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The View From Here

by Pastor Pam

Occasionally, I will stumble on a story that is just too good to pass up and better than anything I might have to share at the moment. This month, I want to share with you an experience that Joseph Stowell tells in his new book called, "Jesus Nation." Maybe it will inspire you in your own efforts to be a Bible person and demonstrate the greatness of Jesus through your life.

Every day there are opportunities for each of us to reach out to others to demonstrate the excellencies of Jesus. There are family members, colleagues at work, and strangers that happen to intersect the trajectory of our lives who are waiting to be touched by a [follower of Jesus]. In fact, my recommendation is that you plan to commit one intentional act of [goodness] every day just to stay in shape.

It was six o'clock in the morning, and I had just finished my early run. As I passed the local Starbucks, I decided to stop in and get a couple cups of our favorite lattes and take them home to [my wife], who would be waking up. Since the café had just opened, there was only one other person in line in front of me. But it wasn't your ordinary wait-in-line-for-coffee drill. The guy in front of me was in a tense argument with the clerk. In loud and no uncertain terms, the customer was complaining that all he wanted was the copy of the *New York Times* that he was holding in one hand while he was waving a fifty-dollar bill in the other. The fight was over the fact that the clerk did not have enough change yet to break the fifty-dollar bill, which made it impossible for him to sell the paper.

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It dawned on me that this was an early morning opportunity to commit one intentional act of [goodness] by demonstrating the excellence of the generous spirit of Jesus. So I said to the clerk, "Hey, put the paper on my bill; I'll buy it for him." This immediately defused the tension, and the grateful *New York Times* guy walked away saying, "Thanks a lot. All I have is yours!" Which evidently did not include the fifty-dollar bill.

To my surprise, when the barista handed me my coffee, he said, "Mister, that was a really nice thing for you to do. This world would be a lot better place to live if more people were like you." What he didn't know was that if he really knew me, he probably wouldn't say that.

His comments caught me totally off guard, and I knew that I could say something at that point that would point the glory upward...but nothing came. So I made some self-deprecating remark and walked out, haunted that I had missed a great opportunity to glorify God. As I was walking down the sidewalk, it came to me. I should have said, "Well, this world would not be a better place if more people were like me. But it would be a better place if more people were like Jesus, because he taught me how to do that."

I turned around to go back and tell him that, only to remember that by the time I left there was a line waiting for coffee. It didn't seem to me that it would be a great idea to break into the line and make a religious speech. My only conclusion was the thought that I was wearing my Moody Bible Institute hat. So I prayed that he would have

noticed my hat. That he would always remember that Bible people do things like that, and that the world would be a better place if there were more Bible people around.



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NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Three new members were received into our church on Aug. 30. **Chris and Janine Dates**, who have been attending worship here for the past two years, were received by transfer from another United Methodist church. The Dates live at 406 S. Seven Hills Road in O'Fallon. Phone: 624-8718

Also received into membership on that day was **Nicole Clay**, who joined on profession of faith. Nicole joined our congregation after being baptized during our July 26 Sunday worship service.

Her home address is 11949 Starr Road, Trenton, IL 62293. Phone: 772-9567 Email: nmcswic@hotmail.com

Welcome to all of you!

Challenge to Close the Income Gap

In response to a direct challenge, the congregation has kicked in an additional \$72 thus far toward wiping out the existing gap between income and expenses. An anonymous donor has offered to help us as a congregation to eliminate the ongoing deficit by the end of the year. For every four dollars that are given beyond your regular offering through the end of the year, the donor will contribute another dollar up to a maximum of \$1,000. All money collected goes to the general fund.

In order to ensure that your extra giving gets counted toward this challenge, please label it on your offering envelope as deficit reduction. Or, write a separate check and label it as deficit reduction.

Greeters

- October 4* *Please volunteer to take the Knight's Sunday*
- October 11* *Laurel Peterson & Chelsea Lehr*
- October 18* *Carol Bequette & Ruth Chaput*
- October 25* *Paul & Doris Pratt*

- November 1* *Larry & Pam Buck*

Liturgists

- October 4 & 11* *Jerry Bequette*
- October 18 & 25* *George Mason*
- November 1 & 8* *Larry Buck*

Lawn Mowing

- October 4* *Jerry Bequette*
- October 11* *Kyle Marshall*
- October 18* *Michael Witte*
- October 25* *Larry Buck*
- November 1* *George Mason*



Girl Scout Meetings

The local girl scouts will be once again using our fellowship hall for their meetings, which are typically held two Fridays a month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dates they will be meeting the rest of the year are Oct. 15 and 30, Nov. 13 and Dec. 4. Next year's meeting times will be announced when available.

Flu Shots Offered by Health Department

The Clinton County Health Department will be offering seasonal flu shots (not for the swine flu) on Mondays through Fridays between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and between 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 1. Cost of the vaccine is \$30 for county residents and \$35 for out of county residents. Senior citizens who are covered by Medicare Part B must bring their cards and Medicare will be billed. No appointments are necessary. Walk-ins only at the health department located at 930A Fairfax Street in Carlyle.

Lower Your Energy Costs

If you have not had your home weatherized by the BCMW since 1994 you may be eligible to have the BCMW perform an energy audit and make some energy savings improvements to your home. You may qualify if a household member receives SSI, LIHEAP financial assistance from public aid, AABD or if the household income does not exceed the following limits:

# in Household	Annual Income
1	\$21,660
2	\$29,140
3	\$36,620
4	\$44,100

Renters also may obtain help without any cost to the landlord. For more information, call 526-7123.



COME CHECK OUT OUR NEW BOOK!

90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper - This amazing true story is one you won't want to miss! Once you start reading, you won't be able to put it down.

After a devastating car accident, Baptist minister Don Piper is pronounced dead at the scene. During the next ninety minutes, he remembers hearing beautiful music, meeting those who had a spiritual impact in his life, and experiencing deep peace - until suddenly he is brought back to life on earth through another minister's prayer. Afterward, his faith in God is severely tested as he faces an uncertain and grueling recovery.

If you've ever wondered what heaven is like or struggled to face a difficult challenge in life, this book will give you hope and encouragement to face whatever life may bring.

90 Minutes in Heaven is available to check out at church, and can be found in the book rack at the sanctuary entrance. To borrow it or any other materials, please fill out the sign out sheet located on the book rack. When you are finished, please return the materials promptly and sign them back in, so that others may use them.



Pancake Breakfast

October 17, 2009
6:30 – 10:00 am



Please come join us....your help is welcome!



Calendar & Events

October 2009

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

- September 30 7:00 pm Finance Meeting
- October 1 7:00 pm Choir
- October 2 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Rummage Sale
- October 3 8:00 am – 2:00 pm Rummage Sale
- October 4 8:00 am Praise Team
7:00 pm Youth Group
- October 6 7:00 pm Trustees
- October 7 UMM Pulled Pork Event
NO FINANCE MEETING
- October 8 7:00 pm Choir
- October 11 8:00 am Praise Team
11:45 am Chime Choir
7:00 pm Youth Group
- October 13 7:00 pm Administrative Council
- October 15 7:00 pm Choir
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Girl Scouts
- October 17 6:30 am – 10:00 am Pancake Breakfast
- October 18 8:00 am Praise Team
11:45 am Chime Choir
7:00 pm Youth Group
- October 20 7:00 pm UMW
- October 22 7:00 pm Choir
- October 25 8:00 am Praise Team
11:45 am Chime Choir
7:00 pm Youth Group
- October 29 7:00 pm Choir

October Birthdays

- 2nd Marie Davis
- 4th Carol Ruth
- 10th Kimberly Ruth
- 21st Barb Wallace
- 25th Richard Sinkler III
- 28th Cole Thaler

October Anniversaries

- 7th Eugene & Pauline Laux
- 16th Dave & Pat Lewis
- 20th Jerry & Anita Peters
- 31st Allen & Donna Williams

