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The Proclaimer

We proclaim Him so that we may present every man mature in Christ. Colossians 1:28

Sign Up for LIFE Groups Today!

Fall is in the air, and that's a good thing!

LIFE Group sign ups start today, and the group meetings for the fall formally begin next Sunday, Sept. 12. We will officially have eleven groups, and they are listed below.

If you are happy with your group and want to stay where you are, great. If you are the adventuresome type, and would be so bold as to try a new group, that is better. If you have never been in a group, this is the year you need to consider getting plugged in! In our time of tabernaciling, LIFE Groups are more important than ever before.

Groups are about strengthening relationships in the body and assisting us in getting to know each other better. Groups are designed to nurture deep fellowship with an ever-growing number of people.

All new classes for adults and for children begin today and on Wednesday. Take full advantage of the new offerings.

We have been so blessed. Thank you God! **Dan**

HAMMONTON

Leaders: Mike Broyles, Tony DeStefano
 Time: 5p or 6p **Next Sunday:** DeStefano's

MARRIAGE MENTORING

Leaders: Charles Peterson, Brian Kleineweber
 Time: Noon **Next Sunday:** Peterson's

NOONTIMERS GROUP

Leaders: Ray Holmes, Horatio Fenton
 Time: 12:30 **Next Sunday:** Pierre-Jacques'

THE TIME TRAVELERS

Leaders: Waverly Hale, Brian Holden
 Time: Varies w Teens **Next Sunday:** DeStefano's

THE PITMAN FOR LUNCH BUNCH

Leaders: Garth Hutchinson, Dan Cooper
 Time: Noon **Next Sunday:** Hutchinson's

SILVER LINING (New Group)

Leaders: Glynn Durham, Greg Krinks
 Time: Noon **Next Sunday:** Krinks'

SOLID GOLD

Leaders: Mike Lazar, Tom Toy
 Time: 6p **Next Sunday:** Britton's

SOUTH WESTERN

Leaders: Aaron Pearl, Manny Vander Vennen
 Time: 5p **Next Sunday:** Vander Vennen's

TEENS

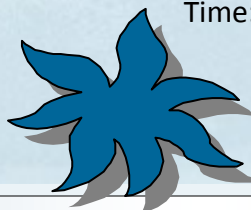
Leaders: Tim Davis, Chuck Olley
 Time: Varies Each Week **Next Sunday:** DeStefano's

VINELAND

Leaders: Carl Steiner, Steve DePrince
 Time: 6p **Next Sunday:** Harold Pearl's

YOUNG ADULTS/GOSPEL RESURGENCE

Leaders: Matt Fortunato, Rachel Cooper
 Time: 6:30p **Next Sunday:** The Firehouse, Pitman



*How beautiful it is when
 brothers dwell in unity!*

Psalm 133:1

YOUNG ADULTS LIFE GROUP

OUR MISSION

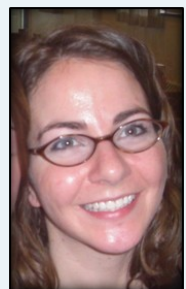
- Love God
- Love Others
Matthew 22:37-40
- Make Disciples
- Baptize Believers
- Teach Obedience
Matthew 28:18-20



The Young Adults LIFE Group this fall will be meeting with Matt Fortunato on Sunday nights at 6:30. In addition to inviting the Collingswood young adults, we have invited the Joy Community Fellowship young adults to meet with us.

Our first meeting is next Sunday evening at **The Firehouse:** 319 Florence Ave Pitman, NJ 08071. Ph # is (856) 582-4872.

Hope to see you there!
Rachel Cooper



Rachel Cooper

FROM DANIEL'S DEN

CHURCH FINANCES / JULY AND AUGUST



God reminded His people of old that every animal of the forest is His, as well as *“the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills and all that moves in the field is mine”* (Ps. 50:10-11). God owns it all! And He blesses us with the opportunity to take care of what is actually His. Generally, we remember it’s all His, but sometimes Satan makes us forget.

We are a generous people. Our giving over the last three years proves that! However, we have fallen nearly \$8,000 behind budget since the fiscal year began in July. Our budget calls for \$8,826 a week; but our average giving for July was \$7,852 and our average for August was \$8,010.

Although our church giving decreases every summer, this year it has decreased more than usual. Therefore, this fall we want to make a concerted effort to make up what we are behind. We have designated Sept. 26 as a make-up Sunday. If you missed any regular contributions this summer—or if you are able to go “above and beyond” what you normally give—you can help our church close the budget gap. If we all make up for the Sundays we missed (if you have missed any) or give “above and beyond” on Sunday, Sept. 26, we can be right back on budget by Sept. 26, the end of the first quarter of our fiscal year; and none of our works will suffer.

If you are already giving generously and cheerfully, praise God, and just keep doing what you are doing! If you needed this little reminder, remember who it all already belongs to. We are His stewards. It is all His, everything we have, along with “the cattle on a thousand hills.” So join me in closing the gap the last Sunday of this month.

I am honored to be working with such a generous body of believers, and I praise God for you! May we continue to be known as a loving and generous church!



*Dan Cooper,
aka
“Dan, Dan,
the Preacher Man”*

Dan the Preacherman



THE FRONT PORCH

BLESSINGS: ROAD TRIP WEST!

Blessings: During the last two weeks of August, I safely traveled 3,300 miles – from New Jersey to Kansas City to York, Nebraska, to Springfield, MO and back. I definitely had a lot of time alone in my Dodge truck to think, to pray, to listen to westerns on tape, to be quiet before the Lord.

Blessings: I got to spend quality time with both my sons and their families, two grandchildren (one grandson I had never seen before), and have a 2 ½ day visit with Dad and Mom, whom I hadn’t seen since May, 2007. **Blessings upon blessings!**

and our children’s Bible program. I missed my wife and daughter greatly, but was **blessed** with a much-needed break to head west and see more of my family.

Two things that were made clear to me again this trip:

1. How **blessed** I am to be a part of a congregation of God’s people who love God and love one another and show it!
2. How **blessed** I am to have parents who love God, love His people, love their 13 kids and 80 grandkids and great-grandkids – and show it! One of the Psalms’ fifteen “Pilgrim Songs” or road songs is Psalm 128.

*“All you who fear God, how **blessed** you are! How happily you walk on His smooth straight road...Your wife will bear children... Stand in awe of God’s Yes. Oh, how He **blesses** the one who fears God! Enjoy your grandchildren... Peace (Shalom)...!” (The MESSAGE)*

My road trip west found me counting my **blessings** – from New Jersey to Nebraska and back home again!

God is good! Mr. Steve



*Dr. Steve Sikes
aka “Mr. Steve”*

ings!

Patti stayed home with Jessica and finished up her summer school grading for Rowan University and also prepared for her upcoming fall semester of teaching – both at Rowan

The Picnic is Today: Let's Go Fishing!



Hey, Kids! Wanna go fishing?

Kids of all ages are welcome to go fishing with me at the picnic today. I will be the guy in the bright fluorescent green hat that says "Bass Pro."

I will bring rods, tackle, and equipment. I have only five rods, so please bring your own equipment if you have it. If we have a lot of fishermen/women, we will take turns. It's called the "first catch, next catch in line" system.

It'll be fun--and we can learn what it is to be fisher of men.

God Bless! Jonathan Hooley



Children's Church: Nick Contravo



We have been forced to suspend many of our regular ministries during this time of tabernacling. However, Nick Contravo, father of four, realizes how much our children and parents need the children to have a program during worship! Nick has offered to run a Children's Church program while we worship at PHS on Sunday mornings.

AGES: 4s, 5s, and K

WHEN IT BEGINS: After the communion service

LOCATION: Band Room. Children will meet Nick at the back of the auditorium.

Elizabeth Lazar, Math Teacher

We congratulate Elizabeth Lazar for landing her first job as a math teacher! Elizabeth has moved to Virginia, where she is teaching in the Cape Charles area. She promises to come home often!

Right: Elizabeth, Donna, Mike, and Rebekah Lazar



Updates on Upcoming Events

- ◆ 37 have signed up for the 2011 France Mission Trip. Max is 40. Contact Dan Cooper.
- ◆ 7 tickets remain for the Women of Faith conference next weekend. Contact Janet Betts.
- ◆ 13 tickets remain for the Christmas Spectacular at Radio city Music Hall. Contact Brian Holden.
- ◆ 6 women have signed up for the Women's Retreat at Camp Manatawny. Contact Becky Fortunato.

Bob Brown, Elder, Resigns

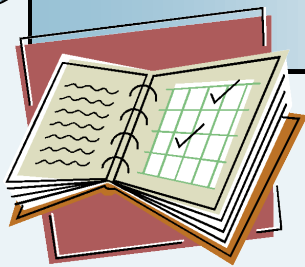
Many of us in the Pitman church has close ties to the King of Prussia Church of Christ. We have received the following announcement.

After more than 40 years of service to the King of Prussia church of Christ, Bob Brown will be stepping down as an elder on September 12. Bob, with his wife, Jessie, has served in a variety of roles as an elder and prior to that as a deacon. The elders have planned a fellowship meal in their honor on Sunday, September 12 to commemorate and celebrate Bob and Jessie's long tenure of service.

The elders also announced that they have asked Mark Pagenkopf to return to the eldership. Mark stepped down from the KoP eldership in 2007 when he was relocated to Texas for his job; and he has moved back.

If you would like to attend this dinner in honor of the Browns and the Pagenkopf family, please contact the King of Prussia church office at 610-337-7314.

PITMAN CHURCH CALENDAR



Did you miss a contribution while you were away this summer?

Sunday, September 26 has been designated Make-Up Sunday.

| Date | Event | Contact/Location |
|-----------------|---|---|
| TODAY | Labor Day Picnic at Noon | Brian and Cindy Holden Alcyon Lake Park after worship |
| September 10-11 | Women of Faith | Janet Betts Wachovia Center, PHL |
| September 12 | LIFE Groups Begin | Dan Cooper Coordinates Sign up in the foyer today. |
| September 24 | Secret Sisters' Social Catered by Alana Peterson | Dottie Grillo Debbie Durham's @ 7:00 PM |
| September 25 | Bus Trip Psalms of David | Brian Holden; Lancaster, PA Payment due by August 1st. |
| September 26 | Make-Up Sunday | Dan and Dave Sunday Contribution |
| October 1-2 | Manatawny Women's Retreat | Becky Fortunato |
| October 15-16 | Elders' and Ministers' Annual Retreat at the Shore | Please pray for our leaders as they spend concentrated time together. |
| October 16 | Stand Your Ground Retreat | Tim Davis; Camp Manatawny |
| November 20 | Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular | Brian Holden New York City |

Visiting the New Building on Pitman Rd.

Our new building at 500 Pitman Road is progressing nicely, and we all want to see what is happening out there. We are so glad that you care! However, when any of us show up on the site without advance notification/permission, it causes some problems.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO VISIT THE WORK SITE UNANNOUNCED. You must have advance permission to visit the work site. There are three major reasons for this requirement:

- 1) We are concerned about your safety. Since this is an active work site, hard hats and boots are required.
- 2) Visitors slow down progress. All of the sub-contractors are prone to stop working and divert their attention to the visitor.
- 3) We can be fined *thousands of dollars* if an inspector drops in (and they do) and sees visitors who are not wearing appropriate safety gear.

If you are going to the site, the two numbers to use for permission are as follows:

- ◆ Nick Contravo (856) 366-6797
- ◆ Rich Rinne (609) 876-4234

Please respect these concerns. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation. Remember, visitors who show up without advance approval slow down our progress.

Women of Faith Tickets in Lobby

Janet will be sitting in the foyer next to Dottie this morning. You can pick up your tickets and choose your seat. Seven tickets are still available, and you can purchase them in the foyer or contact Janet at 856-863-0309.

TRANSPORTATION: If you want to car pool from the Cooper's house, sign the transportation list when you get your tickets.

DO YOU HAVE FINANCIAL CONCERNS? If you wish to attend but haven't reserved a ticket because of the price, please let Janet or Dottie know. We will find a way for you to go!



HELP SOMEONE ATTEND. We know of several women who would like to attend, but cannot pay the full price. If you would like to help defer the cost for someone who wishes to attend, you can give a contribution in any amount to Janet or Dottie.

Reaching out in Faith

Expansion Contribution as of Dec. 31, 2009 \$1,042,573
 Additional Given Last Week \$83
 Total Expansion Contribution to Date \$1,068,634



Upper: Stucco will be applied to the front soon.
 Lower: The mountain out front has become a mound!

IT'S JOE'S BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday, Joe!

Joe's birthday was accidentally omitted from the monthly calendar.

Joe Pollard's birthday is today, September 5th.



THANK YOU NOTE



On behalf of my son, Peter Kuznetzoff, and Linda and myself we would like to thank everyone for the assistance in getting the necessary items together for Peter to get off to a good start in his program.

Linda Sue Hunter

PRAYER LIST

SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

NEW THIS WEEK: Diane Welburn's sister, **Debbie Harmon**, died; the funeral is in West Chester this Friday morning. Lea Ann's cousin, **Randy Bell**, 34, died of a heart attack. We extend sympathy to Lea Ann and her family. **Illeanne Pierce** fell again last Sunday evening; she will not be allowed to leave her facility for a while. **Dave Perine's father, Ken**, critical heart problems. From **Yvette Ellis**, friend of Krinks, Points, and Coopers: Yvette's husband, **Elhadj**, is in critical condition; he may need a liver transplant. **George Rowe's** hip surgery went well. **Diane Vit**, friend of Tony & Stephanie DeStefano, severe back pain and disk problems. **Jayne Schoffield**, severe back pain.

PRAISE: **Devon Westcott** has a job at the Rite Aid in Gibbstown! **Doc Kistler** was approved for SS Disability! Praise God!
EXPECTING: **Jacqueline Sikes**, October. **Kristi Hall**, November.

ENGAGED: **Brittany Banks and Dan Spaeth**, April 2011.

OUR MEMBERS: **Doc Kistler:** knee surgery scheduled for Sept. 13th. **Cathy Kistler:** waiting for surgery. **Illeanne Pierce**, confined in her facility for a while.

GRIEVING: Jay and Bethany Schneider, Ray Holmes, Family of Tanya McBride, Peggy DuBrink, Becky Vander Vennen, Bonita McEndree and children, Joyce and Dolly Reimels.

RELATIVES: Judi Goodman's great nephew, **Nicholas Diaco**, 12, has been diagnosed with Chiari, a spinal cord problem that involves the brain stem. **Bill Murray**, Florence's son and Dottie's brother: prayers for continued healing of his foot. Sandy Stetser's granddaughter, **Kelsey**, facing additional surgeries.

OUR FRIENDS: Jeannie Swearingen's brother, **David Beam**; prostate cancer returned. Kistlers friend, **Natasha Phillips**, recovering from surgery. **Carol**, close friend of Sandy Stetser, critical condition following a stroke. **Ann Scarpa** (Cooper's Vineland neighbor) is recovering well from her stroke.

NEED JOBS: **Shawn Bates. Jill Walker. John Grillo, Jr.**

MILITARY: **Kase Cosgrave**, young adult from the KoP church joined the Marines; he asks for our prayers.

ON-GOING REQUESTS: **Caryl Ingram** and family; many burdens. **Ray and Cordelia**, caretakers for Cordelia's mom, **Belia Booker. Claire Reynolds**, Dave Perine's 94-year-old grandmother, declining health. **Danny Britton**, Bud and Barbara's son.

CHRONIC HEALTH ISSUES: **Lynn Sbaraglia, lupus, Sjogrens disease. Jeanne Stanton, fibromyalgia. Jessica Sikes, headaches. Nancy Calabro, Pat Schuehler, Denise Rulli, Florence Rickenbach.** Linda Prenger's mother, **Mae Harrison. Jonathan Hooley. Cliff Dando, depression. Mary Lea Thompson**, that she will not have another episode of diverticulitis. Rich DeLoskey's mother, **LaVinia**, possible Alzheimer's. Harriet Wensel's daughter-in-law, **Lisa Davis**, advanced ALS. **Steve Musso**, Stephanie DeStefano's dad. Marcia Sampson's mother, **Myrtle Pollardis**, in the final stages of Alzheimer's.

BATTLING CANCER: Florence Murray's daughter-in-law, **Esther Murray**, recovering from surgery and facing chemo. Carla Darunday's aunt's mother-in-law, **Pat Swartz**, pancreatic cancer. Doc's friend, **Henry Clee**, brain cancer. **George Rowe. Bobby Pierce**, Illeanne's son, Stage III lung cancer. **Tracy Dobkowski**, close friend of Sandy Stetser, lung cancer. **Dan Watson**, friend of Jennifer Holland, Stage II esophageal cancer. **Nicole**, friend of Barry Steiner, leukemia. **Rita Aчитelli**, Marlene Patterson's mother. **Mark Mallory**, Julie Church's brother-in-law. **Gene Welch**, Lea Ann Kellum's step-dad. **Elsie Golden**, friend of Joyce Reimels, lung cancer. Previous members, **Mickey Rizzuto and Diana McConnell.** Carl Steiner's niece, **Yvonne. Susan Giancola**, friend of Ashley Monica; breast cancer.

IN REMISSION FROM CANCER: **Debbie Camorata, Katherine Cooper, Tamme DeLoskey, Debbie Durham, Hope Hooley, Nancy Smith, Dwight Thompson.**

MISSIONARIES: **Staffords** in Tanzania, **Youngs** in France, **Cooks** in China. **Diana, Lucas, and Claire**, in France. **Kristy Romeo**, that God will guide her.
PARKE PLACE: **Dollie**, pain relief. **Marion W.** recovery from surgery. **Andy and Florence**, general health. **Angela**, mourning the loss of her sister Anna. **Grace R.**, grief over loss of brother Wilson. **Dolly H.**, recovery, pain relief.

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LAST WEEK

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| Bible Class | 140 |
| Worship | 216 |
| Contribution | \$6,530 |
| LIFE Groups | NA |
| Wednesday | 119 |

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

BIBLE CLASSES 9:00 AM
 WORSHIP 10:00 AM
LIFE Groups Listed Below

SUNDAY LOCATION

PITMAN HIGH SCHOOL
 225 Linden Ave.
 Pitman, NJ 08071

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

CLASSES MEET AT 7:00 PM
 DEVOTIONAL at 7:45 PM

WEDNESDAY LOCATION

PITMAN METHODIST CHURCH
 758 North Broadway
 Pitman, NJ 08071-2017

SERVING US TODAY

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| NURSERY | Karelle Pierre-Jacques, Phyllis Walker |
| CHILDREN'S CHURCH | Nick Contravo, Karelle Pierre-Jacques |
| GREETERS | Darren Fields |
| POWER POINT | Sean Fenton, Anthony DeStefano |
| SOUND TECH | Mike Broyles, Steve Pierre-Jacque |

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

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|--------------------------|--|
| NURSERY | Karelle Pierre-Jacques, Phyllis Walker |
| CHILDREN'S CHURCH | Nick Contravo, Karelle Pierre-Jacques |
| GREETERS | Darren Fields |
| POWER POINT | Sean Fenton, Anthony DeStefano |
| SOUND TECH | Mike Broyles, Steve Pierre-Jacque |

L.I.F.E. GROUP LOCATIONS TODAY

| GROUP | LOCATION | CONTACT |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Hammonton | Alcyon Lake Park | 609-561-8561 |
| Marriage Mentoring | Alcyon Lake Park | 609-744-2400 |
| Noon Time Group | Alcyon Lake Park | 610-497-3762 |
| Pitman for Lunch Bunch | Alcyon Lake Park | 856-589-4197 |
| Silver Lining | Alcyon Lake Park | 856-589-2280 |
| Solid Gold | Alcyon Lake Park | 856-478-6972 |
| Southwestern | Alcyon Lake Park | 856-690-1405 |
| Teens | Alcyon Lake Park | 609-335-6572 |
| Time Travelers | Alcyon Lake Park | 856-881-6792 |
| Vineland | Alcyon Lake Park | 856-825-6932 |
| Young Adults | Alcyon Lake Park | 856-397-3556 |