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A quote that *sticks*

You never know when or where you might hear something that sticks with you. Recently, on a Tuesday morning around 5:30 a.m., Todd Born was speaking to our men's Bible Study group and he quoted William Carey. You don't know William Carey? I didn't either. So I looked him up.

William Carey was born in England in 1761 and became a shoemaker, school teacher, pastor, president of a seminary, and a missionary. In 1792 Carey preached a sermon based on Isaiah 54:2-3 entitled, "Enquiry into the obligations of the Christians to use means for the conversion of the Heathen." In this masterpiece on missions, Carey surveyed the history of missions from apostolic times, and dealt with the practical

application of how to reach the world for Christ. His next message was, "Expect great things from God, attempt great things from God." God was leading William Carey into missions, taking his family with him to India. It was said of India that it was a goldmine for salvation, but who was willing to go down into the pit? William Carey responded with, "I will go into the pit, but you must hold the rope."

This quote stuck! If someone has fallen into a pit, someone must hold the rope while someone else goes into the pit to rescue the fallen. In our world today there are many who have fallen. They are in need of rescue. Some of us are called to go into the pit and rescue them, while others of us are called to hold the rope. But all of us are needed to rescue the fallen.

William Carey was called to India to rescue the fallen, but he needed others to financially support him. He understood that it takes a team effort to rescue the fallen. So true. All of us here at St. James West are involved in rescuing the fallen. Some actually go, while others are behind the scenes providing prayer support and finances. Did you know that 50% of the proceeds from the rummage sales goes to missions? Did you know that Todd Born, who attended here and worked with our youth, is going to Dubai, UAE as a missionary? And some of our people are supporting him?

I am so proud of our efforts to go into the pit and rescue the fallen. And our efforts to hold the rope for others. Keep holding the rope! Love ya, -Gene

OCTOBER

Dates of Note

7/8

Communion

10

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Church Chicks Meeting

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Charge Conference

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Kairos Cookie Bake

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Trunk or Treat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Charge Conference

Join us for delicious food and fellowship, then we will take some time to celebrate God's grace and mercy in the past year, and discuss the possibilities for 2019. This gathering will serve as our Charge Conference but we assure you it will be a celebration. Great music and testimonies to inspire our congregation to thrive and grow!

October 14th, 2018

5:00 p.m. Chili Supper in the CFC

6:00 p.m. Charge Conference to be held in the Sanctuary

All are welcome!

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open hearts
open minds
open doors

A story from our brother in Christ: Kurt Buck

Do you ever look back over your past and ask, "What was I thinking? Was I thinking at all?" Very few people come through ages 15-25 unscathed.

I'm not sure I would completely believe someone who claimed to be an angel during those years. But there are many exceptions.

I was not an exception. I've done more dumb things than I can remember. Quite often during those moments I actually wondered why my plan didn't work out. Sometimes I wondered why folks didn't have more patience with me in the aftermath. But, in reality, I was a doofus!

Trina has always been very gracious with young people (even me, early on). She calls age 15-25 the "formative years." There was an occasion when I was in the midst of my formative years that I encountered the Holy Spirit.

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Blessings and more

New Member: Jacob Owen

Baptism: Baker Giesman 09/16/18. Baker is the son of Jeff and Courtney Giesman.

In Memoriam

Ray Clark: 09/05/18. Ray is the husband of Fran Clark, and father of Kim McCool.

Words of thanks & praise

"Thank you to everyone in the congregation that supported the rummage sale concessions. All supplies that we needed were provided through the generous donations. We appreciate all the help and support! We were able to profit \$1,000! Thank you all so much-we could not do what we do without your help!"
-Jennifer O'Neil

"Thanks to everyone for their words of comfort, those who sent cards and those who came to mother's funeral. Thank you to everyone who visited mom at the nursing home, she loved the visits. A special thanks to Elsie and her drivers. Thanks to all who gave their time and helped with the funeral dinner and food donations, it was very appreciated. And a special thanks to Pastor Gene for performing such a beautiful and comforting service."

-Diana Effinger, Gary Doninger, and the Doninger family

St. James West By the Numbers

Apportionment

(January-August 2018)
 Conference.....\$12,826.00
 District \$1,538.00

General Fund

(Year-to-date weekly average)
 2017..... \$3,878.00
 2018\$3,778.00
 % Change -2.6%

Comparative Stewardship

Weekly Average	August 2017	August 2018	% Change
Worship Attendance	219	232	+6%
General Fund	\$3,597.00	\$3,586.00	-0.3%

Fourth annual *Trunk or Treat*

Trunk or Treat is quickly approaching and we look forward to offering this free neighborhood event again this year! It is such great fellowship and fun, and brings our neighborhood together for a safe, family atmosphere, trick or treating experience! River City Dawgs generously caters this event free every year and refreshments will be provided! Thank you Kent! In addition to passing out lots of candy from our "trunks," there will be a bounce house as well as carnival games organized by the St. James West Youth Group's class of 2019! They have really neat things planned so don't miss it!

As always, candy donations are needed and so appreciated! We also would LOVE to see more cars this year! Don't have time to decorate or dress up? Perfect! Your smiling face joining us is just what we need! Our goal is to have at least 25 cars participating this year which I know we can do! Drive your car over at 1 p.m. to get parked and set up. The event lasts from 2:00-4:00 pm.

Sign up's to park your car will be in the Welcome Center from September 30th through October 21st. Candy donations can be dropped off during those same dates in the Welcome Center or to the office during business hours.

The event will be held on October 27th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the green space. If it rains, all festivities will be moved to the CFC.

Please contact us at kids@stjameswest.com with any questions.



Thank you for your support!
-Dustin & Kelsey Biever
 Directors of Student Ministries

St. James West news & notes

Christmas Ornaments: It will soon be time to order Christmas ornaments in honor or memory of your loved ones! These keepsakes will be used to decorate the Sanctuary during the Advent season. Your ornaments will be displayed during the annual Hanging of the Greens ceremony on November 25th. Keep an eye out for order forms in the Sanctuary with details on how to purchase and order deadlines.

Church Chicks events: On October 17th, the Church Chicks will be hosting a stretch class at 6:00 p.m. in the CFC. Bring tennis shoes and be ready to get your sweat on!

The Christmas Bazaar will be held on November 11th in the CFC. Please contact Kim Gibson at (812) 483-2918 or email her at carrouselgirl21@gmail.com if you are interested in renting a table.

A story from our brother in Christ: *Kurt Buck (cont'd.)*

On Halloween, when I was 20, I went to a party near U of E. I stopped to buy beer on the way (doofus). I was cutting down a side street when I passed a florist/décor shop. I stopped (like a doofus), ran up and stole a nicely painted pumpkin (what a doofus!) That pumpkin was my date for the night, and got a few laughs.

Hours later, the party ended. The Holy Spirit seemed to whisper, "Don't steal that pumpkin. Take it back." That message was clear. I hear the whisper, returned the pumpkin, did not get arrested, and felt better about the whole thing.

Next time you see a doofus at work, try to remember that he may be just a whisper away from an encounter with God. Grateful for the little things...
-Kurt

OCTOBER Birthdays

- 1
Andy Moore
- 4
Madi Cameron, Jo Ann Utley
- 5
Angela Gilkey
- 7
Leeyah Leach, Erieyn Logsdon
- 8
Debbie West
- 9
Ron Hall, Jr., Andy Kohlmeyer
- 10
Tad Brittingham, Ashley Galliher, Will Kirkland, Lyndi Nickerson, Lorelei Wallerstedt, Jo-Ann Wilson
- 13
Kevin Canterbury, Pam Deem, Alton Deig, Rich Hughes
- 14
Allison Brummett, Rebecca Carnahan, Matthew Hall
- 16
Lori Hilt, Drew Reisinger, Judy Webb, Debra Williams
- 17
Tammy Nolan, Austin Wilhite, Yvonne Winstead
- 18
Alaina Buroker
- 19
Jennifer Buroker, Eva Kremer, Hadley Krohn
- 21
Ginger Hart, Kirk Williams
- 23
Bettye Becker
- 24
Lou Effinger, Holly Tison, John Vize
- 25
Sandy Mahrenholz, Edna McNight
- 27
Phil Seifert
- 28
Tom L. Martin, Darrell Roedel
- 30
Patrick Goen, Whyatt Krohn
- 31
Amy Canterbury, Kalyn Vize

○ C T O B E R Worship Volunteers

October 7

9:00 a.m. Greeters
Debi Doninger

9:00 a.m. Ushers
Bruce & Missy Backes

10:30 a.m. Greeters
Mike & Nancy Bass

10:30 a.m. Ushers
*Mike & Diana Effinger,
Pappy & Connie Mabee*

Card Angel
Janice Peckenpaugh

October 14

Donut Hosts
Gary & Lou Effinger

9:00 a.m. Greeters
JoAnne Hinderliter

9:00 a.m. Ushers
JoAnne Hinderliter, Ron Hall

10:30 a.m. Greeters
Vicki Wilson, Ron Hall

10:30 a.m. Ushers
*Larry & Carol Peckenpaugh,
Debi Doninger, Gary Doninger*

Card Angel
Shirley Smith

October 21

9:00 a.m. Greeters
Kurt Buck

9:00 a.m. Ushers
Bob & Cathy Willis

10:30 a.m. Greeters
Pappy & Connie Mabee

10:30 a.m. Ushers
*Sandy Mahrenholz, Vicki Wilson,
Andy Moore, Bob Smith*

Card Angel
Peggy Rausch

October 28

9:00 a.m. Greeters
Marian Kissel

9:00 a.m. Ushers
Marian Kissel, Ron Hall

10:30 a.m. Greeters
Larry & Carol Peckenpaugh

10:30 a.m. Ushers
*Pappy & Connie Mabee,
Don & Linda Temme*

Card Angel
Cathy Willis

Fall 2018 Rummage & Bake Sale *Review*

Once again, we have had a most successful Fall Rummage Sale! We sold a total amount of \$11,065.84 and money is still coming in. It takes many people to make this project work, and each of you has stepped up to the plate.

Throughout the year we have a team of people who willingly collect all of the rummage items and store them in the garages. These people give hours of their time, many times on short notice, and are willing to lift, carry, and deliver the items to the garages or to the consignment store. They are “jewels” to do the heavy lifting and delivering and are VERY MUCH appreciated for all of their dedication to our church project. They even carried a heavy piano and gym equipment out of a house and did not ever complain. It took at least five men to lift the equipment—they are very special!

Every one of you who contributed to the success of the rummage sale is special. We had some new workers this year, and they fit right in. They went right to work, always had a smile, laughed often with us, and got the job done! We really appreciated having them; they were truly a blessing!

One of the highlights of each day was sitting down and having lunch together. Special blessings were given each day by different people, and each person made you feel that God was right there with us. The ladies who prepared the lunches and brought the desserts were our “angels.” Each one of us looked forward to our lunch, and many, many thanks to Marian and the ladies who prepared the meals and brought the desserts!

The “baked items” are always a big hit, and people look forward to seeing and buying the different items prepared for the bakery. You can smell the items when you walk through the door, and many people check out that department first, knowing that they will make a purchase before they leave. Thanks to all of our fine people who use their special talents to prepare and share their specialties with us!

As far as the “rummage” was concerned, our people made each department look downright classy! There is no way any rummage sale has ever been as beautiful as ours. Our people have such talent and make everything look dazzling. You are all deserving of awards for your creativity and special arrangements and made us quite proud.

St. James West has phenomenal people who work hard to make this church project successful. God has blessed us with people who represent Him, and who reach out to every person who comes into that gym to let them know the depth of His love. Continue to do His work- you are very important to Him!

The Crusaders’ Class took over the rummage sales in 2001, starting out with one a year and selling items for 5 cents, 10 cents, and a quarter. The first year we made \$3,626.60. There were “angels” among us, known as Alpha Domus members, who, because of the depth of their faith and generosity, donated the difference to bring that amount up to \$5,000. They were also relieved and blessed that someone was willing to continue having the rummage sales. Soon we started having two sales a year, and the price of items was raised to 25 cents, 50 cents, and a dollar, plus! We started our first year earning \$3,626.60, and now we earn over \$25,000 for the two sales. What a blessing for our church!

You have made this happen! Thanks and blessings to you for all your hard work!

**-Love in Christ,
All the Members of the Crusaders’ Class**

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Sundays:

9:00 a.m. Praise & Worship
 Kids Club, Adult Small Groups (AMEN Group 9:15 a.m.)
 10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship
 Lifeguard Ministry (Preschool-5th grade), Adult Small Groups

Mondays:

6:00-6:45 p.m. Mondays With God meal
 7:00 p.m. Mondays With God Bible Study
 Lifeguard Ministry (Kindergarten-5th grade)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8a-4p Sewing Project (CFC) 7-8p Mondays With God Bible Study 7-9p AA Mtg. (FH) Fall Festival	2 5:30a Men's Group 8a-4p Sewing Project (CFC) 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 5-8p CFC Reserved (Thunderbolts)	3 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 12-4:30p CFC Kitchen Reserved 6-8p Student Ministry (CFC 2nd Floor)	4 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 5-8p CFC Reserved 7-8p Bible Study (ADR)	5 7-10a CFC Reserved (Reitz Football)	6 4-7p CFC Reserved
7 Communion	8 Communion 6-6:45p Mondays With God meal (CFC) 7-8p Mondays With God Bible Study 7-9p AA Mtg. (FH)	9 5:30a Men's Group 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 5-8p CFC Reserved	10 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 6-8p Student Ministry (CFC 2nd Floor) 6-7:30p Church Chicks Mtg. (ADR) 7-8:30p Neighborhood Watch Mtg. (CFC)	11 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 6-8p Cub Scouts (FH) 7-8p Bible Study (ADR)	12	13 8-9:30a United Caring Shelters Breakfast Volunteers 11a-2p CFC Reserved
14 Donuts/Fellowship 1:30-3:30p CFC Reserved 5p Chili Supper (CFC) 6p Charge Conference (Sanctuary)	15 6-6:45p Mondays With God meal (CFC) 7-8p Mondays With God Bible Study 7-9p AA Mtg. (FH)	16 5:30a Men's Group 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 5-9p Kairos Cookie Bake (CFC) 5-8p CFC Reserved	17 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 6-7:30p Church Chicks Stretch Class 6-8p Student Ministry (CFC 2nd Floor)	18 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 5-8p CFC Reserved 7-8p Bible Study (ADR)	19	20 9a-1p Sanctuary Reserved 11a-5p CFC Reserved
21 Food Pantry Donations	22 November 2018 West Wind article deadline 6-6:45p Mondays With God meal (CFC) 7-8p Mondays With God Bible Study 7-9p AA Mtg. (FH)	23 5:30a Men's Group 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 5-8p CFC Reserved	24 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 5-9p Kairos Cookie Bake (CFC) 6-8p Church Chicks Pickleball (CFC) 6-8p Student Ministry (CFC 2nd Floor)	25 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 5-8p CFC Reserved 6-8p Cub Scouts (FH) 7-8p Bible Study (ADR)	26	27 2-4p Trunk or Treat ALL DAY CFC Hold
28	29 6-6:45p Mondays With God meal (CFC) 7-8p Mondays With God Bible Study 7-9p AA Mtg. (FH)	30 5:30a Men's Group 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 5-8p CFC Reserved	31 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 6-8p Student Ministry (CFC 2nd Floor)	Key: ADR—Alpha Domus Room CFC—Christian Family Center FH—Fellowship Hall MMO—Mother's Morning Out PS—Preschool		



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St. James West Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 27th



FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
FOOD, DRINKS, CANDY, GAMES, AND MORE!
2:00-4:00 p.m. in the St. James West parking lot

Rain Location: CFC



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