

Family Focus

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

A MAN NAMED BERT

When I recall my early teen years in a small church of about 75 people, my thoughts invariably go to the memory of a man named Bert. Bert Carter was just an ordinary guy with a wife and small children. Bert was a watchmaker by trade for a local jewelry store in Kirkwood, MO. But those details are not what come to mind when I think of Bert.

I remember Bert as my Sunday School teacher for several of my impressionable teen years. It was Bert who helped me deepen my love for the Lord and who taught me about the content of God's Word, especially, the New Testament. It was Bert who piqued my curiosity enough that I read the New Testament through twice by my junior year of high school. It was Bert who first introduced me to a modern language version of the New Testament. I understood it better and without the struggle I had with the revered King James Version translated in 1611.

I wonder how many of us at Fairview are, or could become, a teacher like Bert? Would it not be wonderful to have someone be brought closer to Jesus because of your positive influence? That can be the case. You can be that teacher! Fairview Road has a great Sunday School ministry for all age groups - from the very young to adults. It is our largest ministry in terms of participants. But even so, we always need more teachers.

One of our Growth Goals is to add 20 teachers this year. Would you join our "faculty" and experience the joys of teaching others about Jesus, the Christ? Please see Dale or Billie Everett to join this crucial ministry and share yourself. Who knows, you, too, might be like Bert and positively impact lives for our Heavenly Father. ~ Charles Martin

Shepherds' Vision Goals

Overall Goal:

To grow spiritually and numerically as "a family growing people to the glory of God".

Goals for the next 12 months:

1. Increase participation by at least 10% in these areas: Sunday Worship, Bible School, Ministry Works, and Small Groups.
2. Make a list of 5 folks to pray for & invite to Small Group or Worship.
3. Add 20 new teachers.
4. Total Congregational giving challenge - increase giving by 28%.

Note: The elders will evaluate the giving trends between now and May 1:

13% increase – Will fully fund existing ministries.

28% increase – Will fund an additional minister and more ministries, which is what the elders would like to do.

Want to learn more about specific plans to reach these goals? Ask an elder or minister or go to our website: www.fairviewroad.org.

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