

From Pastor Zina Jacque

UNCOMMON COURAGE



Peter and Marinda James
(Zina's Paternal
Grandparents)

Courage is often defined as *the mental or moral strength to venture into, persevere, or withstand danger, fear, or difficulty.*

Throughout history, many men and women have been worthy of this title. The same is true throughout Biblical history. Joshua and Caleb were called to be courageous as they set out to investigate the land the Lord had given them. Esther, a woman in a man's world, needed much courage to face down her detractors and those who meant harm to her people. David, a shepherd boy, required courage as he faced the 9-foot-tall Goliath, alone. Possibly more courageous than any in our Biblical writ was Mary, the mother of Jesus. If scholars are correct, she was somewhere between 13 and 15 when she heard that she would be the bearer of the son of God. She needed to summon much courage.

The etymology of courage can be roughly understood as "what heart". Indeed, what heart. What heart it requires to take a stand unpopular to the masses, or to speak the truth when others would prefer silence. What heart it takes to make a difference when the easier path is to be still. Courage is an often-overlooked virtue, an often-underestimated asset, one which we could use more of in our world.

My grandfather was a courageous man. His image, along with my grandmother, adorns this page. My "Bigdad" raised his children in the early 1900's in Mississippi. He raised them to believe in God, and to believe in their power to make the world a different and a better place. His name is not recorded in any history book, on any plaque, or even in the county records still maintained in Jackson, MS. But the name of Peter James is recorded in the DNA and in the lives of my family members. Though he passed over 45 years ago, I am blessed to have a deep and lasting memory of sitting on his front porch and listening to him offer words of wisdom, words by which I live. These same words compel me to be courageous, and to believe in my power to make the world a better and a different place.

In the month that we celebrate Father's Day, I am honored to share a few of the sayings my grandfather shared with me.

WISDOM AND COURAGE FROM PETER JAMES

1. It is better to ask for forgiveness than permission.
2. The most honest person you know ought to be the one who looks back at you from the mirror.
3. There is often an answer and always an end to a thing, and you had better know the difference between the two.
4. There is only one unique you, complete and eternal in impact; I see, and therefore, I go.
5. Nothing ever was save it was first a dream.
6. Your dreams are the rungs on your ladder to success.
7. The same power that orders the heavens, orders your life, and the heavens are perfect.

JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

The Opportunity to Serve Reliably

Stu Overby, Moderator

Every day each of us places our confidence in many inanimate objects. In doing so, we have an inherent belief that these objects will act or operate as we have grown to expect. We get up in the morning and flip the light switch. There is an inherent expectation developed through many years of high reliability that the power will be on, and over 99% of the time, it is. This is the result of an entire power infrastructure designed and manned by many dedicated people of course, not just the switch on our walls.

Next, we may turn on the faucet, and there is an expectation clean water will pour out. I cannot think of a time at our home when that has not happened. As a frequent traveler, I wish that the automated soap dispensers and faucets in public restrooms would work as reliably as the manual ones at home.

I suspect you may have experienced this frustration as well. You stand in front of the public restroom sink and wave your hand to get a squirt of soap, and a stream of water from the faucet to wash your hands. Unfortunately, for some reason, these automated devices often do not work as intended and you have to move to another position at the sink and hope you can find ones that work. The regulation that most likely mandated such devices be installed to save water and minimize the soap that goes down the drain apparently did not adequately consider reliability and customer service as a requirement.



We each also have built-in expectations of how people will act. While relationships can include their own elements of frustration from time to time, most often we have our expectations met if we treat others the way we want to be treated.

As of June 1, I am entering my sixth year serving as Moderator of the CCB Church Council. It has been a rewarding experience, bolstered by the confidence which the congregation places in the members of the Council and Pastoral Relations Committee. Later in this newsletter, we include a chart showing the members of the CCB Church Council and Pastoral Relations Committee as approved by the voting members of CCB on April 30. In my experience, working with these dedicated volunteers, as well as ones who served in past years, it is clear they take very seriously the confidence you have placed in us and the responsibility to guide use of the resources God and the CCB congregation provide. Therefore, I believe your confidence is well placed in the Church Council and Pastoral Relations Committee.

Collectively, your confidence and input help keep the ideas and dedication flowing. I only wish the faucets at airports around the country would work as well!

Christian Education – Youth Perspectives- Things we want you to know.

Mission Trip Perspective submitted by senior, Hailey Campe

For me, mission trips are about giving back and giving to those who need it most. We have so much. When you give back to those who have nothing, you can really get away from this materialistic world. Besides changing someone's life, you also become so much closer to the people you go with. There is nothing more rewarding than going and giving people hope and a better future with people you consider family on mission trips. The friends you make will last forever and the people who were already your friends become your family. I would recommend everyone, at some point, go on a mission trip. You build the best relationships while giving back to those who need it most and deserve it the most. I promise you that you will leave with the biggest smile on your face. There is no experience quite like a mission trip.

Missions and Giving Back Perspective submitted by senior, Kira Krug

"I Believe in You." That is a motto to live by, because the lives we lead, no matter how much we may otherwise believe, are team efforts. No one completes their life alone. "I Believe in You" also comes on a pamphlet we youth reviewed together. The youth group at CCB has adopted 2 children. We have chosen as a group to sponsor a child from Lebanon and a child from Kenya financially this year, to give them a head start in their lives and to support them.

It might seem a little strange, but this is a helping hand these kids may never physically feel holding theirs, nor is it a smile they might ever see with their own eyes. So why go through the trouble, some ask. Why support someone you'll never meet? The short answer, because sometimes you have to take a leap of faith. The long answer is because we trust that what we do helps someone every day. We trust our collaborations in school will boost our grades and our partners! We trust that the work we do at our jobs will lead to making someone's life a little better or allow someone to go home with a paycheck. The better question is, why shouldn't we help other people when we have the opportunity and the resources to make that idea a possibility? Especially children, who will bring happiness to the generations that will take our place after we're long gone!



Awad's family fled from Syria and his father died there. He lives with relatives in a refugee settlement. Arabic is his favorite class and he likes basketball and soccer. Awad is 10 years old.

Joyce is an orphan whose parents both died after lengthy illnesses. She has a twin sister and 7 other siblings who lived with grandparents, but the house was unsafe and they were moved. She loves keeping her rabbits!

We looked at 5 children, and there are three left to adopt if you are willing.

You will never know when this situation could be your own. Giving however you can, whether financially or spreading word of opportunity to help people in your community or as distant from us as Joyce and Awad, it's easy and does a great deal of good. For us, that meant adopting 2 children, telling them from an ocean away, "I Believe in You."



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

S UMMER AND FALL 2017

The gift of learning is available to all at Community Church. The Christian Education department wishes to welcome and invite the adults of the church to take advantage of these upcoming opportunities to learn, grow, fellowship, and enjoy the study of our Christian faith.

SUMMER WEDNESDAYS – *An Altar in the World*

August Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:00 (except Potluck Wednesday, when we will meet at 7PM).

Join us as we gather to consider what it means to find God in the world. We will use the book by Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World*. We will meet in the soon-to-be-furnished adult meeting room parlor. Please purchase the book or find it in your local library. Sample copies of the first chapter are available on the Narthex counter.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES - *Through the Eyes of a Child*

In years past we have utilized children's books as a way of understanding the lessons of God's book, our Bible. Join us as we hear the words of amazing children's authors and open up the truths of God's word. The series will run all summer, beginning June 11th and concluding September 3rd. And if you have a favorite children's book, please let Pastor Zina know the title and author.

FALL SERMON SERIES (PART ONE AND PART TWO)

September 10th – October 15th

The Bible is a cohesive and comprehensive story. In fact, authors Bartholomew and Goheen suggest that the Bible can best be understood as a theatrical presentation in six acts. Join us, as together we plumb the text to understand the 6 acts and where we are in the play. The book that will guide us is *The Drama of Scripture: Finding Our Place in the Biblical Story*.

October 22nd – November 26th

Modern Books – Ancient Message.

As I have read a number of business, fiction, and poem books this spring, I have marveled at the presence of divine messages in secular books. Let's explore how we might see, test, and apply our faith using popular books and our knowledge of the Biblical writ. Books such as *Essentialism* (Greg McKeown), *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* (Rebecca Skloot), *The Help* (Kathryn Stockett), and *The Truth About You* (Marcus Buckingham), are on my list to consider and use.

FALL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

Ideas and suggestions are welcome as we consider what we might study when Sunday School resumes on September 10th.



**Here's the Way the Cookies Crumbled –
These Groups Will Benefit From Our Cookie Walk Dough!**

Case for Smiles \$750.00 Donation

Case for Smiles is a volunteer organization focused on making a child's hospital stay better by providing them with a special, whimsical, homemade pillowcase. In addition, in recent years, Case for Smiles has expanded their services to partner with organizations to help families negotiate the post-traumatic stress that can be connected to having a child fighting illness.

Northern Illinois Food Bank \$750.00 Donation

Northern Illinois Food Bank is the source of nutritious food, innovative feeding programs, and hope, for more than 71,500 people each week. As a nonprofit organization with a goal of solving hunger in a 13-county service area, the organization relies on community partners – the local food pantries and feeding programs, food manufacturers and retailers, companies, foundations, and individuals—to join in their vision for no one to be hungry in northern Illinois.

Project Mobility \$500.00 Donation

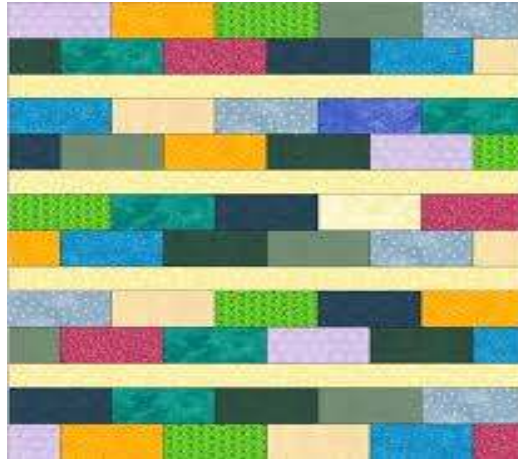
The mission of Project Mobility is to make a positive difference in the lives of children, adults, and wounded soldiers, with disabilities. The group provides services, resources, and equipment, needed to promote better health, independence, and the freedom of mobility, through adaptive cycling.

Community Closet \$500.00 Donation

The New Hope Christian Community Closet is familiar to CCB, as Beth Goldstein, our own Bunny and Steve Jahnke's daughter, manages the program. The Community Closet is a ministry of New Hope Christian Church in Round Lake Beach. Families with children are welcome to come to The Closet to receive support and an opportunity to "shop" with dignity. Families are able to choose from gently-used clothes, toys, and household goods, and may also pick up essentials such as diaper

Samaritan Counseling Center \$500.00 Donation

Four out of five people will have need for mental health care in their lifetimes. In our own community, the number of people who seek mental health care is climbing. Three years ago, Samaritan Counseling Center offered approximately 6,000 hours of therapy per year. In 2016, the Center provided over 9,000 hours of therapy, and the number of therapy hours for 2017 will continue to grow.



We're "Piecing Together" a Memory Quilt to Celebrate Our 170th Anniversary – Don't You Want to "Bee" a Part of It?

As part of the upcoming celebration for the 170th anniversary of the Community Church of Barrington, the Sacred Space Committee has begun work on an anniversary quilt.

We'll be offering current and former members the opportunity to literally sign their names to quilted "bricks" which will surround a lovely line drawing of the church. We hope to sell at least 100 bricks, and display the quilt in the Fellowship Hall at the 170th Anniversary Celebration in September.

Each brick will be \$25.00. Think about purchasing one for yourself or your family, as a memorial for a past member, or dedicate one for a special day – birthday, graduation, wedding anniversary - any celebration will work.

You may purchase a quilt brick after Sunday services throughout June and July – just look for the Sacred Space quilt table in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Just ask Jayne Majzan or Lynn Rice for more details on the quilt program.



**JOIN US
EACH 3rd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**

**Mark Your Calendars for
Tuesday, June 20, 2017**

**Location: To Be Announced
*We are changing venues to make
You more comfortable***

Friends and Fellow Adventurers of Our Storytelling World,

I am forever amazed how each Soul Stories event is transformed into this people oriented, God Blessed soul stirring evening. The power and excitement of human stories was palpable when we met on Tuesday, May 16th.

People saw themselves in the stories. People saw themselves outside the story looking in. They saw a snapshot of how each storyteller's life was changed and made anew. It was beauty, hope and love molded into stories of life. The stories made the evening a celebration of life.

Thank you to everyone who shared their stories during our first year. You have enriched our lives. You have changed our lives.

I have two things to ask of everyone: 1) Come and support our storytellers with your presence and just listen to life lived by others. 2) Be willing to share a story from your life. If you have a desire, to share a story and need help putting it together. Let me know. We will be glad to help you.

A big thank you to our Loving God who envelops us in his Love and Grace.

In Joy,
David Phinney



Pastor Zina took this picture of me of listening to my daughter, Nicole, telling a story.



Join us! Each Soul Stories evening is different. Each is a journey toward discovery. And, each unique gathering bears and offers its own powerful connection from soul to heart.



In 1847:

- The Mexican American War is underway.
- James K. Polk is president of the United States.
- Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell are born.
- The USPS issues its *first* stamp featuring G. Washington and B. Franklin.
- Brigham Young arrives in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- *Jane Eyre* is published.
- Frederick Douglass establishes the *Abolitionist Papers*.
- Jefferson Davis is *appointed* to the US Senate.
- Anna Howard Shaw is born (1st woman to graduate from Boston University School of Theology).
- AND Community Church of Barrington is established.

In 1847, electricity was an absolute luxury, cars were still 70 years in the future, and most heat was produced by coal that was shoveled into a basement and then into a furnace. The world was altogether different.

However, 20 intrepid souls from Dundee, Illinois, decided that the stop along the train, known as Barrington Station, deserved a church. And we, who worship on this corner, are the recipients of their wisdom, faith, hard work, and courage.

One hundred and seventy years ago they could not have imagined us, and we, beloved, cannot imagine the people who will occupy this corner 170 years from now, **in 2187**. But they had stories, and so do we.

As we think about our 170th anniversary, I would like to ask you for a favor. I am interested in collecting **our stories** so we can share them with those who will come, and who might like to know what who we are and what we cherish.

I would like each of you to use the enclosed card to write a short story of a meaningful moment in your life, brought about or enhanced by your association with CCB. The stories don't have to be long, but we want them to be true. We need at least 25 stories to make my "experiment" work. The cards offer you prompts to gather the lines of your story, but if you wish to write a free-form story, please feel free to do so. And if you would prefer to send your story by email, feel free to send it to ccbfour@sbcglobal.net. Please share your story, and look for a beautiful expression of them when we celebrate our anniversary on Sunday, September 24, 2017. I cannot wait to receive the gift of your stories.

June 2, Dave Pechan Birthday
 June 2, Marie Lane Birthday
 June 3, Cap Menes
 June 7, Betty & Don McLean Anniversary
 June 8, Carl Newman Birthday
 June 9, Jason Alton Birthday
 June 10, J. D. Grom Birthday
 June 14, Dave & Heloise Pechan Anniversary
 June 17, Lynn Rice Birthday
 June 17, Bunny & Steve Jahnke Anniversary
 June 19, Julian Roig Birthday
 June 22, Andre' Bell Birthday
 May 22, John Grom Birthday

June 23, Brook DeBartolo Birthday
 June 25, Heather McLean Birthday
 June 26, Sarah Dockery Birthday
 June 26, Susan Carsello Birthday
 June 29, Lillian Riddell



G.R.O.W. The ladies of GROW will meet on Thursday June 15th at the church. Please bring a sack lunch. Dessert, coffee and lemonade will be provided. All women of the church are invited.

POTLUCK! - Potluck will resume this month at our regular time at **6:00 p.m.** Please bring a dish to pass and share fellowship with terrific people! The date is June 14th. See you there!

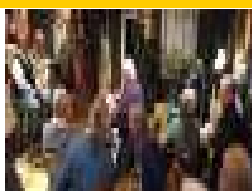


BETTY MITCHELL MEMORIAL SERVICE - On June 17th we will celebrate the life of Betty Mitchell, long time beloved member of Community Church. Visitation begins at 1:00 p.m. The Memorial Service will begin at 2:00 p.m. her at the church. A sign-up sheet for potluck desserts will be available in the Narthex.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at the church. This month they will meet on June 10th and 24th. All men of the church are welcome.

THE CCB BOOK CLUB –meets monthly at the church for stimulating book talk on the second Tuesday of each month. If you love to read and discuss what you've read, this group is for you. For more information on the reading list, see Jayne Majzan.



SOUL STORIES– Join us on Tuesday June 20th for our monthly Soul Story event at our new location Alley 59 on Main Street and Hough. We welcome you to share a story of your own. Just give us a call at the office or contact Dave Phinney. Whether you listen or share, Soul Stories is a wonderful way to spend an evening. Looking forward to seeing you!

June 2017

Summer Hours Begin 6-18. Office Closed on Mondays.

6-17-17 BETTY MITCHELL MEMORIAL 1:00 PM

Monthly Planner

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Fathers are wonderful people
Too little understood,
And we do not sing their **praises**
As often as we should...
But **FATHERS** are just wonderful
In a million different ways,
And they merit loving **compliments**
And accolade of praise,
For the only reason Dad aspires
To **fortune** and success
Is to make the family proud of him
And to bring them **HAPPINESS...**
And like our Heavenly Father,
He's a **guardian** and a guide,
Someone that we can count on
To be **always** on our side.

Happy Fathers Day