



THE WEST WIND

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Gene Backes, Pastor

I forget!

How many times have you uttered this declaration, "I forget"? We tend to think of forgetfulness as a negative consequence of growing older. Certainly a failing memory can be a troubling aspect of aging. In fact, as I was writing this article, my memory of how to spell correctly failed me repeatedly. And yet we are reminded in God's Word that forgetfulness can be a blessing. In Genesis 41:51, Joseph names his son Manasseh, "For God has made me forget all of my trouble." What a powerful example of the positive nature of forgetfulness. Joseph had been severely mistreated by his brothers, and yet he refused to allow the bitter memory of being sold into slavery to ruin his life. He acknowledged the presence of God in his life and gave all praise to Him for the birth of his Son.

I think all of us—myself included—need to be reminded that God forgives. 1 John 1:9 states, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins..." Should we have a higher forgiveness standard than God Himself?

This forgiveness applies both to ourselves and to others. We need to forgive ourselves. And we need to forgive others. Whenever Joseph looked at his new baby boy and said his name, he was reminded of forgiveness. And forgetfulness.

What should we forget?

1. Our sins
2. Criticisms
3. Our mistakes
4. Your mistakes
5. Our successes

What a better world if we practice Holy Forgetfulness. And yes, I think it is something we need to practice. Pay close attention to what we need to forget. There is a lesson to be learned. I am learning. A long way to go, but I am learning. Will you join me? I hope so.

-Blessings, Gene

MARCH Worship Volunteers

March 3

9:00 a.m. Greeter
Debi Doninger
9:00 a.m. Ushers
Bruce & Missy Backes
10:30 a.m. Greeters
Mike & Jacki Roehr
10:30 a.m. Ushers
*Don & Linda Temme,
Pappy & Connie Mabee*
Card Angel
Kathy Gilkey

March 10

Donut Hosts
Gary & Lou Effinger
9:00 a.m. Greeters
Kurt Buck
9:00 a.m. Ushers
Bob & Cathy Willis
10:30 a.m. Greeters
Randy & Gayle Bailey
10:30 a.m. Ushers
*Gary & Lou Effinger, Pat Nance,
Mike Bass*

Card Angel

Debbie West

March 17

9:00 a.m. Greeters
Marian Kissel
9:00 a.m. Ushers
Marian Kissel, JoAnne Hinderliter
10:30 a.m. Greeters
Vicki Wilson, Ron Hall
10:30 a.m. Ushers
*Mike & Diana Effinger,
Vicki Wilson, Mike Bass*

Card Angel

Carol Bittrolf

March 24

9:00 a.m. Greeters
Darrell & Melodie Roedel
9:00 a.m. Ushers
Fred & Margaret Schnarr
10:30 a.m. Greeters
Pappy & Connie Mabee
10:30 a.m. Ushers
Pappy & Connie Mabee, TBD
Card Angel

Sandy Mahrenholz

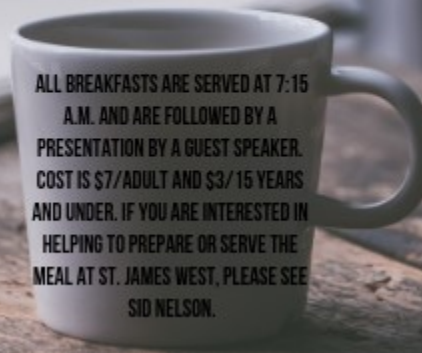
March 31

9:00 a.m. Greeters
Bob & Cathy Willis
9:00 a.m. Ushers
Marian Kissel, Ron Hall
10:30 a.m. Greeters
Virgil & Bonnie Toone
10:30 a.m. Ushers
*Sandy Mahrenholz, Vicki Wilson,
Andy Moore, Bob Smith*
Card Angel
Edna Kasper

MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST SERIES

March 9th.....Trinity UMC
 March 16th.....Aldersgate UMC
 March 23rd.....St. James West UMC
 March 30th.....Centenary UMC
 April 6th.....Central UMC
 April 13th.....Old North UMC

ALL BREAKFASTS ARE SERVED AT 7:15
 A.M. AND ARE FOLLOWED BY A
 PRESENTATION BY A GUEST SPEAKER.
 COST IS \$7/ADULT AND \$3/15 YEARS
 AND UNDER. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
 HELPING TO PREPARE OR SERVE THE
 MEAL AT ST. JAMES WEST, PLEASE SEE
 SID NELSON.



MARCH Birthdays

- 1
*Cole Ackerman,
Taylor Williams*
- 2
Denise Poelhuis
- 4
Andrew Lancaster
- 5
Kim Clark-McCool
- 7
Bryce Shoultz
- 9
Phillip Nance
- 10
Mike Roehr
- 11
Kelsey Biever, Brianna Tison
- 17
Jacob Smith
- 18
Mike Lancaster
- 19
*Marilyn Fitts, Debbie Pipken,
Gabriel Wilson*
- 20
*Catrina Egan,
Sarah Peckenpaugh*
- 21
Kenneth Logsdon
- 24
Emily Martin
- 26
Patricia Babbs, Deborah Horn
- 27
Terri Byrns, Darrell Murray
- 28
Kurt Buck, Reba Flinchum
- 29
Kaley Biever
- 30
Don Temme, Jacob Toelle
- 31
*Jason Fleeger, Jason Hoesli,
Rick Poelhuis Angela Shoultz,
Landon Wiseman*

Blessings & more

New Members: Tony & Heather Ricketts, Larry Ellington, Peggy Rausch, Leroy Brammer.

Congratulations: Austin Nolan has been named a back-to-back GLVC Scholar athlete of the year. Austin is the son of Jim & Tammy Nolan.

In Memoriam

Melanie Utley: 02/02/19. Melanie is the niece of Pastor Gene.

George Plank: 02/05/19. George is the grandfather of Tyler Horoho (fiancé of Grace Nelson).

Gail Oeth: 02/05/19. Gail is the sister of Jan Smith.

St. James West news & notes

Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday, March 6th, 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend this brief service and receive the ashes, which are made from the palms from last year's Palm Sunday service, and represents the never-ending cycle of preparation for Easter.

Kairos Outside Weekend: Scheduled for April 26th-28th. They are in need of angels, guests, donations, and snacks. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please call or text Kathi Goen at (812) 568-7671.

Fall Enrollment: Preschool is now accepting Fall Enrollment for the 2019 - 2020 school year. Preschool: Age 3 to 5. Little Learners: Age 2 (must be 2 by August 1st.) Mother's Morning Out: Age 1. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings, 8:40 to 11:15. Tuition is \$100 a month, with a one time supply fee of \$50. If you would like to enroll your child, or know of someone who may be interested please contact the Preschool at (812) 428-0569 or send an e-mail to Preschool@stjameswest.com.

Words of thanks & praise

"The Children and Youth departments would like to thank everyone for coming to the luncheon on February 24th. It was a great time of fellowship, food, and fun! Be on the lookout for more events in the future. P.S. the pizza was from locally owned Spankey's Una Pizza."

**-Ashley Lancaster,
Children's Ministry Director**

"Thank you so much for supporting the Hacienda give-back day! We appreciate all your support!"

**-Cindy Hicks, Director of Preschool/
Mother's Morning Out**

St. James West By the Numbers

Apportionment (January 2019)

Conference..... \$1,647.00
District \$197.00

General Fund (Year-to-date weekly average)

2018 \$3,169.00
2019 \$4,118.00
% Change +30%

Comparative Stewardship

Weekly Average	January 2018	January 2019	% Change
Worship Attendance	242	224	-7%
General Fund	\$4,050.00	\$4,118.00	+1.7%

MARCH 2019

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. Praise & Worship
 Kids Club, Adult Small Groups
 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 Praise & Worship
 Lifeguard Ministry (Kindergarten-5th grade)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9-11a Pickleball	2
3 Communion 12-5p Crusaders' Class Party	4 Communion 8a-12p Sewing (CFC) 6-6:45p Mondays With God meal (CFC) 7-8p Mondays With God Worship 7-9p AA Mtg. (CFC)	5 5:30a Men's Group 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 5-8p CFC Reserved	6 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 7p Ash Wednesday Service	7 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 5-8p CFC Reserved 7-8p Bible Study (ADR)	8 9-11a Pickleball (CFC)	9 8-9:30a United Caring Shelters Breakfast Volunteers Men's Lenten Breakfast (Trinity UMC)
10 Donuts/ Fellowship	11 8a-12p Sewing (CFC) 6-6:45p Mondays With God meal (CFC) 7-8p Mondays With God Worship 7-9p AA Mtg. (CFC)	12 5:30a Men's Group 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 6:30-8p Administrative Council Mtg. (CFC)	13 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)	14 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 5-8p CFC Reserved 6-8p Cub Scouts (FH) 7-8p Bible Study (ADR)	15 9-11a Pickleball (CFC) 3p Rummage Sale Committee Mtg. (CFC)	16 Men's Lenten Breakfast (Aldersgate)
17 Food Pantry Donations 11:30a-3p Church Chicks Baby Shower (Hayley Buck)	18 8a-12p Sewing (CFC) 6-6:45p Mondays With God meal (CFC) 7-8p Mondays With God Worship 7-9p AA Mtg. (CFC) <i>April 2019 West Wind article deadline</i>	19 5:30a Men's Group 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO	20 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 6-8p Student Ministry (CFC 2nd Floor) 6-8p Pickleball (CFC)	21 8:30-11:30a PS/MMO 7-8p Bible Study (ADR)	22 9-11a Pickleball (CFC)	23 5a-10a CFC Reserved 7:15-9:30a Men's Lenten Breakfast (CFC) 4-11p CFC Reserved
24	25 8a-12p Sewing (CFC) 6-6:45p Mondays With God meal (CFC) 7-8p Mondays With God Worship 7-9p AA Mtg. (CFC)	26 5:30a Men's Group	27 6-8p Student Ministry (CFC 2nd Floor) 6-8p Pickleball (CFC)	28 6-8p Cub Scouts (FH) 7-8p Bible Study (ADR)	29 9-11a Pickleball (CFC)	30 Men's Lenten Breakfast (Centenary)
31 UCS Breakfast Donations	EVSC Spring Break					



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Pre-paid orders taken March 3rd-24th in
Welcome Center

**Colors: *Red *Salmon *Pink *Hot Pink
*White**

Orders can be picked up on
April 27th from 10:00 a.m. to
12:00 p.m. in the Green Space
across the street from the
Church.

**Please contact Lou Effinger at
(812) 480-2423 if you have any questions**