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A Day to Remember!



Dear Church Family,

We are proud to announce that after a 10 year Hiatus the "I Still Do" one day marriage event is back in Washington DC on October 4, 2014. Enjoy engaging speakers, musicians and worship lead-

ers. Get the encouragement you need to continue to invest in your marriage and live life as a team.

Now you have a great opportunity to treat yourself and your spouse to an inspiring, one-day event that will bear fruit for a lifetime.

We are presently collecting names of those interested in attending and making preparations to go on October 4th with as many couples as possible representing Pitman Road

Church of Christ. We already have the minimum five couples needed to secure the group rate of \$39 per person. If you have not signed your name to our list at the Information Center, please do today. We will be starting to collect the registration fee for the "I Still Do" event on September 7, 2014 with the final deadline of September 14th. We already have 13 couples registered, and we'd love to double that number. Cost is \$78 per couple with this early registration and group rate option.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Charles and Alana Peterson or Leza and I of the Marriage Mentoring Life group. Sign up today! You do not want to miss this outstanding opportunity to strengthen your marriage and marriages of those around you by your example.

-Derek and Leza Davis

Getting "Externally Focused"

An Open Letter to Teachers and School Administrators...

As most of you know, Diana Hutchinson teaches French in Pitman Public Schools. What you may not know is that she is also one of the regular participants in the Wednesday evening "Externally Focused Church" Class! One of the exciting things to come out of this class is that class members are becoming more intentional about our church focusing on impacting our community. One of the areas that we've talked about is helping our school children.

So, Diana recently composed and distributed the following note to a group of her teacher friends...

While I certainly do not want to rush the end of summer, there is a school-related matter that I would like to mention before we return.

My church would like to be involved this year in providing school supplies for Pitman students whose families are not able to furnish what they need. If this is a service that we could provide, we would be pleased to do so. If you accept our offer, I will be happy to serve as the contact person.

Any information you have now on what the needs might be would help us to plan. However, we also realize that this information might not become available until after the start of school. My church is the Pitman Road Church of Christ, 500 Pitman Road, Sewell, NJ 08080 (just before you get to the Pitman Golf Course, on the other side of the road.)

Thanks very much to each of you. I look forward to seeing you soon! -Diana Hutchinson

Please pray that we will find appropriate servant hearted ways to impact our community with the good news of Jesus. If you would like to help address these specific needs, please write your checks to the Pitman Road Church of Christ and add "Impacting Our Community" to the memo section of your check. Most likely, the needs this year will center on school supplies, back packs, etc. If you'd like more information, why not attend our Wednesday night class meeting in the Chapel the last two nights of this Summer Quarter, August, 20, 27. **-Dan**

Please go to page 3 for more on our effort to be more externally focused in our local community.

Our Mission

Love God • Love Others—Matthew 22:37-40 • Make Disciples • Baptize Believers • Teach Obedience—Matthew 28:18-20

From Daniel's Den

“Send the Light”

One of the “Golden Oldie” church songs I sang since I was a little tot is called, “Send the Light.” It was hymn # 261 in the old, blue “Great Songs of the Church” book. The first verse starts... “There’s a call comes ringing o’er the restless wave; Send the Light...” The second verse starts... “We have heard the Macedonian Call today: Send the light...Send the light.” So what in the world is the “Macedonian Call?” To get the entire story you have to read Acts 16. Paul is beginning his Second Missionary Journey and apparently Paul has his plan for how that trip should go...but God has another plan. So, part way through his trip, Paul has a vision and God re-directs his path.

Go ahead, read the text! Paul has one plan, and God has a dramatically different plan. Who wins that battle? Paul submits, and God wins. Paul goes God’s way and initially it does not end well. Paul ends up getting falsely accused, dragged into the city, stripped, beaten with rods and thrown into prison (Acts 16:19-25). “Following God” means that we frequently change our course of action. It also means that we take risks. I’m distressed by those modern day false preachers who teach that God has called you to be his child because He wants you to be successful and wealthy. God is more interested in us submitting to His will than He is in keeping us safe, successful and comfortable! God has bigger plans for us!

Because Paul followed God’s path, and responded to the “Macedonian Call,” the successful business woman, Lydia and her household, were baptized (Acts. 16:15), and their lives were forever changed. Because Paul followed God’s path, the Philippian Jailer and his household were baptized (Acts 16:33), and their lives were forever changed. When we chose to follow God’s vision, we will likely not be following the safe course, from a human perspective; but following God’s call will take us places that we never intended to go and have us doing things that we never intended to do. When we follow God’s vision, we partner with Him to change the course of history, and lives are forever changed.

Catch God’s Vision, *Dan the Preacherman*



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

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*Merle (Glynn) Durham
Visitation Minister*

LIFE groups are an opportunity to get to know some folks better. To love, care, encourage, support and pray for one another weekly.

A Few Moments with Merle

Wave

When I moved my family to Luverne, Alabama after accepting the pulpit minister position with the church, my children were five and four years of age, respectively. A couple of afternoons a week I would take them with me as I went to visit some of our older members.

One afternoon, shortly after we had moved, we went to visit a family who lived out of town a few miles. It was a rural area. As a car traveling in the opposite direction would meet our car and pass us, I would raise the fingers of the hand on the steering wheel and wave. After seeing me do that three or four times, my daughter Amy, said, “Daddy, how do you know all of those people?” The truth was that I didn’t know all of those people. It was just a way of saying, “Hi.” That was just the way I was taught as I was a kid growing up in Louisiana.

I share that story to contrast it with the depth of relationships I can now have with people in my LIFE group. It is the difference between not knowing someone, but still saying “Hi” through a wave of my hand, and knowing someone deeply through sharing, caring, and praying with one another over time.

I am excited about LIFE groups beginning again in a few short weeks. It will be an opportunity to get to know some folks better. To love them, to really care for them, to encourage them, and support them in whatever they are going through in their lives. On the other hand, it will be an opportunity for me to be loved, encouraged, and supported by them, also. And it is an opportunity for us to be able to pray for one another weekly.

All of that is pretty awesome! I am looking forward to it. What about you?

--Merle (Glynn)

PRCOC in the Local Community



A couple of weeks ago I went to see my granddaughter perform with the Summer Youth Band at Sunset Auditorium in Pitman. There were kids representing over 30 schools and their parents attending. It was a great concert. Three quarters of the way through the concert one of the members of the Hobo Band thanked those who worked with the children and those who made this event possible. He said "There was a group that was looking for work to do in the community, any work at all. So, Andy Fox, of the Pitman Parks and Recreation Dept., asked them to clean up Sunset Auditorium, which included weeding, cleaning up trash, cleaning the bathrooms and cleaning the walls of the stage. They spent two days working here. This group was the **Pitman Road Church of Christ Youth Group** under the direction of **Tim and Melody Davis.**" There was loud applause. I must say that I was bursting with pride as I said to the folks around me, "They are from the church I attend!" The gentleman speaking said there were more things in the works for our teens, but he was not at liberty to say what they were.

I am not a prideful person, but that night I was proud of my granddaughter, and also proud of our Pitman Road Youth Group and Tim and Melody. I do believe it's okay to have a "grandmother's pride." **-Dottie Grillo**

New Fiscal Year

Two weeks ago, Dave Perine made his annual church budget presentation to the congregation. Although the 2014-15 fiscal year budget shows an increase of 8% over last year's budget, the increase over last year's actual giving is only 4%, or approximately \$400 per week. To put this in perspective, Dave shared that \$400 per week represents an increase of only \$3 per week for each family in the congregation. Increased usage of our building for Family Promise and other activities is a major contributor to the budget increase. Copies of the budget are available in Dottie's office. If you have questions, feel free to contact Dave or one of the other elders.

Transparency: I am thrilled to report that our church is all about transparency and accountability. Our fiscal year runs July 1 - June 30. While the average increase per family is \$3 per week, not all will be able to increase at this time, so some of us will need to do more! **-Dan**

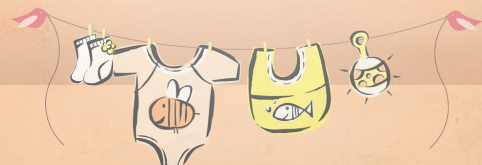
Baby Shower!

♥ baby shower ♥
come and celebrate

For Chelsea (Dinshah) and David Johnston
Saturday, August 23rd at 2:00 PM
in the Family Life Center

Please let Connie know that you will attend.
856-305-7727

They are registered at "Babies-R-Us"



This September!

Munchkin Ministry Resumes on September 7th! John and Kathy Ashton continue to manage Munchkin Ministry, along with the many dedicated volunteers who work with them.

Wednesday Night Meals resume on September 10th: Harriet Wensel has agreed to serve as the coordinator for the Wednesday Night Meal ministry! Will you consider preparing one of the Wednesday Night Meals this fall? There is a sign-up sheet posted in the FLC. Sign up now!

Monday Night Men's Bible Study will resume on September 8th. The group will continue to meet in the Family Life Center, however there will be a slight time change. The Bible study will run from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The study group will pick up where they left off in the spring and continue with the book of Acts. See Harry Ake if you have any questions.

Labor Day/5th Sunday Church Picnic!



**Sunday, August 31st,
Immediately following
worship.**

**At James G. Atkinson
Park**

(Formerly Bethel Mill Park)

**Cook-out, Walking Trails,
Playground, Ball Fields,
Restrooms!**

FOOD PROVIDED:

Buns for hamburgers/hot dogs, Potato Chips, Drinks, Condiments, and Desserts (provided by Elders'/Deacons' wives)

PLEASE BRING:

Hot dogs and/or burgers for your family and two extra people. Also--please bring a side dish to share.

PLEASE NOTE:

Leave meats in kitchen (so grilling can get started earlier). Bring side dishes directly to the picnic

Feel free to bring your favorite yard game to play or just to let others enjoy!

Help is needed for set-up, grilling, and clean-up. Please contact Tony DeStefano @ 609-567-9607, if you are willing to help make this our best picnic yet!

Playhouse Trip!

Next Sunday, August 24th, Jay Schneider is offering to take a group of members and friends, via the church van, to see Man of La Mancha at the Barn Playhouse in Jeffersonville, PA. Departure time from the building is 11:30 AM. Tickets are \$18 or \$16 for those over 63, or under 12. See <http://barnplayhouse.org/season/2014/manoflamancha.htm>

The group will stop for lunch at Wegman's in King of Prussia and then arrive at the playhouse by 2:00 PM. Expect to return to the building about 5:30 PM.

If you would like to attend the play, leave a message on Jay's answering machine, including your name, phone number and the number of tickets you will reimburse me for later. Jay Schneider 856-478-0672

Upcoming Events This Fall

Sunday, August 31st / Fifth Sunday

Sermon emphasis: Growing in Fellowship - Dave Perine
Picnic at Bethel Mill Park following worship

Wednesday, September 3rd

TIME Team Mission Report at 7:00 PM. Everyone meets in the auditorium.

Friday and Saturday, September 5th & 6th

Women of Faith Conference in Philadelphia

Sunday, September 7th

Fall Quarter classes begin
LIFE Groups begin

Wednesday, September 24th

Annual "See You At the Pole" event at 7:00 PM

Saturday, September 27th

Craft Day, in the FLC, Noon - 5:00 PM

Friday and Saturday, October 3rd & 4th

Camp Manatawny Women's Retreat

Saturday, October 4th

"I Still Do" marriage conference in Washington DC
(See front page for details.)

Sunday, October 5th through Sunday, October 12th

PRCOC hosts Family Promise

Friday and Saturday, October 24th & 25th

Annual Elders/Ministers Shore Meeting

Sunday, November 2nd

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Cooper's 30th Anniversary at PRCOC

Saturday, November 15th

PRCOC Bus Trip to American Music Theater in Lancaster

Saturday, November 22nd

Craft Day, in the FLC, Noon - 5:00 PM
PRCOC trip to Tim Hawkins comedy show in Vineland

Thursday, November 27th

Thanksgiving Day

Honoring Our Graduates



Lewis Forman graduated from Winslow Township High School on June 18th. He received the President's Merit Scholarship, the Leadership and Service Scholarship, the Hearst Foundation Scholarship, and the Minority Engineering Scholarship. Lewis will attend the University of Dayton in the Fall and will major in Mechanical Engineering.

Lewis begins classes on August 27th. The Pitman Road family congratulates Lewis on his graduation and wishes him all of God's most choice blessings as he begins his college education!

Area Wide Teen Event

PRINCETON CHURCH OF CHRIST
2014 YOUTH RALLY (7TH-12TH)

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

FEATURING



Dr. Rich Little
Pepperdine University



David Bowden
Spoken Word Poet

Performance by EXPRESS

OCTOBER 18, 2014 9 AM to 6 PM
PRINCETON CENTER FOR ARTS & EDUCATION -GYMNASIUM
 75 MAPLETON RD, PRINCETON, NJ 08540
 CONTACT RON NELSON @ (908) 397-0772 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

Abilene Christian University • Harding University • Lipscomb University • Ohio Valley University

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 For Registration details, please visit this website: www.princetonchurchofchrist.com

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praises!

Andrew Holden has completed basic training at West Point!

Prayers Requested:

Tracey Coralluzzo, Dottie's daughter, has been diagnosed with a benign brain tumor (Acoustic Tumor). She most likely have surgery to move the tumor in September. If you would like to write Tracey a note of encouragement her address is: 219 N. 6th Street, Apt. 3, Vineland, NJ 08360. All prayers appreciated!!

Jim Murray, Florence's son, and Dottie and Bill's brother, is recovering at home after another stent was placed in his artery.

Robin Brier, health issues, decisions for treatment options.

Natalie, Tina Broyles' cousin, lost her 20 year old daughter to heroin less than a year ago. She is struggling with the loss and had to be admitted into Kennedy Hospital in crisis care.

Lisa Peterson, recovering from abdominal surgery.

Jessica Sikes continuing her battle with cancer and other serious health issues.

Tony Sannazzaro, Annette Perine's sister Lorraine's father-in-law, hospitalized for three weeks with heart, blood, liver, and kidney issues, preliminary diagnosis is multiple myeloma.

Gary Browning, a former member here, lung cancer.

Linda Prenger recovering, with difficulty, from knee replacement surgery

Ed Cerquoni still recovering from an emergency appendectomy because of infections.

Anita O'Hara continues her recovery from a shoulder injury and surgery at Elmwood Hills Rehab Center.

Military:

Andrew Holden at West Point.

Expecting:

Chelsea and David Johnston, September
Ryoko and David Marshall, November.

Engaged:

Steven Perine & Stephanie Romero, November 15, 2014

Timothy Holmes & Paige Rothmaller, April 4, 2015.

Saturday • August 30th • 7pm-9pm

REFUGE
 Experience God

Coffee • Hanging Out • Worship

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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 Children's Activities

John Peoples New Member Involvement

Steve Pierre-Jacques
..... Audio Visual; Information Technology; Website

Rich Rinne

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 Summer Schedule

7:00-7:45 PM Bible Classes

7:45 PM Fellowship

Last Week

Bible Class	129
Worship	238
LIFE Groups	n/a
Wednesday	100
Contribution	\$9,154.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$62,712.00
Contribution YTD	\$56,306.00
Under Budget	(\$6,406.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Kathy Ashton & Kristy Hall
Kids For Christ	Casey Buchanan
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	Judi Campbell
Hall Monitor: Worship	Alana Peterson
Safety Assist	
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Greeters: Front Entrance	Dimitri & April Sykes
Greeters: Back Entrance	Leonard & Mary Collier
Ushers	Anthony Phillip & Garth Hutchinson
Information Desk	Doryann Seitz
Shepherd's Call	Greg Krinks
Song Leader	Matt Downing
Communion	Joe Marshall



18thirty Service Project

When: Saturday August 23rd

What: We will be partnering with Robin's Nest, an organization that works with children in need in the local community.

Where: Meet at the PRCOC building at 9:30 AM

