

Too much to do, too little

time, right? I know all of us feel this in life either some of the time or all of the time. And, often, it seems like we're waiting for things to slow down: either sports to end or summer to come or kids to graduate, but it never really slows down much. I mean, I love summer in some ways (VBS, camp, vacations) but for those who feel like summer slows down: God bless you, because I don't. As much as I love having my kids home more often, it also adds an element of busyness when they aren't in school. And then there are ball games and special activities that need to be attended and planned for, which makes my summers often busier than the rest of the year.

And then when I consider all that I feel I have to do and the list of all the things I want to do, I realize that it's my fault being this busy. Sure, my job is probably a little busier in the summer with special activities but most of my other busyness is my own choice and wanting to do more than I really probably should.

And, unfortunately, when I get busy, too often that impacts the relationships in my life. I get so caught up in the tasks and to-do lists that I want to get done, I tend to relegate time with others to the backburner. And, often, I tend to not be as open to spontaneous conversations and get-togethers when I'm busier too.

I know exactly how Martha felt in that. Most of us probably know the story well in Luke 10, but let's revisit it quickly, starting in v 38:

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister

called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her." (ESV)

We know that activities and tasks are essential in this world, but we also need to understand that they aren't always the most important. Mary here chooses the most important: spending time with Jesus and learning at his feet. But I would add to that, based upon the two greatest commands, that quality, loving time spent with others is also more important than any task or job you might have, too.

Now, there's obviously a balance and I'm not saying you should neglect your job or your family responsibilities because you want to hang out with your friends, but slowing down to love and care for someone else IS more important than getting your house painted or car washed (for example).

So, in the busyness of summer I pray that each one of us takes the time to love those around us well. And that may mean saying "No" to an opportunity or a task that we feel we need to do or it might mean adjusting our perspective on when something needs to get done. Some things aren't as much of a priority as others, and spending time with God and loving others definitely takes priority over just about every task in our lives.

Serving Him and you,
Matthew

Camp Schedule

There is still opportunities to get to camp this summer, with camps available for 1st grade through 2023 graduates. Sign up is available through the camp website (lamoinecamp.org) and if you marked that you're registering through our church, we will pay 50% of each camper's registration cost. Please contact the church office with questions.

Also, we are responsible for cooking on Wednesday, **June 21st starting at 10am**. Please let Matthew know if you'd be interested in helping cook.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

The Rushville Pregnancy Resource Center's annual fundraiser of filling baby bottles begins Mother's Day (May 14th) and ends on Father's Day (June 18th). Bottles will be available in the back of the sanctuary so feel free to grab one and fill it with coins, bills or even a check to help support this wonderful ministry.



Prayer List

Kirsta Anderson-colon cancer spread to liver
Rhonda Barfield - seizures
Bill Danner – continued healing, dialysis
Betty Davis-recuperating
Jody Dean – treatments
Don Elliott – heart issues
Karen Fredrick-stroke recovery, weak
Mike Grater – cancer
Kara Hootman – brain surgery
Danny Jones – failing health
Cynde Ketterman – fall, in nursing home
David Meyer-severe burns
Clyde Prater-cancer, experimental treatments
Lori Rodriguez – stage 4 cirrhosis of liver
Becky Watson – cancer treatments, stem cell
3 year old with diabetes
Debbie Opp – chemo treatment

Praises:

Gary Hulett – heart procedure, doing well

Condolences:

Rod Price family

Rita Jones family

Paulette Gorsuch family

Catherine Schaad family

May Financials

Date	Weekly Actual	Yearly Actual	Yearly Budget
May 7 th	\$705.00	\$18,547.80	\$20,772.13
May 14 th	\$915.00	\$19,462.80	\$21,865.40
May 21 st	\$796.00	\$20,258.80	\$22,958.67
May 28 th	\$762.00	\$21,020.80	\$24,051.94

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You Are Welcome At
Our Services!

Sunday

Morning Worship9 a.m.

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

Wednesday

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

*meets during the school year

Events:

Mon.-Fri. June 5th-9th-

Vacation Bible School @ 9-11:30 Daily

Sun. June 11th-

Board Meeting @ 6 pm

Sat. June 17th-

Blood Drive @ 7 am

Mon. June 19th-

Camp Fellowship, Versailles @ 6 pm

Sun. June 25th-

Worship & Prayer @ 6 pm

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



Astoria Christian Church



*'Sow for yourselves righteousness: reap steadfast love:
break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the LORD,
that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.'*

Hosea 10:12