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# PITMAN ROAD

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## Pack the Pulpit

FOOD DRIVE

## For Thanksgiving Baskets

NEXT Sunday, November 22nd

Next Sunday, bring your full "Pack the Pulpit" grocery bags, leave them in the designated place in the foyer, and at the appointed time, the children of our congregation will **PACK THE PULPIT!** What can YOU do to make our "Pack the Pulpit" food drive for Thanksgiving Baskets successful? Please shop from the list below, or on the "official" grocery bags found in the foyer, and bring your groceries next Sunday.

**We are also in need a total of 50 turkey and 50 fresh pies. If you can donate either of those, please let Dottie know today, and bring them in next Sunday as well. (Please don't bring turkeys in before next Sunday, we don't have any place to store them.)**

*Your generosity will give a family in need a happier Thanksgiving!*

### Thanksgiving Basket Grocery List:

Stuffing	Bottled Juice	Canned Fruit
Canned Gravy	Cranberry Sauce	Instant Potatoes
Canned Green Beans	Canned French Fried Onions	
Cream of Mushroom Soup	Canned Yams or Sweet Potatoes.	

### Our Vision

A place where God's love is experienced, known, and shared by all.

# From Daniel's Den

## Thanksgiving and Prayer

*Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2-6.*

I have spent a lot of time and expended a lot of energy helping people, and not received any acknowledgment. And, it's not that I need to be thanked; because I didn't help them so that I would receive gratitude. But, the attitude of the person I helped bothered me. She felt entitled to the help, and so I was simply discharging my duty "owed" to her.

Entitlement is the opposite of thankfulness. In thankfulness, we acknowledge that the other person (or God) didn't need to do what he did and that our needs were placed before his own. That's why over and over again we are told to be thankful in the Scriptures. Besides the help that God gives us every day, He gave us His Son to die in our place on the cross when He didn't need to. We all have sinned and deserve death. God would have been within His rights to turn His back on us and let us face the consequence of our transgression. But He didn't. He loved instead. He died to give us eternal life when He didn't need to. No one's entitled to heaven.

During this season of Thanksgiving...remember...none of us are entitled to anything! Rather, may God help us to continue steadfastly in prayer, and to generously express our thankfulness! (Have you written a note to those on the receiving end of this year's Thanksgiving cards? Take 15 minutes before or after church one Sunday soon and write words of thanks!)

Not feeling entitled, but feeling so very grateful to be celebrating our 32<sup>nd</sup> Thanksgiving with this church family,  
- Dan the Preacherman



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

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**Merle (Glynn) Durham**  
Visitation Minister

## A Few Moments with Merle

### "HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS" RECAP

This fourth annual Seminar saw 16 grief travelers participating in the two hour program. From our experience and pain from loss Debby and I shared how to find hope for the upcoming holidays. Special thanks to Dan Cooper for his support and promotion. Special thanks, as well, to Harriet Wensel who capably handled refreshments along with the help of Judi Campbell. I also appreciated the hard work of Bud Britton and Ray Wilson to get the room set up for the Seminar.

For those of you who have lost a loved one recently, I offer the following: First, take care of yourself physically. Grieving may be the hardest work you have ever done. It will take lots of energy. So, get adequate rest. Drink more water and less soda. Eat a properly balanced diet. Eating too many sweets or rich foods will make you feel even more lethargic. Second, let others help you. By allowing them to help you, you will be helping them to communicate their love for you. Give grace to people who don't know what to do or to say. Some will likely make hurtful statements which you will need to ignore. Third, lower your expectations. You don't have to do all the holidays, but do some. Simplify, don't abandon. Leave the word "ought" out of your holiday this year. Make lists, because when you are grieving, it is hard to concentrate.

Fourth, you will have to deal with your emotions. It is okay to feel sad. It is okay to cry, even weep. You are not going crazy. Tears are a natural cleansing and healing mechanism. Of course, some people may feel uncomfortable with your tears. Don't be surprised that your tears come when you least expect them. Don't be caught off guard by those "grief bursts." It is even okay to feel good, to laugh, and have fun. You are in no way being disrespectful to the memory of your loved one if you enjoy yourself at times. Finally, after awhile, you should be able to turn your attention to helping others. There are many possibilities that will bring many rewards to you.

Right now you may feel like the scattered pieces of a broken puzzle. Honor that feeling. But also take comfort in knowing the pieces of the puzzle can be reshuffled, rearranged, and pieced together to form a new picture.

--Merle Glynn

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## Operation Christmas Child



Boxes for Operation Christmas Child are due **TODAY!** We thank **Tina Broyles** for once again coordinating this wonderful ministry that provides gifts for children around the globe. Still want to help? See Tina.

## Sign Thanksgiving Cards!

Please take a moment to sign the Thanksgiving Cards in the foyer with a note of encouragement and love to some of our former members, missionaries, and continuing supporters of our congregation. Don't know the some the card recipients? That's okay! A simple "Happy Thanksgiving" and your name will be a welcome encouragement.



### So how do we decide who receives the Thanksgiving Cards?

Typically we send them to Guest Speakers we've had with us in the previous twelve months, to members who have moved away in the previous twelve months, and to folks who have moved away but have continued to send financial assistance back to our church. Since so few have moved away from our church in the last twelve months, this year we've expanded the list of recipients to include former members who have moved away and are dealing with serious health issues or loss.



**Brianna Peoples** will be appearing as "Lily Belle" in the Williamstown High School production of *The Curious Savage*. Performances are **THIS** Friday, November 20th at 7:00 PM & Saturday, November 21st at 2:00 PM.

## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

An Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service is being held on Tuesday, November 24 at 7pm. at Our Lady Queen of Peace Roman Catholic Church in Pitman (161 Pitman Ave.)

**THANKSGIVING EVE** - We will not be having a meal or Bible Classes.

**OFFICES will be closed** Thursday, November 26 and Friday November 27.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL BENEFIT!

Thank you to the teens and their families for the meal this past Wednesday Night. They raised \$362 for the pantry. What a blessing those funds will be to helping the needy in our community.

## TURKEYS AND PIES

We have also received \$200 to purchase turkeys for our Thanksgiving Baskets. Calls are still coming in for help. We may end up doing more than 50 baskets this year. Please if you can donate a pie or turkey, please let Dottie know ASAP. Thank you!



Bring Your Own  
**Craft Day**

Got some Christmas gifts to finish? Here's a great opportunity to do it!

Saturday, November 28th  
Noon to 5:00 PM  
in the Family Life Center  
Snacks are provided!

*Hope to see you there!*



Our Annual Cookie Exchange at Donna Lazar's house (215 Harrison Ridge Dr., Mullica Hill, NJ) is going to be SUNDAY, December 6th at 2pm.

Please bring 6 dozen cookies wrapped in 1/2 dozen packages. Join us for food, fellowship, and COOKIES! Hope to see you there. Happy Baking! Contact Donna if you have any questions (856-223-1699).



### *Singles Over 40 Event!*

**December 12th**  
*Potluck Lunch Party at Jay Schneider's house,*  
 Mullica Hill, Noon to 3:30!

Then travel less than 2 miles to Mullica Gardens Assisted Living to sing Christmas songs for the residents and see Glinnie Elmore perform as *The Inn keeper at Bethlehem.*



## NOTE THESE IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR CHRISTMAS SUNDAY - DECEMBER 20th

- 9:00 Regular Classes do not meet
- 9:30 Coffee, Juice and Munchkins
- 10:00 Morning Worship
- 11:00 "HIStory" Encore Performance
- 11:45 Refreshments

### Family Promise of Gloucester County Fund Raiser

Tickets are still available for our 8th Annual Taste of South Jersey - November 15 at 5:30-8:30 at Adelphia Restaurant, Deptford NJ.

Come and enjoy an evening of fun and fine dining featuring a host of culinary delights prepared by some of the finest chefs in South Jersey.

Karen Rogers from 6 ABC News and Freeholder Jim Jefferson will be in attendance.

Tickets can be purchased online for \$40.00.  
<http://familypromise.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=709>

A limited number of tickets will be available at the door the night of the event for \$50.00.

For more information pick up a flyer of the table in the foyer.

## Family Promise Volunteers

**Is 2016 the year that you will help with Family Promise? The next Host Week is January 17-January 24.**

We are looking for new volunteers to join our many seasoned volunteers as we journey into our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of this important ministry. We need volunteers for the following jobs (a brief summary of responsibilities are included).

**Coordinator:** The Coordinator begins recruiting the volunteers for the Host week about 1 month before the start of the Host week. The Coordinator will be contacted by the Family Promise Director with the number of family members, a list of dietary requirements (if any), shopping list to restock the Center's pantry (a full list of responsibilities are available on request).

**Shopper:** The Shopper will buy the items needed for the Family Promise Center Pantry and snacks for the evenings during the Host week. The Coordinator will provide the list.

**Setup and Breakdown:** **SETUP:** The host and guest rooms are set up on Sunday at the beginning of the Host Week (immediately after Sunday Worship). **BREAKDOWN:** The rooms are broken down and returned to normal usage beginning at 7am the following Sunday.

**Cooks:** The cook(s) will typically prepare a dinner each night for 14 guests, 2 evening hosts and the evening driver. The meal can be prepared at home or at the Church building. Dinner is served at 6pm. Cooks are needed Sunday through Saturday.

**Driver:** **MORNINGS:** The driver will pick up the families at the Church at 5:30am then drive them to the Family Promise Day Center at 206 Ellis Ave. In Glassboro

Need drivers Monday morning through Sunday morning

**EVENINGS:** The driver will pick up the families at the Family Promise Day Center at 5:30pm then drive them to the Church

Need drivers Sunday evening through Saturday evening.

**VAN TRANSFER:** After worship services on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, one driver will deliver the van to the next congregation. The 2<sup>nd</sup> driver will follow to bring the van driver back to his vehicle.

**Evening Hosts:** Two evening hosts are needed for each night. The Evening Hosts arrive around 5:30pm and will dine with and interact with the guests. Activities can be games, movies, helping with homework and typical family activities. The Evening Hosts are usually done by 8:30pm

**Overnight Hosts:** Two Overnight Hosts are needed for each night. The Overnight Hosts arrive around 8:30pm but no later than 8:45pm. Overnight Hosts will continue to interact similar to Evening Hosts. Families should settle in no later than 10:30pm. Overnight Hosts will check all the doors and lock the glass doors at both ends of the Church Building. The Overnight Hosts leave after the families leave which is typically 5:30am M-F, 8:00am SA and 7:00am SU

**Contact John Ashton if you have any other questions**

## Thank You Holdens!

Thank you once again **Brian and Cindy Holden** for coordinating another great bus trip to Lancaster, PA! Yesterday a bus load of members and friends went to the Sight and Sound theater to enjoy their production of ***The Miracle of Christmas***. Afterwards, the group enjoyed the "traditional" dinner at the Shady Maple Restaurant! Thank you Brian and Cindy for your continued efforts over the years to put together wonderful trips for our members! You are truly appreciated!

Our next trip to Sight and Sound is to see "Sampson" on May 7, 2016. We are taking two buses and already have 102 people signed up. We do have a stand by list, and many on that list inevitable do get moved up.

## Thank You Note

The words "thank you" hardly seem enough, but they're coming from heart, a heart uplifted by your kindness. "We all would like to thank you for your prayers and kindness to me. Thank you all again, The Holmes Family (Cookie Rowe)

## Attention Secret Sister

I am looking for a volunteer to host the Secret Sister "Revealing" Party this year. The date choices are February 5th or 12th, 2016. Please contact me at the church office 856-589-1500 or text me at 856-723-7749.

Thank you, Dottie

## Missing: DVD Series

The DVD Series that was called Jesus the One and Only is missing. The case minus all the DVD's is in the library. If you know about or have them, please return the DVD's or call the church office letting us know where they are. Thank you!

## Special Offer for Pitman Road Members

**Discounted rates are available to our members at LA FITNESS on Delsea Dr. in Glassboro. You can try it out for free for one week. If you decide to join, you will get a special rate with no contract. You pay month to month.**

**If you are interested, please visit LA FITNESS and ask to speak to Ashley Archambo.**

## This Week's Prayer Requests

### Prayers Requested:

**William Bartley**, prayers for post-concussion syndrome.

**Debbie Contravo** requests prayers for her health, finances, and family.

**April Sykes** sustained a concussion after a bad fall and is not able to work at this time.

**Alana Peterson**, recovering from her final chemo treatment. Please pray for upcoming surgery in December.

**Gladys Isaziga**, Carlos' mom, recovering from surgery after breast cancer diagnosis.

**Millie Moore** is recovering from surgery on her wrist to remove metal plates.

**Yvette Kenner**, severe back pain

**Lynne Sbaraglia**, recovering from an auto accident

Prayers for the **Tim Davis family and for Tim's parents** as they have moved to NJ.

**Diane Vit**, close friend of Tony & Stephanie DeStefano and Steve Musso, recovering from complicated hiatal hernia surgery. Also, **Diane's 17 year old grandson** was in a serious accident at work and recovering after extensive surgery.

**Trudy Michael**, stage 4 uterine cancer.

**Charles Busch**, still in the ICU.

**Nancy Calabro**, numerous health concerns.

**Laura Ann Lindsey**, Dave Lindsey's mother, hospice care.

### Military:

**Andrew Holden** at West Point.

**Doug Peterson III**, deployed with Air Force

### Expecting:

**Tim and Paige Holmes**, January

**Tyler and Katherine Steffy**, January

### Engaged:

**Sean Fenton & Rebekah Lucien**, April 16, 2016

### Traveling:

**Garth and Diana Hutchinson**, one more week on a mission trip to France. They will work on building projects, deepen relationships with French Christians, encourage, and do extensive teaching while they are in Marseille.

## SYMPATHY

Our Sympathy is extended to **David Lindsey and his family** as they grieve the loss of David's 92 year old mother, Laura Ann Lindsey. David last saw her a year ago. His mother has been ailing and on hospice care for some time now, but saying goodbye to your mother is never easy. Our prayers are with you, David, and your entire family at this time of loss!

## Our Ministers

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## Our Deacons

**Bud Britton**..... Grounds Maintenance

**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 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	130
Worship	250
LIFE Groups	116
Wednesday	66
Contribution	\$11,629.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$200,640.00
Contribution YTD	194,211.00
Under Budget	(\$6,429.00)

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Cindy Holden
Kids For Christ	Debby Durham
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Hall Monitor: Worship	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Greeters: Front Entrance	Darren & Dee Fields
Greeters: Back Entrance	Horatio & Jackie Fenton
Ushers	Waverly Hale & Austin Hale
Information Center	Linda Prenger
Shepherd's Call	Larry Point
Song Leader	Matt Downing
Communion	Brian Holden

## L.I.F.E. Group Locations Today

Group	Location	Contact
Brook Besor	Durhams, Thursday at 7PM	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Prenger's, Tuesday at 7PM	856-689-7932
Convenience Group	Baby Shower	856-589-1500
Hammonton Group	Baby Shower	
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7PM	856-217-3956
Paracletes	Leaf raking at Moore's	
Silver Linings	Baby Shower	
Solid Gold	Britton's at 6PM	609-682-4502
Teens	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6PM	856-839-0015
Women in the Word	Church Bldg., Tues. at 9:45AM	856-589-1500
Young Adults	Baby Shower	850-814-6632

## Elder on Call:

November/December: Larry Point



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