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Focusing on

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



**THIS JULY 4TH
CELEBRATE
FREEDOM!
CELEBRATE
COMMUNITY!**

This July 4th, we have two opportunities to bless our community!

This year, for the first time, we will be marching in the Pitman July 4th Parade! We will be marching as a group, and we'd like as many of our members to participate as possible. We will all be wearing matching t-shirts and we will hand out candy or something of the like. Pitman Boro Hall will soon let us know where and what time to meet on the morning of July 4th.

A sign up sheet is available at the Information Center. Please indicate each person planning to march and t-shirt size. **DEADLINE FOR SIGN UP IS NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST.** If you have any questions or need more information, contact **Nafeez Kleineweber**, our parade event coordinator.

Once again, our parking lot will be open to the community for viewing of the fireworks at Alcyon Lake Park. And once again we will provide hot dogs and bottled water, and open our restrooms to our guests.

We need a limited number of volunteers to fill specific roles. A sign up sheet is available at the Information Center. Whether or not you are volunteering, we encourage you to arrive by 7PM on July 4th. **We're asking our members to park on the road and leave parking spaces for our guests.** If you have questions or need more information, contact **Tim and Melody Davis**.

On Wednesday, July 1st, all adults and teens will meet in the auditorium during class time. (Children's Bible classes will meet as usual.) We will have a time of prayer, devotion, and preparation. We will pray for our efforts to reach and serve the community on Saturday, July 4th. We will spend time singing and praising God. And we will go over last minute details and instructions for Saturday.

Please attend even if you do not plan on participating in the festivities! We want your prayers!

Our Vision

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

From Daniel's Den

So...how many years have you been married?

Is your marriage going to go the distance? Is it going to make it, as you once promised, **“for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do us part?”** My parents were married 62 years before mom passed away in August, 2013! How many couples do we have in our congregation that have been married for 50 years or more? We are going to celebrate those long term couples on a Wednesday night later this summer! We will ask those couples to share their secrets about a long term marriage. And we're going to ask them to play “The Newlywed Game.” It's going to be a fantastic night to celebrate marriage and family. This time of celebration is in no way intended to be a put down on those who have been divorced! Not at all! It is simply a time to give a shout out to those who have stuck in there for the long haul. We will hear about their first kiss! Their first date! Their last fight! What they most often fight about!

Now, this is what I want from you...if you have been married 50 years or more, I want to hear from you by next Sunday, Father's Day, June 21st. If you have been married 25 to 50 years, I want to hear from you by Father's Day. If you have been married 10 years or less, I want to hear from you by Father's Day. Please fill out the form in the bulletin, e-mail me or hand me a slip of paper with these three answers... **Are you a male or female? How many years have you been married? What is one piece of advice you would give to those who are in their first year of marriage?**

If you have been divorced, I really am sorry. Can you capsule in one sentence what you think went wrong? No names please. If names are provided, they will not be used.

-Dan the Preacherman



*Dan Cooper
aka
“Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman”*

“For better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do us part.”



*Dwight Thompson
Elder*

We need never to be discouraged and doubt the love of God.

Shepherd's Voice

Counting Blessings

Where am I today? Physically, I am in Tennessee. However, maybe the more important question-- "where am I really?" Have you ever wondered if God is pleased with your spiritual progress? He has given gifts to each one of us. Have we used those gifts today? Are they glorifying the Giver?

The past three weeks we have been away watching grandchildren graduate. Our only grandson, Cooper, graduated from Harding University and our third granddaughter, Caroline, graduated from high school. She will enter Harding next fall along with her older sister, Anna Lea, and cousin, Suzannah. That makes us smile because of their gifts and ours.

What does all that mean to me? Well, I'm getting older!! Also, I am blessed by God seeing answered prayers. Mary Lea and I are tremendously blessed! Every day we need to count our blessings. We need never to be discouraged and doubt the love of God. When we believe and trust His word, the plan He has for us works!!!

How about you? Have you counted your blessings lately? Guess what? You will not be able to count them all! I certainly can't name all of mine. Let's talk. Maybe we should sit down sometime together and start counting.

**In Him,
Dwight**

2015 Graduates Luncheon



As is our tradition, our 2015 high school graduates were honored at a luncheon last Sunday. This year, seven young people from our congregation are graduating: **Jacob Broyles, Derrick Busch, Jr., Logan Davis, Lela Graves, Austin Hale, Wesley Olley, and Corey Peoples**. Each graduate receives a Bible from the church as a gift, and they get to choose who will present it to them.

We want to thank **Tim and Melody Davis** for once again coordinating this event. As in all they do, they do it with excellence each year. This year, **Cindy Holden** volunteered to cook the meal so that Melody could enjoy the time with her son. And Cindy did that with excellence as well!

Pitman Road Church of Christ congratulates each of our graduates and wishes them God's most choice blessings as they enter the next phase of their lives.

Special Collection for Nepal Earthquake Relief

After two special collection Sundays, the members and friends of the Pitman Road church contributed a total of **\$2,318** to the relief efforts of Samaritan's Purse in Nepal. Your contributions will go directly to provide necessities such as clean water, food, and medical care to victims of the severe earthquakes. Thank you for your generosity!

Pitman High School Baccalaureate Service

Last Sunday, for the second year in a row, Pitman Road hosted the Pitman High School Baccalaureate Service. Clergy from the Pitman Council of Churches coordinate this service each year. Twenty students, including 10 graduating seniors, and 50 family and friends attended the service. For each Pitman High School student, the Pitman Road church pledged a \$5 donation to Samaritan's Purse Nepal earthquake relief efforts, for a total of \$100. An additional \$132 was collected from attendees of the service.

Ministers, Elders, & Deacons Meeting

Brothers,

Our next MED Meeting date has been set and we're really hoping that you can be present.

We have intentionally avoided the two major weeks that we have big groups out for Camp Manatawny.

Harriet and Judi are already working on the menu, and we will once again plan to begin by noon, and have you out by 2:00 PM.

What is the date? Sunday afternoon, July 19th. Please mark your calendar, or your date book, or your refrigerator, or give the date to your wife so she will remind you. One way or another, just save this date!

Blessings in Christ, **Dan**

Vacation Bible School



**This year we're going
on an EXPEDITION!**

Join us as we venture to
Vacation Bible School
at
Collingswood Church of Christ!

July 12 - 15, 2015
7 PM - 9 PM

**Program offerings
for Children and Adults!**

Collingswood Church of Christ is located at
300 White Horse Pike, Collingswood, NJ 08187
856-854-0197 www.ccc123.org

This summer we will be joining the Collingswood church for their VBS program. There will be classes for both children and adults. We want to make it as easy and convenient for our members to attend so vanpooling, carpooling, and car-avanning from our building to Collingswood details are being worked out.

Please make VBS a priority this summer!

France Mission Trip

The **Pitman Road France Mission Team** leaves in less than two weeks! The departure date is Friday, June 26th. A team of 30 members and friends of Pitman Road is busy preparing for the trip. Is there anything you can do to help? YES! PRAY! Pray now, and pray while the team is in the mission field. They covet your prayers. This team may not be going to a Third World country, but they are going to one of the least God-believing countries in the world. They need prayers to be an example to people who don't necessarily need help to meet physical needs, and to people who don't think they need Jesus. Pray for the team to be effective in their mission to help build the camp facilities in Centre Bonnefoi, encouraging to the Christians in Marseilles, and for opportunities to share the love of Jesus with those who don't know Him.

ONLY JESUS T-Shirts



Last Sunday Dan and Carlos tossed "Only Jesus" t-shirts out into the crowd during our worship service. If you are one of those who was not fortunate to catch one, all is not lost! You can purchase one for \$5! Contact the church office and let us know the quantity and sizes you'd like.

You must place your order by THIS Wednesday, June 17th.

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

The Broyles family invites you to their home for an Open House to honor Jacob's graduation from Hammonton High School.

Saturday, June 20th, 1:00 - 5:00 PM

620 Fairview Avenue, Hammonton, NJ 08037
(Parking is located around the corner on Fourth Street.)

Your RSVP is appreciated.

Respond to Tina at 609-320-0534 or tbroyles620@comcast.net



Family Promise®

Our next Family Promise Host Week is July 5th - 12th.

MANY volunteers are still needed! Please sign up at the Family Promise table in the foyer. All slots need to be filled.

If you have questions, please contact John Ashton.

Extra Help Needed

Family Promise needs volunteers for overnight at the Day Center for the week of June 28th. Please contact Vicky Peters at (856) 243-5971 if you are able to help. Thank you.



Coming next September!



We do not want to rush the summer by any means!!! Summer is a busy, come and go time, so we do want to give you a lot of advance notice for some important events coming up in September. Mark your calendar now!

Sunday, September 13th - LIFE GROUP KICK-OFF. Groups begin meeting.

Sunday, September 20th - BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY and ANNUAL PITMAN ROAD PICNIC IN THE PARK. Members are encouraged to invite guests to a special worship service. Then we will once again meet at Atkinson Park in Washington Twp. for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun! LIFE groups will not meet that day.

Saturday, September 26th - FALL SING-ALONG. Harry Ake will once again be coordinating this event!

Sunday, September 27th - WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING. The elders' and ministers' wives are inviting all women at Pitman Road to meet for lunch after worship to discuss future women's events and how to get involved. More details to follow.

Hope Faith Hooley

AND

Darrell Paul Bargfrede

INVITE YOU TO SHARE IN THE JOY

OF GOD'S BLESSING

WHEN THEY DEDICATE THEMSELVES

TO EACH OTHER

AND THEN TOGETHER TO GOD

ON SATURDAY THE TWENTIETH OF JUNE

TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

CROSS ROAD CHURCH

1380 TENTH STREET

FLORENCE, OREGON

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

NO RSVP REQUIRED

Thank You!

Many thanks to our wonderful church family for their love and support during the recent death of Charlie's son. The beautiful peace lily from the church and the colorful planter from the Solid Gold LIFE group will forever remind us of your love. Thank you for the many personal visits, calls, hugs, cards and prayers, and also the food for when we had no appetite. Our church family is very precious to us. May God bless you all!

Love from Charlie and Doryann

Thank you so much for blessing me with cards of encouragement, visits, and prayers during my most recent fall. I deeply appreciate it!

-Jerri Manfre

We Express Our Sympathy

Our most sincere sympathy is expressed to **Lynne Sbaraglia** on the passing of her mother, **Audrey Wigzell**. Audrey passed away last Wednesday in England after suffering two major strokes, paralyzing her left side and her throat. Lynne has been in England with her mother since the beginning of May.

Lynne says: *"I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continuous prayers and support. I truly believe it would have been a much longer and rockier road had there been no prayers offered up on our behalf. The Lord is and has been my Rock! God is an AWESOME GOD! So thank you all for such an awesome group prayer vigil, because that's what it felt like. Mom has now gone on to her rightful place in peace."*

Cards can be sent to Lynne at the address in our church directory.

Our sincere sympathy is expressed to **Linda Kuznetzoff** and **Elinda Hunter**. Linda's aunt, Elinda's sister-in-law, Kathleen Hunter, passed away unexpectedly in her sleep last Monday in Florida. Please pray for the family during this difficult time. Cards can be sent to Elinda and Linda at their address in the church directory.

Honoring Our Graduates

Is your child (or you or your spouse) graduating from high school, college, earning a postgraduate degree or professional certification this spring? This is the time of year we honor those graduates! Between now and the end of July, please send an electronic copy of photo of your graduate (whether it be a graduation photo, one at the graduation ceremony, or just a recent photo you like!), and also provide some information: where they are graduating from, any honors they received senior year or at graduation, their degree (if applicable), and what their upcoming plans are. Email the photo and information to Annette at : annette.perine@gmail.com.

Florence Murray has moved. Her new address is **87 Beal Road, Elmer, NJ 08318**. Her phone number is the same. The distance is making it difficult for Florence to worship with us or come up to the area to visit. We encourage you to call, send cards, or visit with her. This has been a huge time of change and upheaval for Florence, so we want to make sure she is loved and encouraged! **We love and miss you Florence!**

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praises: **John Grillo's** elbow is healing well! He will have 6 weeks of weight bearing physical therapy, then the doctor is hopeful John will return to work full time. Praise God! Please pray for John's continued and complete healing.

Brian Holden has returned to work full time after his recovery from hernia surgery.

Ray Wilson continues to improve from the affects of a stroke. He is now able to drive!

Prayers Requested:

Diana Ford is having cataract surgery on June 17 and July 9.

Joann Darrah asks for prayers for a speedy recovery. At this point she is improving, but slowly.

Steve Musso is continuing his recovery at home. Prayers for Steve and Dreama are appreciated. Calls and visits would be appreciated as well.

Amanda Burt, (co-worker of Stephanie DeStefano) her husband, and 14 year old daughter lost everything they own due to a fire. If you have anything at all you could donate please contact Stephanie at 609-560-5690.

Beth Loeffler, shattered bones in her arm.

Annemarie Cristino fell and suffered a severe ankle sprain.

Cathy Kistler, heart valve replacement surgery.

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

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, April 16, 2016

Traveling:

Jessica Broyles - Tanzania

Kathy Ashton - Peru

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Tim Davis..... Teens

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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	165
Worship	264
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	99
Contribution	\$9,611
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$512,148.00
Contribution YTD	\$500,493.00
Under Budget	(\$11,655.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Linda Prenger
Kids For Christ	Jenn Pearl
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	Volunteer Needed
Hall Monitor: Worship	Bill Stokes
Greeters: Front Entrance	Darren & Dee Fields, Ron Dargan
Greeters: Back Entrance	Anita O'Hara & Adam Cerquoni
Ushers	Garth Hutchinson & Anthony Phillip
Information Desk	Diana Hutchinson
Shepherd's Call	Larry Point
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Brian Holden

Parents, please take note:

Junior Worship will be taking a break for the summer. **Today is the final day for Junior Worship until September.** Beginning next Sunday, children in grades 1-4 will sit in the auditorium for worship.

Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: **The Pearls**

Menu: **Meatball Sandwiches**



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