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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.

December Events:

- Wed, Dec 12th 6:00 p.m. Family Night
- Sat, Dec 15th 7:00 p.m. Anticipation @ Bader
- Sun, Dec 16th 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
- Wed, Dec 19th 6:00 p.m. Family Night Christmas Potluck
- Tues, Dec 24th 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
- Sun, Dec 30th Youth Offering Sunday

January Events:

- Tues, Jan 8th 6:30 p.m. Man-Up
- Wed, Jan 9th 6:00 p.m. Family Night resumes
- Sun, Jan 13th 6:00 p.m. board Meeting
- Wed, Jan 16th 6:00 p.m. Family Night
- Fri, Jan 19th 6:00 p.m. Riverman Game
- Sun, Jan 21st 4:30 p.m. Youth Committee



Astoria Christian Church



LET THE
HEAVENS
REJOICE
AND THE
EARTH
BE GLAD.

PSALM 96:11

What was the last thing that really

got your blood boiling? I mean, what was the most recent topic or person or situation that made you so mad you even posted about it on Facebook....? Sorry...just a little passive-aggressive humor. But honestly, what was it? Maybe it was something President Trump did. Maybe it was something someone said about President Trump. Maybe it was something your kid said. Maybe it was how the neighbors reacted to what your kid said. I could go on. There are so many things that seem to set us off anymore. I'm the same. I get upset over things, too. Ridiculous, unimportant things. And then I'm remember to step back and consider why I'm so angry. And even more, I look at the world and wonder why am I so angry about this trivial, unimportant topic that won't mean anything in a month and not upset about so many other issues in our world: abortion and genocide and school shootings and deep-seated racism? And it's not that I don't care about these things, but it seems my blood doesn't get as heated in those situations as it does in some of these others. And then I look at what Jesus got upset over. Several times in his ministry Jesus' blood seemed be boiling over and often it seemed that it was the heart of the people that caused his anger. Whether it was the hypocrisy and pride of those in leadership during his day and their unwillingness to lift up the weak and hurting (Matt 23.4) or the greed and disrespect shown by those who were changing money in the Temple (Mark 12.12-13) or even the hard hearts of the people and leaders around him (Mark 3.5). Jesus' anger burned more against people's attitude and their treatment of others

than it burned against evils of slavery, genocide, prostitution and war that was happening all around him during his life. And it's not to say that Jesus didn't care about those things or didn't speak against those things, but it seemed that Jesus was more concerned about our individual attitude toward him and toward others. And ultimately how people were treated.

And we get upset about that too, but often we get upset for those we agree with us or who we relate to on some level. Our blood boils for others who look like us or talk like us or dress like us more than those who don't. We get upset when our kids are mistreated or appear to be mistreated than if someone else's kid does. And I'm not saying we're uncaring or unloving people, but we tend to become focused on our own suffering when it comes to anger. But Jesus didn't seem to express anger over the suffering he faced (and he faced a lot), but he expressed his anger against those who hurt, took advantage of or outright abused others.

And so, where does that leave us? We may not always be able to control what we get angry about, but maybe we can control what our perspective is when it comes to these things. Instead of getting mad that someone hurt our feelings, maybe we should figure out how we've treated them and see if that can change. Instead of focusing on our own injustices, can we look at the world and wrap our hearts around the injustice others face.

I think Jesus knew that if we got angry about the things of the heart, our own heart especially, we would respond much differently. Serving Him and you, Matthew

Christmas Eve Service

You are invited to attend and participate in our Christmas Eve service on **Monday, December 24th at 5:00pm**. This will be a simple and meditative service for us to consider the coming of Jesus. If you'd like to help with a reading or lighting of candles, please let Matthew know soon.

LaMoine Capital Campaign

LaMoine Christian Camp is seeking to raise enough funds to pay off their debt on the recently built cabins. They have begun a three-tier capital funds campaign to raise enough money to pay off this debt. Please see their Facebook page or contact the church office for more details. They are looking for monthly donations in the amount of \$20, \$40 or \$60 to commit to this campaign.

Family Night Christmas Celebration

Join us as the kids reenact the Christmas story for us on **Wednesday, December 19th at 6:00pm**. We will begin with a potluck meal, with ham provided, and follow with a simple retelling of the story of the first Christmas.

November Offering

	Weekly Actual	Yearly Actual	Yearly Budget
Nov 4	\$879.97	\$60,112.52	\$70,301.44
Nov 11	\$1,018.00	\$61,130.52	\$71,889.20
Nov 18	\$1,184.00	\$62,314.52	\$73,496.96
Nov 25	\$1,447.00	\$63,761.52	\$75,094.72
Totals	\$4,528.97		

Prayer List

Tina Althiser (Judy B's friend) – cancer treatments (9-30)
Beckie Beaird (Laurie M's friend) – chemo treatments (11-11)
Shelly Claxton (Pam K's friend) – cancer spreading (8-19)
Betty Curless – accident (12-2)
Samantha Hackman (Jone's g-daughter) – relational issues (12-2)
Todd Hamm - cancer treatments (7-30)
Miranda Hoppock –cancer treatments (11-18)
Gary Hulett – surgery went well, recovering at home (12-2)
Leonard Kaufman - cancer (10-16)
Paul Morris – home from ICU (12-2)
Jake & Estyl McCombs – continued adjustments, Jake in nursing home (11-11)
Garry Myers (Dusti H's coworker's dad) – late stage cancer (9-23)
Remi Rodriguez – tonsillectomy recovery (11-25)
Brandi Rudd – cancer treatments (7-29)
Marissa – cancer (Letha Stambaugh's friend) (11-5)
Hailey (14 y/o friend of Carlocks) – cancer (8-26)
Pam Klinebough's uncle – lung biopsy (10-14)
Mary Belleville's friend – cancer (9-23)
Haiti & Blessing Hearts Mission – unrest and violence throughout country (12-2)
Timmy (Eugenia S's brother) – life issues (12-2)
Condolences
Family of Mike Pigg
Family of Doris Harper (Cindy M's mom)
Praises
Laurie Martin's lung function as high as ever!
Ashley Willis – surgery went well