at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia on April 27th for treatment.

Diana Ford will be meeting with the eye doctor on May 27th to discuss cataract surgery.

Jeff Weber, friend of the Schofields, hospitalized for circulatory and complications resulting from alcoholism.

Family of Tom Weber, friend of Schofields and brother of the above mentioned Jeff Weber, passed away on Tuesday from brain cancer.

Harvey Grillo, Dottie's son, needs prayers for his search for housing for he and the children.

Franklin Rhodes, cancer treatment.

Pat Schuehler very happy that her eyesight is much better after cataract surgery.

John Reimels, Jr., in extreme pain from two bulging discs. Pain management treatment began last week. Please pray for it to be effective.

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

Nancy Calabro, continuous prayers for her health concerns.

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

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

Military:

Andrew Holden at West Point.

Expecting:

Sarah and Bruce Stratton, June

Anthony and Kristie Correll, June 25, a girl!

Mary Ellen and Justin Walker, August

Brianne (Gelsinger) and Tom Lodado, October

Engaged:

Anthony DeStefano & Hope Anderson, July 10, 2015

Traveling:

Florence Murray, visiting family in NC. She will be traveling home on Thursday.

Paul Stanford

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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	152
Worship	268
LIFE Groups	129
Wednesday	81
Contribution	\$10,287
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$438,984.00
Contribution YTD	\$433,280.00
Under Budget	(\$5,704.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Lori Hernandez
Kids For Christ	Jenn Pearl
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	Judi Campbell
Hall Monitor: Worship	Volunteer Needed
Greeters: Front Entrance	Frank & Sandy Sheehan
Greeters: Back Entrance	Hope & Jonathan Hooley
Ushers	Horatio Fenton & Justin Guy
Information Desk	Doryann Seitz
Shepherd's Call	Larry Point
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Paul Kauffman

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	D. Contravo's at 5 PM	856-243-2431
Hammonton Group	Broyles' at 5 PM	609-561-8532
Solid Gold	Hightower's at 6PM	856-769-2789
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: Bethany Schneider and Young Adults

Menu: Shepherd's Pie



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