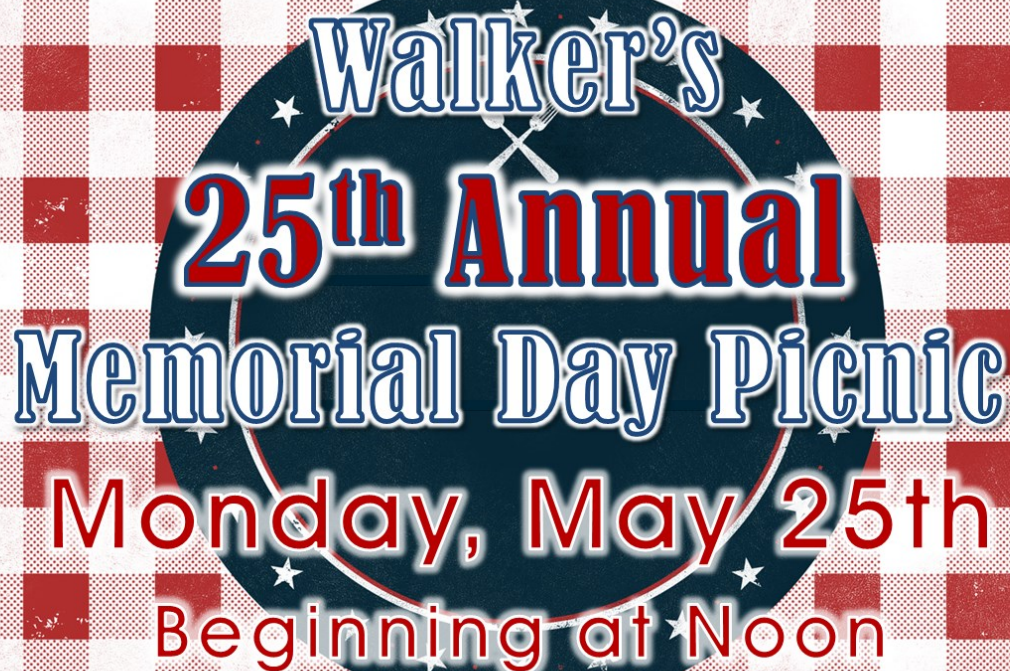


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FOCUS 2015

Focusing on

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



Walker's 25th Annual Memorial Day Picnic Monday, May 25th Beginning at Noon

This is the TWENTY FIFTH YEAR Corny and Phyllis have hosted this event!

Please plan to attend. You will not be disappointed!

The pool will be open, bring your bathing suits if you'd like to swim! • Please supervise your children in the pool.

Please bring lawn chairs.

Entertainment will be provided by many of our talented members.

Hot dogs have already been donated. Some other foods still needed are hamburgers, hot dog & hamburger buns, side dishes, desserts, and beverages. What are you bringing? Please contact Phyllis (856-478-6972) to let her know what you would like to contribute to the picnic. Or ask her what is still needed.

If able please carpool to help with the parking situation.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would connect with Phyllis ahead of time to let her know you plan to attend, and what you will be bringing.

Our Vision

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

From Daniel's Den

Trinidad, The Red Sea, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Western Union

How do all of those places fit together in one title? Well, first of all, under normal circumstances they do not fit together. But God specializes in putting things and people together that don't normally fit together. Hence, you have Simon the Zealot and Matthew the tax collector, working together as disciples of Jesus! You have the 12 year old Jewish carpenter boy from Nazareth, engaged in deep theological discussion with highly trained Jewish rabbis in Jerusalem. And you have blacks, whites, Hispanics, Jews and Gentiles all worshipping at the same church building on 500 Pitman Road! God did that!

You have a church in Trinidad (an island in the British West Indies) that desperately needs new church song books. (Yes, they do speak English in the BWI!) You have an American service man stationed on a ship in The Red Sea, wanting to tithe but currently without a home church. You have a small church in Maryland, one that just recently closed her doors, wanting to donate their good song books to a new church home. You have a Christian brother living in New Jersey, who is originally from Trinidad, but who is currently preparing to travel back home to see family. And you have a song book rendezvous place in Delaware (at the foot of the Delaware Memorial Bridge), for the New Jersey brother to pick up the song books from a Maryland sister.

How did I get involved? The Red Sea brother wanted to send money to help get the songs books to Trinidad. His selected mode for the transfer of the funds...Western Union! You have a preacher who goes to Western Union. I did that! I now know how to receive money at Western Union! Did I mention that the connection was made through Facebook! God did that! That's another story.

God is in the connecting business! (1 Cor. 12:12-27) - **Dan the Preacherman**



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Merle (Glynn) Durham
Visitation Minister

A Few Moments with Merle

L.I.F.E. Groups

L.I.F.E. Groups are an integral part of the fabric of our church. They foster deeper relationships and fuel spiritual growth. They provide an environment where friends care for and pray for one another on a weekly basis. Seekers are introduced to Jesus. Truly, it is a place where we can "rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep."

It's nearing time to break for the summer. May 24th is the last "official" Sunday for L.I.F.E. groups this spring. My *Brook Besor* group will have its last meeting on May 21st. Some groups may continue to meet past Memorial Day, but that will be an individual choice of the group.

Many groups are encouraging their members to attend the Walker's Memorial Day Picnic as their last meeting. The Walker's picnic has been a wonderful annual tradition for the last 25 years. It will provide an opportunity for us fellowship with the entire congregation. It reminds us that our small group is only a part of a larger group. We are all members of the same body, members of the same family. We celebrate that reality.

Within the next week I hope to send a L.I.F.E. Group evaluation form to the leaders of each group. I would love to get feedback on what has happened in your group this year. I am also interested in your thoughts on how we can pump more energy into this ministry. How can we get more people involved? How can we make a greater impact in the lives of people?

After the summer break, L.I.F.E. Groups will resume meeting on September 13th. Leaders are asked to mark September 11th on their calendars as we will provide leader training on that date.

Thanks to all of our leaders and co-leaders and your families for your service. Thanks to all of you who have hosted meetings this year. Thanks to all of you who have made attending your L.I.F.E. Group a priority in your week. I believe we have had a great year. I am already looking forward to September.

-Merle (Glynn)

L.I.F.E Groups foster deeper relationships and fuel spiritual growth.

Two Mission Trips in June...



Kathy and John Ashton, along with Clay Olley, departing for Peru last year.

Since it is a small team, Kathy Ashton's annual mission trip to Peru tends not to get the attention that the France team gets. That is unfortunate. Kathy is again headed out with a medical mission/

evangelistic team to Huacho, Peru, about 100 miles north of Lima, June

4-18. How can you help? For this and any mission effort, your fervent prayers for the team and their effectiveness is the greatest need. In addition, Kathy is delighted to take SMALL TOYS, and any old eyeglasses that you are no longer using. Please place these items in the box at the Information Center.

Over the last several months we have mentioned our France Mission Trip (June 26-July 6) on numerous occasions. It is a BIG GO, and our team is meeting on Wednesday nights to continue our preparations.

Our mission trips to France typically take place in late June of odd numbered years. We began taking these trips in 2005, and have gone every other year, making this year, 2015, our sixth trip! God willing our next trip will be in 2017, so now is the time to begin thinking, praying, and financially planning for that trip if you are interested.

We have a team of about 30 workers going from the



The new camp sign we installed in 2013.

USA this year. In the last week, over \$25,000 has been mailed out to cover our airfare, and all the supplies and materials that we will be using on this trip. Praise God! Most of our finances are already taken care of. However, your prayers on behalf of the mission team are coveted as we prepare for and embark on our trip.



Although we do minister to the congregation in Marseille, our main worksite has been the Centre Bonnefoi, a Christian camp near Sainte Eulalie, France.

Praying for our Sunday Servants



Did you know that every Sunday morning at 8:30 AM a cluster of Christians gathers to pray for our Sunday School and our Sunday morning services? We pray for the teachers, the

preachers, the song leader, and for every one who will have an active role either upfront or behind the scenes in our Sunday time together. We pray for those who are controlling the sound, running PowerPoint, and setting up live online streaming. We also pray for visitors who may be visiting for the first or second time. Why don't you join us for this time of prayer every Sunday morning at promptly 8:30 AM in the Family Life Center? All are welcome!

God's Fingerprints

God's fingerprints are seen in the world within us. Here are some interesting facts about the human body.

- There are 206 bones that protect organs, function as levers, supply attachment for muscles, and produce useful chemicals.
- The circulatory system contains 100,000 miles of pipeline, (arteries, veins, capillaries,) which course though the body, providing cells with food and oxygen and remove waste.
- The nervous system, (brain, spinal cord, nerves,) is more complicated than a major city's phone system. It transmits information by nerve impulses at the speed of 300 miles per hour.
- The brain is a library equivalent of twenty million books.
- The hand has tendons aligned in sheaths, like self-lubricating pulleys, allowing it to work in a tireless, noiseless almost effortless fashion.
- The human body is a highly organized machine consisting of thirty-seven trillion cells, each a tiny factory that must work in harmony, precision, and skill. In cells are rods (chromosomes); in rods are genes; in genes are DNA, The DNA information from one cell would fill a 600,000 page book.

Truly we are fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14)
-Adapted

Announcements and Events



It's time to do some spring cleaning here at Pitman Road! 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.

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

SPRING
cleaning



American Red Cross

Pitman Road
Church of Christ

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, June 12th, 2:30 - 7:30 PM

Appointments are preferred but not required.

Sign up will be available at the Information Center.

If you have questions, contact Hope Hooley.



BABY SHOWER FOR SARAH!

Sarah Stratton, one of our newest members, will be having a baby girl in June. The Tuesday morning women's Bible study group is hosting a shower for Sarah on Tuesday, May 19. The shower will be held during our regular time: 9:45–11:30. We invite you to join us and get to know this delightful new sister in Christ. Sarah is registered at Babies R Us.

WHO: Sarah Stratton

WHAT: Shower for Baby Girl Stratton

WHERE: Church building, B-4

WHEN: May 19, 9:45-11:30

GIFTS: Babies R Us



A great deal on church logo jackets!

There are still a number of winter jackets with our logo available! Regular price is \$80 each, but we were able to get a discounted price of **\$35**.

The sizes that are available are as follows:

(2) 2 XX, (2) XL, (3) Large, (1) Small

See Dottie if you would like to purchase one.

Pony Rides Today!



Rosie and Daisy are heading out tomorrow to spend the summer at Camp Manatawny!

TODAY they need a practice run....so Harry Ake is offering FREE pony rides at his home at 5:00 PM for kids ages 1st grade - 12th grade. (Ride at your own risk.) The Ake's address is 553 Jefferson Road, Mullica Hill. If you have questions you can call Harry at 856-217-5075.

More Announcements

May 31st will be the last Sunday for Munchkin ministry this season.

Our "Munchkin Ministers" will be taking a break for June, July, and August. So plan on getting your breakfast and caffeine before you get to church on Sunday mornings.

We send a BIG THANK YOU to all who have served this past year!



Do you have a graduate?

Is your child (or even your spouse) graduating from high school, college, or earning a postgraduate degree?

This is the time of year we honor

those graduates! Between now and the end of July, please send a photo of your graduate (whether it be a graduation photo, one at the graduation ceremony, or just a recent photo you like!), where they are graduating from, their degree (if applicable), and what their upcoming plans are. Email the photo and information to Annette at annette.perine@gmail.com

You are cordially invited to

The FIRST Ladies' Day at

The Courthouse Church of Christ

102 East Pacific Ave. • Cape May Court House NJ

Saturday, June 27th

Guest Speaker: Cynthia Dianne Guy

9:00 AM: Registration

10 AM: *Religion Runs in the Family: Making It Go from Day to Day to Generation to Generation*

Noon: Lunch is served

1:00 AM: *Spiritual Spring Cleaning*

Please RSVP by June 17th to:

609-465-2840 • 609-463-6373

or email courthousecofc@yahoo.com

Spring Gospel Meeting

June 7-12, 2015

N. Clinton Ave. Church of Christ

411 North Clinton Ave. • Trenton, NJ 08610

**Guest Speaker: Bro. Edward Maxwell
of the Suitland Church of Christ**

People Reaching People: Remembering Jesus Christ...

Sunday: 11:00 AM & 3:00 PM

Weekdays: 7:30 PM

We are still in need of \$65 to cover the cost of last week's Trenton Meal. If you would like to contribute, please note "Trenton Meal" on the memo line of your check and give it to Dottie, or drop it in the collection plate.

This Week's Prayer Requests

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

Praises: Sean Fenton and Rebekah Lucien are engaged to be married! The wedding date has yet to be announced.

Bob Manfre successfully completed radiation therapy last Tuesday.

Prayers Requested:

Victims and families of those impacted by the earthquakes in Nepal and the Amtrak train derailment in Philadelphia.

Ray Wilson had a stroke last Monday which affected his memory. He is doing well and recovering at home, but full recovery will take time.

Brian Holden is recovering from surgery for a hernia repair. He will be out of work for at least 3 weeks.

Ava Gaglianone, Nancy Calabro's granddaughter, pneumonia.

Sue Ward, recovering from abdominal hernia surgery.

Audrey Wigzell, Lynn Sbaraglia's mother, suffered two major strokes. Lynn is now in England with her.

Donna & Bob Staff, Linda Krinks parents, safety for them until they decide to accept in-home help.

Diana Ford, app't on May 27th to discuss cataract surgery.

Harvey Grillo, prayers for housing need by June 1.

Franklin Rhodes, cancer treatment.

Nancy Calabro, continued prayers for her health concerns.

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

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:

Hope Hooley & Darrell Bargfrede, June 20, 2015

Anthony DeStefano & Hope Anderson, July 10, 2015

Sean Fenton & Rebekah Lucien

Traveling:

Paul Stanford

Jessica Broyles - Tanzania

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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	157
Worship	269
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	NC
Contribution	\$9,453
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$470,340.00
Contribution YTD	\$464,941.00
Under Budget	(\$5,399.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Kelly Spencer
Kids For Christ	Tina Broyles
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	Volunteer Needed
Hall Monitor: Worship	Lori Hernandez
Greeters: Front Entrance	Linda Kuznetzoff & Jerri Manfre
Greeters: Back Entrance	Glynn & Debby Durham
Ushers	Steve DePrince & Larry Kellum Jr.
Information Desk	Jane Hanuszczyk
Shepherd's Call	Mike Broyles
Song Leader	Matt Downing
Communion	Mike Buchanan

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	TBA	
Hammonton Group	Join another group	
Solid Gold	Britton's at 6PM	856-682-4502
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: **Mary Green**

Menu: **BBQ Pork Sandwiches**



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