

I had a pretty bad day this

past week. And it wasn't awful but just a series of frustrating and annoying events caused me to just have a bad day. And I've had bad days, obviously, and even terrible days, but most of my life overall has been good with the awesome and excellent days thrown in, too.

But what stuck out to me after this bad day was that it wasn't really that bad but I noticed that it was bad. And what I mean is that in comparison to many of the other days I've had recently, this one stuck out. Which made me think that maybe I've had some pretty good days recently (probably especially this last year and a half) and so even an abnormally frustrating day was bad. And I think that means a lot about our purpose, perspective and attitude toward life. Obviously we're all going to have good days, bad days, terrible days and excellent ones, but they'll all be different for all of us. My bad day might have been your terrible day or my good day might be your amazing day. It's really about perspective and about how we look at the rest of our lives. And part of it is just the reality of our situation. Those who have a debilitating illness or chronic pain could have more terrible days than I might. Some of us live in really awful situations and their good days might be fewer and farther between. My point is this: despite our reality, our perspective and attitude is so important. And also, maybe an average day is a good one, especially in comparison to what we could have to deal with.

And so I want to leave you with a couple of things to think about. First, is our perspective and attitude fit with the reality we face. And I know each of us faces a different reality in terms of our day to day lives, but the overarching truth for each of us is how much God loves us. How much God blesses us. How much God has given us. The truth that Jesus died for you. And that reality should shape the rest of our reality. Paul writes to us about this reality:

"I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content." (Phil 4.10-11)

And second, consider how good you have it regardless of how good someone else might have it. I know that's easy for me to say, I've had a good life and been blessed with so many tangible and physical things. But I also know it's easy to compare my life with the life of those around me and wonder why I don't have something that they have or why my life isn't easier like theirs is. But God reminds us that no matter what, we all receive the same spiritual blessings and relationship with Christ if we accept it. And that alone is worth more than anything else we could want or imagine.

Serving Him and you,
Matthew

Easter Services

There will be a Good Friday service on **Friday, April 7th at 6:00pm** at the high school. We will also have our Sunrise Service here at 7am on Easter (April 9th) as well as breakfast at about 8am and a Resurrection service at our usual 9am. Please plan now to attend these services as we prepare for a time of revival and renewal this Easter season.

Camp Fellowship

Camp fellowship this month is on **Monday, April 17th** at Bader Christian Church at 6:00pm. We will host again in May on Monday the 15th. We will need help with the meal, so please keep that day open!

Communion Prep

We are in desperate NEED for a few others who are willing to prep communion for a month at a time. This is a pretty simple service, as it usually takes less than 15 minutes to complete and can even be done quickly on a Sunday morning. We currently only have 2 families prepping and would welcome several more to help. Thanks!

Piano

We are giving away our piano that used to be in the sanctuary and is currently in the chapel. First come, first serve but you are in charge of hauling it out. Contact a board member with more questions.

Prayer List

Bill Danner – continued healing, dialysis
Jody Dean – treatments
Donnie Easley - hospital
Mike Grater – cancer
Gary Hulett – doing better, memory issues
Danny Jones – new treatment, not doing well
Rita Jones – complications
Danny Kendrick – heart attack, doing better
Clyde Prater-cancer, experimental treatments
Carol Riley - cancer
Lori Rodriguez – stage 4 cirrhosis of liver
Gale Roosa – healing, continued treatments
Paul Stambaugh – heart procedure
Diane Walter – better after treatment
Becky Watson – cancer treatments, stem cell
Shelby Wallace – broken neck, doing better
Debbie Yacht – chemo complete

Praises:

Betty Davis-95th Birthday
Baby Rittenhouse born

Condolences:

Family of Sue Lindsey
Family of Margaret Spencer
Family of Gale Beekman
Family of June Edwards

March Financials

Date	Weekly Actual	Yearly Actual	Yearly Budget
Mar 5th	\$4,011.00	\$11,132.80	\$10,932.70
Mar 12th	\$675.00	\$11,807.80	\$12,025.97
Mar 19th	\$946.00	\$12,753.80	\$13,119.24
Mar 26th	\$674.00	\$13,427.80	\$14,212.51

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You Are Welcome At
Our Services!

Sunday

Morning Worship.....9 a.m.

Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

Events:

Wed. April 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th-

Family night 6-7:30 pm

Sun. April 2nd - April 5th - Summum

CC Revival @ 6pm nightly

Fri. April 7th- Good Friday at High

School Gym @ 6 pm

Sun. April 9th- Sunrise Service @ 7,

Breakfast @ 8 & Resurrection Service

@ 9

Sun. April 9th- Board Meeting @ 6 pm

Mon. April 17th-Camp Fellowship in

Bader @ 6 pm

Thurs. April 20th-Ladies Fellowship 6

pm

Sun, April 30th-Worship & Praise @ 6

pm

Sun. April 30th-Youth Offering

All events are subject to change. Please keep up to date by checking the bulletin, Facebook page or website.



Astoria Christian Church

He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.

Rejoice in the resurrection of

Jesus Christ.



WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!