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FOCUS 2015

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 will be focusing all of our efforts on blessing our community as we once again open our parking lot for the viewing of the Pitman fireworks at Alycon Lake. The decision has been made to forgo marching in the parade until next year.

For our guests, we plan to serve hot dogs and bottled water. Our restrooms will be open, and we will also provide an opportunity for our guests to have fun in our Independence Day Photo Booth!

In order to make this happen, we need about 12 more volunteers to fill specific roles that evening. **Key in this effort is that we ask you**

to sign up NOW at the Information Center so that we are sure to be prepared!

Since there are a limited number of volunteers needed, if there is not an opening for you, we still encourage you to be here to enjoy the fireworks with our guests.

Whether you attend as a volunteer or a spectator, we ask you to please arrive by 7PM and also to park on the road, leaving parking spaces in the lot for our guests.

This is a great opportunity for us to bless our community with simple hospitality. Please be a part of this effort!

Our Vision

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

From Daniel's Den

Prayers for Safety or Prayers for Boldness and Courage?

In the world of hippo bites, AIDS, Muslim extremists, tropical diseases, stolen passports and mission trips...do we play it safe or are we to be bold and courageous?

God provides strength that we don't have on our own! As I was reading a few weeks ago from the book of Joshua, I was struck forcibly by his oft repeated entreaty to the Israelites to – **"Be bold and courageous and do not be afraid."** What made his entreaty so remarkable is that it flies in the face of the often repeated entreaty and attitude I hear expressed in nearly every family and church parting, prayer and admonition! I hear these words nearly every day - "Be Safe!" The earnest request we make to God is - "Keep us safe!" Our prayers for military people are for safety – not boldness or victory.

I can't remember the last time I heard a parent say to their children, or a preacher say to his congregation - **"Now above all things, be bold and courageous. Don't waste your life living timidly and trying to preserve it. Jesus said that those who try to save their lives will lose them."** Those whose main concern is to live safely may live longer, but they won't enjoy life nearly as much. They will die with regret for never having lived – for never having accomplished much. Nobody will remember them, or admire them, or try to be like them.

I wonder what would have happened if Joshua had told the Israelites, **"Now above all, don't take any chances; no unnecessary risks; preserve your life at all costs; remember that coming back alive is much more important than victory; be sure to pack an umbrella; take an extra canteen. And, if you have to choose between taking an extra weapon and an extra pair of running shoes – by all means take the shoes in case you need to make a hasty retreat; the most essential thing to remember is caution; the minute you see that we may be losing, run for your life. Head for the hills."**

Then, a few hundred years after Joshua, along comes the good king Hezekiah and says... **"Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid nor be dismayed."** (2 Chron.32:7)

- Dan the Preacherman



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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"What's Happening Now?" Celebrating Marriage

On August 19th "What's Happening Now?"

will feature our member couples who have been married 50 years or more!

So how does a couple stay married to each other for 50 years? We celebrate those seven couples from our church family who have made it to 50 plus years!

To celebrate 50+ year marriages we will have cake and ice cream while our couples play "The Newlywed Game!"

Tom and Melva Toy	50 years
Bud and Barbara Britton	52 years
Rich and JoAnn Ruhland	52 years
Dwight and Mary Lea Thompson	53 years
Ted and Pat Schuehler	54 years
Rit and Barbie Jo Crema	59 years
Steve and Dreama Musso	59 years

We will honor them! We will celebrate their love and commitment!
All adult classes will meet in the Family Life Center on August 19th.



Honoring Our Graduates



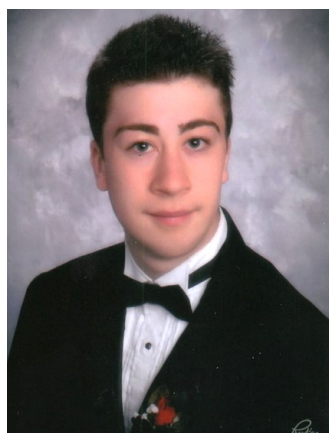
Jacob Broyles graduated from Hammonton High School on June 18, 2015. Jacob was in the top 10% of his class and received the following senior class awards: Presidential Award for Excellence in Academics, South Jersey Baseball Coaches Association Scholar Athlete. Jacob had a very busy senior year; he was a member of the National Honor Society, captain of his varsity soccer team, received varsity letters in both soccer and baseball, and a Tri-County Conference Senior All-Star in soccer. Carrying on family tradition, Jacob placed 3rd in the "Mr. Hammonton" competition with his Elvis Presley impersonation! He has also been an active member of our youth group and both a camper and volunteer at Camp Manatawny throughout his middle and high school years.

Jacob will attend Harding University in the fall and is a recipient of a Harding University Academic Scholarship. The Pitman Road Church family is very proud of you Jake! We've watched you grow up here your entire life and have witnessed your journey to being a leader and fine Christian young man. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments!

Jacob will attend Harding University in the fall and is a recipient of a Harding University Academic Scholarship.

The Pitman Road Church family is very proud of you Jake! We've watched you grow up here your entire life and have witnessed your journey to being a leader and fine Christian young man. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments!

Corey Peoples graduated from Williamstown High School on June 18, 2015. Corey received several senior awards: 93% Average and Above Award, "Most Friendly," and the President Scholarship. Active in the Williamstown H.S. theater program, many of us have had the pleasure of watching Corey perform on stage over the last four years. Corey has been active in our youth group, attending Winterfest, participating in TIME



Team mission trips, and Youth Advance. As a camper and volunteer at Camp Manatawny, Corey has blessed and entertained many campers and staff with his on stage stand-up comedy routines, which have been one of the highlights of the Jr. High 1 camp week for many years.

Corey will attend Rowan College at Gloucester County to attain an Associate of Arts degree with a focus on Communications, and then plans to move on to a 4 year college or university.

It has truly been a blessing to watch you Corey as you have grown into the outgoing and accomplished Christian young man that you are! The Pitman Road Church family is so very proud of you and all that you have achieved! Congratulations!

VERY IMPORTANT INFO!

Change in Policy for Reaching Dan by Phone

Dan will not be answering his cell phone during church office hours. If you call his cell number, you can leave a voice mail.

Please call him at the church number (856) 589-1500 if you need to reach him. Thank you very much.

Please note: Dan will be in France until July 5th. He will not be reachable by phone at all during that time.



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.

At press time, the following volunteer slots are in need of being filled. Please check the sign-up sheets in the foyer to see which slots are still open.

Cooks:

2 for Sunday and Friday
1 for Saturday

Drivers:

Morning: Sunday the 12th
Evening: Monday - Friday

Van Transfer:

Need 2 drivers for Sunday the 12th

Overnight Hosts:

2 each for Monday and Thursday
1 each for Tuesday and Friday

Misc. Slots:

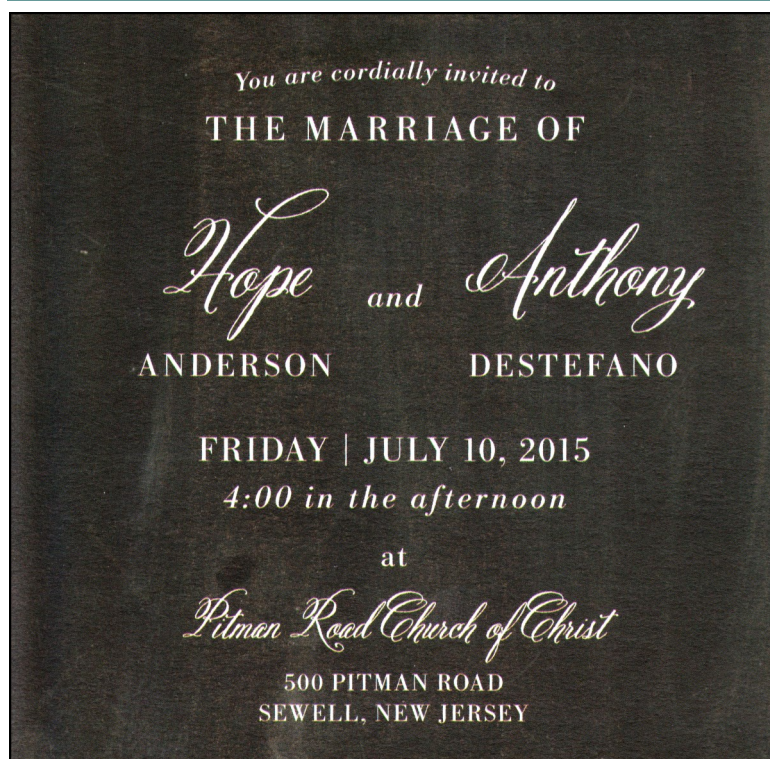
1 Shopper
1 Set up
1 Laundry

There is also a need for two small "portable" refrigerators. If you have one that you can loan, contact John Ashton.

Give Me Jesus

We have been invited to a vocal concert entitled **Give Me Jesus** featuring **Alexis Joi**, recording artist, at the King of Prussia Church of Christ. Alexis is a member of the KOP church, and known to some of our members. The concert will be held at the KOP building on Saturday, July 11th at 6:00 PM. For more information, see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

You're Invited!



Pray for the France Mission Team

The France Mission Team departed this past Friday and will return on July 5th. There are 29 members of the team, from five states including NJ. The team requests the prayers of the church family for a successful and productive trip. If you are inclined to prayer for each by name, we are providing them for you.

Dan Cooper	Noel Young
Matt Downing	Cheri Sanchez
Susie Downing	Elise Sanchez
Alberta Frazier	Christian Sanchez
Vernell Fuller	Emma Sanchez
CJ Fuller	Hannah Sanchez
Dominick Hernandez	Chris Burkholder
Sherri Herndon	Dave Dovel
Garth Hutchinson	Ann Dovel
Joe Marshall	Adam Dovel
Cheryl Rosenberger	Luke Dovel
Jay Schneider	Judy Tuttle
Bethany Schneider	Charlie Hayes
Carl Steiner	Jessica Whitney
Bill Wills	

A prayer/devotional guide for all this summer's mission trips and workers is available at the Information Center.

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

Vacation Bible School at Collingswood Church of Christ is quickly approaching! We will be traveling beyond our own building's walls this summer to attend VBS!

You are encouraged to attend and to invite your friends, neighbors, family, and coworkers! Invitations are available in the foyer for you to hand out.

To make this as convenient as possible for our members and guests, we will be "caravanning" to Collingswood from our parking lot. The church van will be available; you can ride in the van or follow in your own vehicle. Please arrive at the parking lot by 6:00 PM on July 12-15.

If you have any questions, please see Carlos.

Summer Women's Bible Class

What do you know about **The Rapture**? By request, Katherine Cooper will be teaching four classes in July on this topic. All women are invited to attend. We will be meeting in room B-4. If you would like to attend but have children at home, let Katherine know; she will arrange for childcare.

FOR OUR FIRST CLASS WE WILL WATCH THE MOVIE **LEFT BEHIND**. Released last fall, starring Nicholas Cage, this movie will generate questions for our study together. Since the movie is almost two hours long, the first class will run longer than usual. Here are the details:

TOPIC: The Rapture TEACHER: Katherine Cooper

DATES: All four Tuesday mornings in July

TIME: 9:45-11:30 AM LOCATION: Room B-4

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**

Thank You!

Thank you for hosting the June 12th blood drive. We were very pleased with the drive overall, and the willingness of donors to share this life saving gift.

The efforts of the Pitman Road Church of Christ have always been greatly appreciated and your support of the community blood program will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives.

In addition, we very much appreciate your efforts during this crucial time. You may be interested to know that 23 units of blood were collected!

Again, thank you for your contribution and ongoing support of this important community program. I look forward to working with you again on an upcoming blood drive.

Sincerely,
Ashley Dobleman
Account Manager, American Red Cross

Seeking a Rental

A coworker of Cindy Holden's has a family member who is seeking a rental property to lease, either a house or apartment. They need at least two bedrooms and prefer it to be located in Gloucester County. Please contact Cindy Holden if you are aware of a suitable property.

Needing Occasional Support

Jim Frampton is now in hospice care for medical support. Glynn visited with Jim and Millie and asked if there was any way the church family could help them. This is what was asked.

- An occasional meal would be appreciated
- Someone willing to go to their house to sit with Jim while Millie does errands, etc. This would be occasionally as well.

Please call Millie Moore If you are able to help in any way.
Home - 856-521-0412 Cell - 856-296-5464.

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praises: None of our members were injured in the storm last Tuesday night. Congratulations **Sarah & Bruce Stratton** on the birth your daughter. (More info next week!) Congratulations to the newly married **Mr. Darrell & Mrs. Hope** (Hooley) **Bargfrede!**

Prayers Requested:

Prayers for ALL those who are still affected by last week's severe storm. Some members have property damage and some are still experiencing loss of power and water.

Jim Frampton, under hospice care.

Kathy Monica, recovering from gall bladder surgery.

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.

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

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:

France Mission Team

Toria Davis - Australia

Tyler and Katherine Steffe - Honduras

Mary Green - Traveling through the Northeast to Canada by motorcycle. She will be gone 3 weeks.

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Derrick Busch Young Adults

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; 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	110
Worship	194
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	79
Contribution	\$13,415
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$533,052.00
Contribution YTD	\$522,963.00
Under Budget	(\$10,089.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Cindy Holden
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Summer Break for Jr. Worship
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	Volunteer Needed
Hall Monitor: Worship	Lori Hernandez
Greeters: Front Entrance	Dimitri & April Sykes
Greeters: Back Entrance	Justin Guy & Rebecca Rodriguez
Ushers	Leonard Collier/Jonathan Hooley
Information Desk	Mary Collier
Shepherd's Call	Dave Perine
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	George Kenner

The Cooper's front yard will be open for the traditional viewing of the Pitman July 4th Parade. Cold beverages will be provide. This year the tent will not be up because Dan will still be in France, but if the sun is too hot, you are welcome to still on the front porch!



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