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FOCUS 2015

Focusing on

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

In Praise and Prayer for All Fathers on Father's Day



We praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice. We praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

We praise those fathers, who by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. We pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

We praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives. We praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.

We praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely chose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their stepchildren's love and respect. We pray for those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold that child in their heart.

We praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

We praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

We praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And we praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

-Kirk Loadman (adapted)



This year, an assortment of Father's Day mementos are available for all dads to choose from! When the basket comes your way, please select either a bookmark, pen, sticky note pad, or magnet.

Our Vision

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

From Daniel's Den

"ALL THE CHURCH CARED ABOUT WAS MONEY"

That is one of the statements that came out of my Sunday morning Bible class, "Discovering Church Membership 101" last Sunday. And, the person was not talking about our church, but they were describing the church in which they had been raised. "Money, money, money, all the church seemed to care about was money." This person left that church because he/she was given the impression that the church cared more about their money than it cared about them. Pitiful!

May God have mercy on the church that over-emphasizes money! Hear me now church, people must know that we care more about them personally than we care about their checkbook. At the same time, what we give of our treasures, time and talents is very important to God! In fact, if we are not giving generously of our treasures, time and talents there is something fatally flawed with our understanding of God. God gave generously, and if we are to be like Him, we, too, will be generous givers.

Having said all that, we are approaching the end of our fiscal year, June 30! For the first 50 weeks of this fiscal year, we are \$13,052 short of our budget requirements. Would you do something extra next in the next week or two to help close the gap? Would you give sacrificially? Maybe that would mean an extra \$1. Maybe it would mean an extra \$25. Maybe it would be an extra \$100? Maybe you would double your regular weekly contribution next Sunday? Test God, then wait and see what He does with your step of faith.

Our 2015-2016 fiscal year budget will be introduced in July. If you are not currently a generous and cheerful giver, that really is okay! Start now...and grow!

God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9:7)

- *Dan the Preacherman*



Dan Cooper
aka
**"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"**

Hear me now church, people must know that we care more about them personally than we care about their checkbook.



Merle (Glynn) Durham
Visitation Minister

Dad wrote,
"I am proud of you, and I know God will use you in a great way in whatever way you decide."

A Few Moments with Merle

Remembering Dad on Father's Day

One Saturday night, in the spring of my senior year in high school, I came home past curfew from a date. When I got into bed, I found it... a letter written by my Dad. It was the first, but not the last that I would receive from him.

Dad typed the letter on his old typewriter. He was a writer of a sports column (fishing and hunting) for newspapers and magazines and used the same old typewriter he used to type his articles. It was one and a half pages in length, single spaced.

Dad started out by thanking me for my help to him and the family over the years when Dad's health was poor. He complimented me for taking on a lot of responsibility other kids did not have to assume. He said I was very mature for my age. Dad told me he loved me, but not any more than any of my other five brothers and sisters. He also said that he noticed my oldest sister and I had not been as close in recent months, and he told me to, "find out why and take care of it."

Dad knew I planned to go to a Christian college (Harding) in the fall and I was considering preaching as my life's work. He said, "If you decide to work full time with the church or if you decide to dig ditches, I will encourage you and support you in your decision." He continued, "I am proud of you, and I know God will use you in a great way in whatever way you decide."

Can you see why I treasure that letter with those words from my dad? They were given just at the right time. Through those words, he still speaks, although he went to be with the Lord forty years ago.

Thanks, Dad, for writing that special letter to me. Thanks for telling me you loved me and to work on my relationship with my sister. Thanks for telling me you would support me in whatever I chose to do with my life, and for telling me you were proud of me.

Dad, I love you, too. And I miss you.

-*Merle (Glynn)*

What's Happening Now: Ten Special Wednesday Nights This Summer

While the Wednesday night summer quarter classes started in a fairly typical way this summer, we are shaking things up a bit for the next couple of months. In addition to the regular classes, all members and visitors will have an extra option for nine Wednesday evenings between now and the end of August. The adult classes will continue to meet each week; it will be up to the discretion of each teacher to cancel or hold classes on those special nights.

It all starts out next Wednesday night, June 24th as **Jessica Broyles** gives a report on her eye opening and life changing experiences while working in a medical clinic in Tanzania, East Africa over the past 5 weeks. These special events will begin at 7:00 PM in our auditorium. The schedule is:

June 24th - What God Did With/Through Jessica Broyles and the Medical Team in Tanzania.

Also, a time of prayer over the France Mission Team.

July 1st* - Prayer and Prep for July 4th Community Outreach

July 8th - What God Did With/Through Kathy Ashton's Peru Medical Mission Trip

July 15th - Collingswood VBS

July 22nd - What God Did With/Through the 2015 France Mission Trip

August 5th - What God Did With/Through Toria Davis' Mission Trip to Australia

What God Did With/Through Tyler and Katherine Steffie's Mission Trip to Honduras

August 12th - What God is Doing with the Youngest Generation Beginning this Fall - Carlos Isaziga

August 19th* - God's Plan for Marriage: 50 Year Anniversary couples compete in the Newlywed Game.

August 26th - What God Did During Two Special Weeks at Camp Manatawny

- Aaron Pearl and Manny Vander Vennen


September 2nd - What God Did With/Through the Teens' TIME Team in Rochester, MN

* On these two Wednesday nights, all adult and teen classes are dismissed and asked to meet together in the auditorium.

Ministers, Elders, & Deacons Meeting

The next MED Meeting is Sunday, July 19th, and we're really hoping that **you** can be present. We have intentionally avoided the two weeks that we have big groups at Camp Manatawny. We will begin by noon, and finish by 2:00 PM. Please let me know that you plan to attend; Harriet and Judi are already working on the menu and would like an accurate count.

Blessings in Christ, **Dan**



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.

Welcome Home!

After an exciting five weeks on a medical mission trip to Tanzania, **Jessica Broyles** is home!

You can hear all about Jessica's amazing experience this coming Wednesday night at 7 PM. But we just had to share one of her notable experiences! At almost the same time Pitman Road was hosting a blood drive, Mike and Tina received this photo of Jessica, preparing to treat a patient by **first** donating a pint of blood to transfuse that patient with! Remarkable!



July 4th Community Outreach

Please sign up **TODAY** to march in the **Pitman July 4th Parade!** The sign up sheet is located at the Information Center. Write each person's name in your family (children included) who plan to march, along with their t-shirt size. **It's important for you to sign up today so that the shirts can be ordered and received on time.**

If you do not plan to march, you can still view the parade from the Cooper's front lawn. Dan says: *"For the first time ever, we will have a group marching in the July 4th Pitman Parade. Thank you, God! So exciting. I would encourage everyone who is up to the two mile walk to sign up and participate by walking the parade route."*

"And, while the Cooper's front yard will once again be open for spectators, because Dan will still be in France, the tent that we traditionally set up in the front yard will not be set up this year. Come along anyway, and either sit in the front yard in the sun, or move up to the house and sit under the shade of the porch. The lawn will be mowed and ice cold drinks will be provided."

If you have questions about the parade, contact **Nafeez Kleineweber**, our parade team coordinator.



In the evening our parking lot will be open to the community for viewing of the July 4th fireworks at Alcyon Lake Park. We will provide hot dogs and bottled water, and our open restrooms to our guests.

A limited number of volunteers are needed to fill specific roles. Sign up 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**.

Honoring Our Graduates



Kaleigh Healey, Linda Kuznetzoff's daughter, has graduated from Buena Regional High School. She plans to continue on to higher education. Congratulations Kaleigh from the Pitman Road family!

About Marriage...

"God's Plan For Marriage" is the special emphasis of our **What's Happening Now?** Wednesday night class on August 19th. **If you have been married for 50 years or more, please contact Dan and let him know, as we want to honor you that Wednesday night.** In addition to a big cake, we will have a delightful time playing the Newlywed Game. Don't miss this!

And related...

Thanks to all of those who completed and turned in the little blue "About Marriage Questionnaire" last Sunday. Great input from all who participated. If you did not complete the form, but are still willing, you can pick one up at the Information Center and drop it into the collection plate or place it on Dan's desk.

On Hiatus for the Summer...

Wednesday Night Meals have concluded for the summer. Thank you to all of those who have set-up, cooked, and cleaned up this past year! A special thanks to **Harriet Wensel** for coordinating the Wednesday Night Meal Ministry.

Beginning this Wednesday, feel free to pack up your dinner or pick up some take-out and join us in the FLC at dinnertime!

Just a reminder that Jr. Worship is also on hiatus for the summer. **Children, first grade and up should remain in the auditorium.**

Nursery, for children ages 3 mos.-2 years, and **Kids for Christ, for children ages three to Kindergarten**, will continue through the summer.

New Baby



Congratulations to Mary Green on the birth of her granddaughter! Isabella Grace Barbarano was born on June 12, at 6:14 am, 7 lbs.- 8 oz. Many blessing to the family!

She is Willing to Work!

Hello, my name is Brianna Peoples, and I am 15-years old. I am currently looking for jobs in order to raise money for the upcoming TIME team mission trip to Minnesota. I feel that raising the money on my own will show my parents that I am becoming a responsible young lady. I love to babysit and have been known as a "miracle worker" because I have been able to get kids to sleep, stop crying, and have a wonderful time. I love children and am able to take on any challenge that is given to me. I am a dependable and mature person, who is willing to watch your kids along with doing any simple house work that is needed: cleaning, simple cooking, and pet care.

I charge \$5 an hour for one child (and an extra dollar per hour for each additional child). I am available Monday-Saturday, 8 AM - 9 PM.

I am also looking for any garden work/ house work that you may be need done, and can take care of pets as well.

If you are in need of someone to do these tasks/jobs please call: (856) 728-0307 Thank you for your consideration.

Manatawny Men's and Women's Retreats

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2015 Camp Manatawny Men's Retreat
September 25-26, 2015

Guest Speaker: Daniel Fletcher, Ph. D.

Hosted by King of Prussia Church of Christ

Registration:

- Adults: 13 and older: \$45 by Sept. 1, \$55 after
 - Youth: 12 and under: \$35 by Sept. 1, \$45 after
- Fee includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday, summer cabin, and all activities.

Register online at www.manatawny.org

For more information contact Mark Christaldi at mark.christaldi@yahoo.com.

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praises: Welcome home to **Jessica Broyles** and **Kathy Ashton!** Thanksgiving for safe travels.

Prayers Requested:

Brittany Spaeth is in England with her mom, **Lynne Sbaraglia**, for the funeral for Audrey Wigzell, Lynne's mother, tomorrow. They travel home on Wednesday. Please pray for traveling safety and for comfort during this time.

Betty Bruestle, (wife of Frank Bruestle who we know from camp) took a bad fall resulting in a brain bleed and was admitted into ICU. Prayers are requested.

Diana Ford, recovering from cataract surgery on one eye, having the other done on 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.

Beth Loeffler, shattered bones in her arm.

Annemarie Cristino fell and suffered a severe ankle sprain.

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:

Anthony DeStefano & Hope Anderson, July 10, 2015

Sean Fenton & Rebekah Lucien, April 16, 2016

Traveling:

Toria Davis - Australia

Tyler and Katherine Steffe - Honduras

This Book! Perfect & Powerful!

2015 Camp Manatawny Women's Retreat
October 2-3, 2015

Guest Speaker: Evelyn Apple

Hosted by King of Prussia Church of Christ

Registration:

- \$50 by Sept. 7, \$60 after

Fee includes all meals, events, and summer cabin.

Optional items:

- Bed in Retreat House: \$25 (limited space, first come, first served.)
- Retreat T-shirt: \$15 Sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

Register online at www.manatawny.org

Questions? email to 2015LadiesRetreat@gmail.com

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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

7:00-7:45 PM Bible Classes

7:45 PM Fellowship

Last Week

Bible Class	167
Worship	241
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	84
Contribution	\$9,055
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$522,600.00
Contribution YTD	\$509,548.00
Under Budget	(\$13,052.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Judi Campbell
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Summer Break for Jr. Worship
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	Harriet Wensel
Hall Monitor: Worship	Bill Stokes
Greeters: Front Entrance	Waverly & Dawnna Hale
Greeters: Back Entrance	Corny & Phyllis Walker
Ushers	George Rowe & Justin Guy
Information Desk	Jackie Fenton
Shepherd's Call	Greg Krinks
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	Joe Marshall

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

Plan to attend Vacation Bible School
at the Collingswood Church of Christ!

This will be our VBS this year. Don't miss out on
what promises to be a great event!

More transportation details soon.....



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