

The Window

On a journey with the living Christ;
connecting with God, others, and the world.



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Hurricane Harvey Relief by Luke Burns, Youth Assist.



Galatians 6:9-10 *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”*

It had only been about twenty years after the death of Christ when the Apostle Paul wrote these words in the book of Galatians, *“As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people.”* This spring break our Next Gen Ministries had the opportunity to join forces with Operation Blessing to help out with hurricane Harvey relief efforts in Beaumont Texas. Beaumont is about an hour east of Houston and only thirty minutes away from the Gulf of Mexico. It took us a little over fourteen hours to drive from West Hills Church to Cathedral Church, where we were lodged in Beaumont. We arrived late Sunday evening and prepared for a week of work in the badly hurricane damaged city.

We had planned on doing a great deal of mission work out in the community in Beaumont, but by Monday morning we realized that just as much mission work would be done in our own sleeping quarters. We roomed with five students from Western New England University, none of which were passionate followers of Christ. Western New England University offered this trip to interested students as an alternative to the normal “drunk on a beach” spring break trip that many college students are accustomed to. All nine of us roomed together for the next six nights, and it became clear that our outlook on matters of faith and life differed greatly. We knew almost nothing about life and culture in Massachusetts and they knew almost nothing about life in Nebraska.

During the time of our stay we had several opportunities to talk with them about our faith in Jesus Christ and why we believe what we believe. Some were not very interested in our religion at all, but one student in particular named Charles, who at first was most vocal about not bringing up religion, ended up being the one who was most interested in our discussions on faith by the time we left. We hope that our time together showed them through both word and deed what it means to love Jesus and follow Him passionately.

On Monday morning, we gathered together in the cathedral normally used for Spanish worship services, which they had turned into a kitchen/cafeteria. It was there that we were made breakfast and dinner by Mennonites who were working with Operation Blessing as food prep servers. Each morning we would eat breakfast, pack a sandwich for lunch, then group together outside to find out where we were going and what kind of work we would do for that day.

Our first task on Monday morning was to help a music school move and relocate to a less damaged part of the city. When we arrived at the music school all of the music equipment had already been moved from their old location to a storage center next to their new location. We were tasked with moving pianos, guitars, music stands, and the like from the storage facility to their new location. On this day in Beaumont they set a record for the hottest day in history, 87 degrees in the middle of March. It took us about three or four hours to get them all set up and ready for the day. Much work still needed to be done but they could at least get music lessons started again.

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The next day we were assigned a house in Port Arthur, about two minutes south of Beaumont, that had been badly damaged by the flood. We arrived with hammers, crowbars, work gloves, shovels, and masks. We spent five hours at this house tearing out a bathtub filled with mold and knocking down the first layer of sheet rock that also had about five feet of mold creeping up the wall. Samonia, the owner of the house, spent a great deal of time showing us pictures of her home when it was under almost seven feet of water. Her car was parked in the driveway but the water was so high you could only see a tiny bit of the roof.

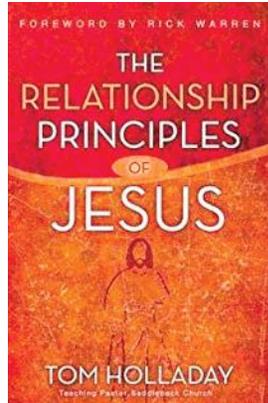
Our remaining days in Texas would be spent across the street in Port Arthur at Gereá's house, who is Samonia's sister. Much of their family had lived in Port Arthur for many generations. Gereá's house had such bad damage and mold from the flood that we had to take the house down to its bare bones. We spent roughly sixteen



hours total at her house taking out two bathtubs, an entire kitchen, built in cabinets, six feet of drywall in every room and a toilet. We piled up everything outside of her house in a ditch next to the street where a big truck would come and pick everything up. We were blessed by the help of her grandson who worked with us in gutting the house. At the end of our time there, late Friday afternoon, we had the chance to pray with that family before heading back to Beaumont. We prayed for them and they prayed for us and it was one of the most powerful prayers I've ever been a part of.

All of the families we worked with in Texas were fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. We were a blessing to them and they were a blessing to us.

Our time spent in Beaumont showed us that the disasters we see on the news happen to real people, with real lives, and real families. Sometimes its easy to forget that these events are real because we are so far removed from the situation. These events were real and we had the chance to be a small, yet impactful, part in putting a city back together. Here we were, almost ten months after hurricane Harvey made landfall, and there was still so much to be done. Let us never forget the words of Paul, *"As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people."*



"If I asked you what your #1 goal in life is, what would be your answer?"

Your answer would reveal your dominant life value. Everyone has a dominant life value, whether they realize it or not. You have one. It's what you unconsciously base your decisions on." (Rick Warren, author of *The Purpose Driven Life*.)

In his foreword to *"The Relationship Principles of Jesus"* by Tom Holladay, Rick Warren states that "God tells us our dominant value is love."

The author's intent is to provide us with new hope in our relationships with friends, spouses, relatives, and others.

This book is set up to provide the reader with insight into the following six principles of relationships:

- 1) Place the Highest Value on Relationships
- 2) Love as Jesus Loves You
- 3) Communicate from the Heart
- 4) As You Judge, You Will be Judged
- 5) The Greatest are the Servants
- 6) Treat Others as You Want Them to Treat You

Author, Tom Holladay, is a teaching pastor at Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California.

Spiritual Correspondence

by Jana Prescott



Playing games. Do you have any games you enjoy playing? How about games you enjoy playing because you win? I've seen a fun game where every Friday, people play this dice game, they each roll, and the winner is the person who gets the highest dice roll. And they each bet a whole quarter, but there's always a chance that they could tie. Mostly it's just a fun way to end

the week. Do you have any fun games like that: games where you can play and have fun, but nobody really loses? How about a game with Jesus? Have you ever invited Jesus into a game your playing? Like, let's see, the game of life? I bet Jesus would really like to play that game with anyone willing to invite Him in. So why don't we all continue to live our lives with Him playing? We win our goal if we keep Jesus in charge of our game.



At West Hills, we are a congregation that "loves children into the kingdom of God." With every baptism, we reaffirm our commitment to this crucial (God-given) desire to "teach the children, so the next generation would know..." our awesome God. (Psalm 78). Research and scripture agree that the family is the primary source of

spiritual formation in children. As a church, it is our desire to equip and partner with families as they pursue this life-changing calling. One vital place we can support, equip, and encourage parents and children on their journey is in worship on Sunday mornings.

You may have noticed the recent addition of children's worship resource centers in the Geneva Lounge. As parents invite their children to learn to worship alongside them, we offer some tools to help:

- colorful sheets for children to make notes, write questions, and draw what they see and hear in worship
- Children's bulletins that correspond to the scripture reading for that day
- small bags of quiet items to keep children's hands occupied while their minds are engaged with the sermon
- You may also have noticed a new pew card which has a few tips to help parents teach their children to worship. If you have children or grandchildren, read on below for some thoughts to make parenting in the pew a powerful part of your family's growth in the Lord. If you don't have children or grandchildren, read on below for some thoughts as to how you can support families as we all obey God's command to help the next generation know Him.

Parents and Grandparents:

- Remember that children are an important part of the Body of Christ. When they are part of the worshipping community, they learn how to worship, and they also remind others in worship what the Body of Christ looks like. Bringing your children to worship is a gift to everyone, and especially to God.
- Teaching a child to worship is very different than forcing a child to sit silently, bored in the pew. You may need to have whispered conversations to give them specific things to watch or listen for. The goal is to help them to learn to actively worship God.
- Encourage them to participate in worship at their level (singing, praying, passing the offering plate, drawing pictures of the stories in sermon).
- Follow up at home with questions about the scripture, sermon, music, prayer requests, mission partners and church announcements. This helps them understand that they are part of this church. They are a VITAL part!
- Pray at home for those concerns mentioned in the service.
- Encourage them to bring their Bible or use a pew Bible to follow along. Help beginning readers to follow along, and encourage little ones to open and look at a Bible story book.
- Communion is a family decision. At West Hills, ALL are invited

to the Lord's Table. The time line is up to the parents. An interactive family communion class is offered annually.

- If your children's actions or voices become disruptive to those around you, the cry room and Geneva Lounge are available for you to continue working with your child during the rest of the worship service. Children in preschool or younger are welcome in the nursery during the 9:00 service if needed.
- Keep trying. There will be good days and tough days, but with persistence, families will have the joy of helping their children give God the worship and glory He alone deserves. While your children will be growing in understanding, the Lord will also bless you with transformation as you enter into this, too! And remember – the sermons are available on the website if you aren't able to catch it all the first time ☺

Congregation members:

- When a baby is baptized, we pledge to help the parents as they nurture their children's faith. When parents bring their children into the sanctuary to worship with our church family, we have the joy of putting this pledge into action. Here are some practical ways you can do this:
 - Greet the parents and children with a warm smile.
 - Try not to distract the children with waves and games during the service if their parents are trying to teach them how to give this hour to God and Him alone.
 - Please encourage the parents and children by telling them if they have blessed you by worshipping together. Please don't tell them if they haven't; consider an encouraging word if they have persevered through a hard morning.
- If the children are disruptive, please remember that the parents are doing their best to live out Deuteronomy 6:7. Some weeks are harder than others, but persistence will eventually yield mature worshippers in our children, and that is part of our faith community's call to live out Psalm 78.
- As a congregation, we can effectively welcome guests with children when they can see that children are a deeply valued part of our worshipping body.
- Rejoice that children are a part of the Body of Christ. When they are part of the worshipping community, they are learning how to worship, but they are also a beautiful expression of the diversity in the Body of Christ to all of us. Enjoy this time together, and the chance to invest in families!
- Encourage families as they train up their children. Children will have good days and tough days, but with persistence, our West Hills family will have the joy of helping these children give God the worship and glory He alone deserves. While the children in our midst will be growing in understanding, the Lord will also bless you with transformation as you abide with them. And remember – the sermons are available on the website if you aren't able to catch it all the first time ☺

For further reading:

Parenting in the Pew by Robbie Castleman
Focus on the Family's Parents' Guide to the Spiritual Growth of Children
Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions by George Barna



STRAWBERRY-PRETZEL SALAD

You might like to celebrate Spring with this wonderfully delicious Strawberry Pretzel Salad. Anyone who has ever tasted this salad will have a hard time not going back several times for extra servings. It is so refreshing and it will be the hit of any meal. This is sometimes served as a dessert.

INGREDIENTS:

2 and 2/3 cups of pretzels broken into small pieces
 3 T. white sugar
 3/4 cup margarine or butter, melted



Mix:

Sugar and margarine together, then add broken pretzels and mix again. Press mixture into a 9" x 13" pan (glass or metal) Bake 10 minutes at 350 ° Cool

Mix together:

1 cup of sugar
 1 8 oz. package cream cheese
 1 small tub of cool whip
 When thoroughly mixed with beaters, put into refrigerator for an hour, then spread over pretzel mixture.

Mix:

1 - 6 oz. package of strawberry jello with 2 cups boiling water. Add one 16 oz. package of frozen strawberries, either whole or cut in half. Chill this mixture until partially set and pour over cheese and pretzel mixture. Chill overnight.

Have a Recipe to Share?

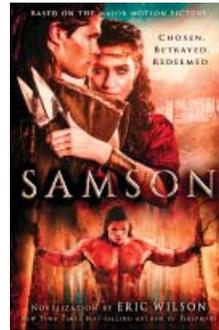
With both parents working these days it's difficult to come up with a healthy dinner after work.

Do you have a recipe for an easy-to-prepare meal?

Please send your recipes to Maralee Gifford:

giffordgr@msn.com

In the subject line please put "Recipe for Newsletter.w" (she will know it is a safe to open)



A new movie based on the life of "Samson" opened in theaters across the country on Friday, February 16.

Pure Flix Entertainment, the makers of "Samson", are also responsible for bringing us such recent films as, "Woodlawn," "God is Not Dead," and "The Case for Christ."

The movie is based on the biblical epic of a powerful man God chose to deliver Israel. Samson's incredible strength and at times impulsive decisions, made his life difficult under the watchful eyes of the Philistines.

Samson is eventually not only captured but blinded by his enemies. He later calls upon God again to return his strength, and with his blindness, brings a final victory for God.

According to a review in Variety, "Despite the limitations of their obviously limited budget, the makers of "Samson" strive mightily to provide the scope and sweep of an Old Hollywood biblical epic while offering their take on the classic tale about a mighty hero who falls from grace after a tonsorial malfunction."

In addition to this 2018, movie on the life of Samson, a play was written and produced in 1908, and seven films released between the years of 1914, and 1961 all based on his life.



The new movie "Paul, Apostle of Christ" is brought to the screen by the Affirm Label of Sony pictures. Affirm is the company which previously gave us, "Heaven is for Real," "Soul Surfer," and "Risen."

This new movie focuses on the book "Acts of the Apostles" in the New Testament.

It is Rome 67 AD, and Paul is currently in Mamertine prison awaiting execution while Luke, the physician, having recently returned from the Greek Islands, is attempting to save and rebuild Christian communities.

It is Luke's goal to write a book which will chronicle the beginning of what will become known as the "church." He visits Paul determined to record the apostle's last words. Paul insists on following the "Greatest Commandment," "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and the greatest commandment. The second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39

The movie offers flashbacks of Paul's prior life as Saul the "persecutor of Christians" and how everything changed for him on the road to Damascus.

Actor William Faulkner is Paul and Jim Caviezel plays Luke. Caviezel portrayed Christ in the 2004 film, "Passion of the Christ."

The movie which opened on March 23, grossed over \$5 million on its opening weekend recouping its budget .

After The Past Has Passed by Les Peterson, Stephen Minister to Deacons

Here is a question that I struggle with and would like to share my thoughts. The question is: Are you living in the past and/or has life passed you by? And, what do you do after the past has passed.

Some people tell me that I live in the past. They tell me this because I like old things. I like to find old toys that I played with as kid, I like old tractors, old barns, and classic trucks. These things bring back great memories of growing up on the family farm. Many of us 'Baby Boomers' are interested in those things also. That was my generation, however, our "millennial" sons are not concerned with what they had in the past, they grew up in the virtual world of video games, paperless homework, e-mail receipts, and sign for things with an electronic signature. I am sure that is why their cursive signature is not very legible, but wow, can they make a computer keyboard or screen on their phone move at the speed of light.

Another reason that I am living in the past is that I enjoy looking at old pictures of our family. The family I grew up with, family through the generations, and my family today. These pictures bring back great memories. Everyone says that our kids grow up too fast. Really, that is not possible, we all age at the same rate. I would agree that the time we spend with them as they grow older is less. But we have technology to stay in touch all the time. We share pictures in real time.

I think you can agree that we use pictures to document our lives. All of us don't sit down and write an autobiography. We depend on pictures or videos and of course, our memory of what has been shared with us from those that have gone before us.

We use pictures to make videos to share at wedding receptions, we prepare books of pictures of those school years for viewing at graduation parties, when we retire from our career, and we display them on picture boards at funerals as a pictorial history of how our loved one lived their life.

We do this to connect us to that person's life. Connect to those joining two separate lives together as one through marriage, raising our children into adulthood, retiring from a place we worked most of our adult life, or sharing the life story of the loved one who has passed away. I think it is our way of reminding us of where we have been and where we are headed on life's journey.

The past is also something that I reflect on and that can bring up many questions. The "What if" questions. What if I would have finished College, not quit playing football, not quit those piano lessons? What if I had taken that job?

Or some tougher "what if questions." What if, I had asked that person to come to church with me, if I could help, if I had told them "thank you?" or "I am proud of them and I love them very much." Hope you would agree that these are the questions we should not be asking, we should be communicating these to people now. Not what if, instead say these things:

Please come to church with me today, I can help you with that new idea, thank you, Deena, for being our Interim Pastor. Or, for me, as a father of two young men, Son, I am so proud of what you have accomplished, I love you very much.

Please don't let these opportunities pass you by.

So, as I struggle with these questions, I turned to scripture for some answers. The Bible provides us verses that talk about past, passed, and after.

2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

1 John 2:17 "And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever."

Matthew 24:35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62)

It is this verse Luke 9-62 that I can't get out of my mind. We studied it during the sermon series "Journey to Jerusalem." This makes it clear that we are not to look back but move ahead into the future where God's Kingdom awaits.

So, am I living in the past and/or has life passed me by? The answer is that I am a sinner and when told not to look back, I probably will, but I will try to live in the present, take advantage of opportunities to say what I should, and look toward the future, focus on the cross and the Kingdom of God.

What about you, are you living in the past and/or has life passed you by? You can turn to scripture and I would encourage you to do that, but what if you still have questions after the past has passed. Well, what if you were to ask for help?

I am sure you know that West Hills has trained Stephen Ministers that are ready to help.

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the "After People."

- Stephen Ministers are there;
- after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- after the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, there's nothing more we can do."
- after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away and the house suddenly seems empty.
- after the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed. www.stephenministries.org

After sharing joys and concerns it is announced that a Stephen's Minister is available in the quiet room after the service. We are there for you every Sunday. If Sunday is not the time, it may be after one of the life events listed above. All you need to do is ask and we are ready to listen since that is what we are trained to do. You can also be assured that the conversation is confidential.

Our Stephen's Ministers look forward to listening to you. Wayne Moore@402-330-5195, Gloria Zinn@402-393-5195 or Les Peterson@402-740-5662.

Road Trips by John O'Donovan, Elder for Personnel

Like so many of you, Marcia and I have made many road trips in our married life. Some were longer than others, some have been for work, some for fun. We have driven across the country from Virginia to and from the desert of California a couple of times, we have made the drive from the East coast to Nebraska and Colorado too many times to count. We have driven on the left side of the road in Europe and Japan. We have traveled with our children and later with their families on vacation. We have made road trips between duty stations in the military, on college visits, to visit friends, celebrate weddings and bid final farewells.

We love to travel, we love road trips, we love being together in a car. We know each other well, we have grown to understand the signals that tell us when one of us needs to stop. We are a well oiled and tuned team, each with specific duties on these trips. From the time we start preparing to take a trip until we pull back into the driveway at home we intuitively know what is going to happen, who does what, where we are going, how far we will travel each day and what we will see. We have become low maintenance, seat of the pants road trippers. It works for us now. That has not always been the case.

When we had children at home there were four people whose needs had to be considered. Work and school schedules constrained our ability to be free wheeling and carefree in our travels. We found that the needs of children and adult travelers are simply different. We had a different perspective on travel than our children did. We had more patience and the ability to understand time and distance. We knew that stopping every 20 minutes just added to the length of the trip. And, after our first trip with a child who could talk we were bombarded with, "Are we there yet?" and "How long until we're there?" and "Where are we?." These questions are ageless and are passed genetically from one generation to the next. I'll bet Moses had to answer the same questions thousands of times.

When I think of travel from a child's perspective, I think of the view they have from their seat, sometimes they can only see the tops of the trees and cannot see what is ahead or beside the car. Not only is it difficult for small children to see where they are going on a trip, it is hard for them to have a perspective; "another 2 hours or another 150 miles" has little meaning to them.

Parents have found ways to entertain their children, or better yet to engage them in the trip by having them keep a journal, find events en route, talk about what they anticipate seeing and doing or what they have enjoyed about the trip.

But, this isn't about road trips or even about Moses or anyone who have experienced road trips or travel. This is about a journey. This is about the journey we are on as a church.

Much like the questions asked by kids in a car, or the Jews in the desert we all are asking questions, "When will we get a new senior pastor?" "How long will this take?" "Where are we headed?" and "When will we have a PNC?" These are all valid questions. There is also an air of impatience and a strong desire to "get on with it."

This journey is not one that we can take as freewheeling, carefree travelers. This is a journey that requires prayerful and careful planning. It is a trip across time that requires careful planning and consideration



of who we are and who we want to be as we fulfill the mission that God has set out for us. It is all about God's plan for this church.

By now, each of you should have had the opportunity to complete the "CAT" survey. Completion of that is the first step in "getting on with it." We are not the same church that we were the last time we searched for an installed pastor. Because of that we need to understand ourselves, be able to express that vision to potential pastors and be clear and united about what we want to be in the future as we fulfill our role in God's plan for this church.

The CAT survey is the basis for a Mission Study which lays the groundwork for the West Hills Church ministerial information form which tells who we are, where we are and where we want to be; it is a critical part of the search for our next installed pastor.

The CAT survey results will not only be used by the PNC as they develop the ministerial information form but will be used by the Church Planning Group (CPG) and Session as we lay out the details of a future vision and the road map to get us there.

Like a family on a road trip we can either be invested, interested and engaged in this journey or we can be a passenger along for the ride. It would be easy to sit back and watch as the Session, a PNC and the Church Planning Committee shape West Hills Church. But, that's not how we do it as Christians and as members of the community of believers in this Church.

At West Hills Church we step up and offer our time, talent, support and prayer in all that we do. I am challenging each of us to actively participate as we make this journey. We are all going to the same destination, not all of us can steer, not all of us will have the perspective to set the course; but all of us, every single one of us, can contribute. God has blessed us and given each of us an awesome set of responsibilities and gifts. It is up to each of us to use our gifts to fulfill our promise to God and to our community of believers.

Here are some of the things that I ask each of us to do as we participate in moving West Hills forward:

- Talk to Session and the CPG members about your concerns and your ideas for the future of our church
- Stay informed — attend Deena's quarterly information meetings
- Volunteer, be part of our "Volunteer Ministry" — we have dozens of needs for time and talent, from working with our children in Sunday School and VBS to maintaining our beautiful facility
- Pray for God's guidance on how you can serve as we move forward. We will be seeking members to serve on the PNC. The time to pray about your calling to that role is now.
- The same is true as we seek people to serve in all the roles we fill around this Church, Deacons, Session membership, mission volunteers, etc
- Pray, Pray, Pray

For us to be open to and accept God's will in His time.
That God blesses the PNC and guides them in their work.
That God guides a candidate with a heart for this church and His mission for West Hills to us.
To trust God in all that we do

Nifty at 90 Years!



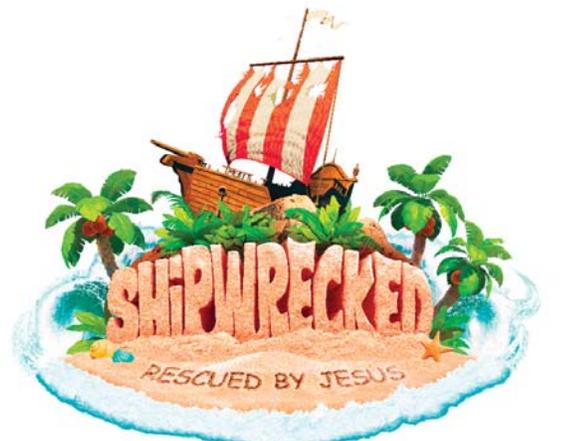
For many years a group of West Hills members, some of whom are Charter Members, have gathered together to celebrate their birthdays. This year was no exception, but held a special meaning since the group of five, Cleo Snyder, Minnie Briggs, Darlene Burham, Jean Andersen and Pat King all celebrated their **ninetieth year**. They met at Westgate Assisted Living, where Minnie and Darlene live, and feasted on Chinese food and angel food cake with strawberries and cool whip.

These long-time friends have so many memories to share when they meet, but Pat King said some of their conversation topics have changed over the years. "In the past we didn't talk about walkers and hearing aids as much as we did this time!" Minnie laughed and said, "When I reached ninety years, I went south!" She wasn't talking about a destination on the map. However, she also shared that with age she has gained more "insight and knowledge about so many things." Her love for God and the Word "really increased as I aged." Minnie also said she was more thankful for things, "especially being able to live at Westgate Assisted Living and having everything done for you."

From the look on their faces in the picture you can see they are grateful for one another and the many years of friendship that have held them close together. Congratulations to each of you, and many more years of celebration.

West Hills Vacation Bible School

June 24-28 (Sunday-Thursday evenings)



Register NOW!

<http://www.whcomaha.org/next-gen/children/vbs-registration-page>

Science & Bible

Did you know that Noah's Ark had perfect dimensions?

In Genesis 6:15, God instructed Noah to build an ark that was 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high.



This is a ratio of 30 to 5 to 3 (length to breadth to height). Until about 1858, the ark was the largest floating ship ever created. In terms that we understand better, the ark was about 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. In 1844, a man named Isambard K. Brunnel built his giant ship, the Great Britain. He used almost the exact ratio of the ark—30:5:3. As it turns out, these dimensions are the perfect ratio for a huge boat built for seaworthiness and not for speed.

What is more, shipbuilders during World War II used approximately the same ratio to build a ship known as the S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien (one of a group of ships known as the Liberty Ships, which were referred to as "the ugly ducklings")—a barge-like boat built to carry tremendous amounts of cargo, just like the ark.

Keep in mind, God told Noah the ideal dimensions for the ark 4,500 years ago.

TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

1. Who was David's best friend? A) Abner B) Samuel C) Nathan D) Jonathan.
2. Who let David down through a window so he could escape from Saul? A) Jonathan B) Jesse C) Michael D) Eliab
3. Who brought David before Saul with Goliath's head in his hand? A) Abner B) Jonathan C) Nathan D) Samuel
4. What two men did Samuel anoint as kings of Israel? A) Abner and David B) Saul and David C) Saul and Joab D) David and Jeremiah
5. Who grabbed the edge of Samuel's robe so he wouldn't leave, and it tore in his hand? A) David B) Jesse C) Eli D) Saul
6. What was the name of Goliath's hometown? A) Garazeth B) Garth C) Philistine D) Gath
7. Which tribe in Israel did Saul come from? A) Benjamin B) Judah C) Reuben D) Joseph
8. In what city was David anointed king by the men of Judah? A) Bethel B) Bethlehem C) Carmel D) Hebron
9. Which prophet gave David a promise from God that his kingdom would endure forever? A) Nathan B) Samuel C) Jeremiah D) Elijah
10. Which of David's sons tried to defeat him and take over his throne? A) Solomon B) Kileab C) Absalom D) Amnon



(Answers found on the last page.)



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MARCH Session *notes*

**ANSWERS
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- 1. D 6. D
- 2. C 7. A
- 3. A 8. D
- 4. B 9. A
- 5. D 10. C

The Session held their regular monthly meeting in April discussing the following items:

- Discussed ways for better stewardship of volunteers.
- Designated the first Sunday of each month will be Name Tag Sunday.
- Session voted to approve the formation of an ad hoc committee to review and update the by-laws of the West Hills Corporation.
- Next GEN will be rolling out the Child Protection Policy.
- Reported that on Sunday, April 15, 2018 the Confirmation Breakfast with students and family was held during the 9:00 am Service hour and the confirmation of 3 students was completed during the 10:30 Service.
- The Men's steering committee has been formed and their next meeting is scheduled.
- There will be a Caregiving Event in Geneva Lounge on April 29, 2018.
- Servant Sunday will be on May 6, 2018.
- The budget for the Nursery Coordinator has been approved.
- The Church Planning Committee added members and will dove tail with CAT.

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| Kathy Cordes | Westgate |
| Patti Gatzke | Spiritual Formation |
| Don Glasgow | Building |
| Lisa Harrison | Nominating |
| Mark Hawkins | Worship & Music |
| Mike Kelley | Stewardship |
| Jane Loeck | Caregiving |
| John O'Donovan | Personnel |
| Jack Pagel | Next Gen-Children's |
| Peg Shirley | Mission |
| Dan Travaille | Support/Finance |
| Julie Zimmerman | Next Gen-Youth |



First Sunday of each month.

Services: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Nursery: 8:45a-11:30a

Kids Church: 10:30-11:30a

Jr./Sr. High SS: 10:30-11:30a

May

* denotes meets weekly

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
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Happy Birthday to ...

MAY

1-Deena Candler
Doris Edwards
2-Ed Leach
Mary McGuire
Tristan Travaille
3-Mary Christensen
Cheryl Havekost
Ladonna Wagner
Haley Wohlgemuth
4-Mark Nichols
Dan O'Reilly
5-Lisa Backer
Adam DeHaven
Callie Freeman
6-Johnny McClaren
JoAnn Tate
9-Joshua Enholm
Tracy Vanhessche
10-Dean Johnson
Tysen Sunderman
11-Paul Bates
12-Pam Thomas
Liz Williams
13-Erika Hanna
Kaelyn Sorenson
14-Michael Dryver
Katie Graves
15-Steve Adams
Anne Peterson
Ellie Sadler

16-Zachary Morgan
Riley Rief
Payton Roberts
Steven Scott
17-Todd Carlson
Bridget Jacobsen
18-Carrie Alexander
Caleb Johnson
Milla Papenfuss
Gloria Zinn
19-Samuel Bergman
Cheryl Miller
20-Reece Gifford
Brett Miller
Esther Miller
21-Tom Johnson
22-Ellie Northouse
Barb Spiecker
Debbie Wagaman
23-Paul Cook
Wendi Meyer
Jack O'Dell
Monica Thompson
24-William Anderson
Kaitlin Bates
Pam Culek
Martin Kurtz
25-Matt Huck
Deb O'Reilly
26-William Bailey
Kaylee Bisailon
Peyton Saar
Joyce Vana
Reid Zimmerman
Spencer Zimmerman

27-Patti Pryor
28-Grace Burns
Isabel Cady-Orso
Pat Overby
29-Jean Andersen
Matt Chesire
Judy Gardella
Jon Thompson
30-Finn Christensen
Ty Christensen
Hanna Leslie
Hanna Leslie
Betty Manna
Delaney Marine
Steve Seyler
Jenny Wilkins
31-Lillian Cross
Henrik Hanna
Jim Porter
Kyle Thorberg

JUNE

1-Beth Anderson
Isaiah Miller
Kim Sedivy
Ryan Turner
2-Debra Chadwick
3-Gabriella Minahan
4-Amanda Everhart
Rhona Yetts
5-Everly Hanna



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