

# The Astoria Christian

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You Are  
Welcome At  
Our Services!

### Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> Morn. Worship ..... 8 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Morn. Worship ..... 10 a.m.  
Wed. nights ..... 6-7:30p.m.

## May

Wednesday, May 4th, Family Night PARTY!  
Thursday, May 5th National Day of Prayer service at 7am,  
12pm and 7pm at city square  
Saturday, May 7th - 9am Leadership Development  
  
Sunday May 8th, 6 p.m. Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 10th 6:30p.m. The Man Up group meeting  
Wednesday, May 11th, 7:00 p.m. Baccalaureate

Sunday, May 15th, during 10a.m. service, Graduation  
Service.  
8th, 12th and college graduates will be recognized.  
Sunday, May 15th, Camp Registrations are due  
Sunday, May 15th, 2:00 p.m. Graduation  
Monday, May 16th, 6:00 p.m. East LaMoine Camp  
Fellowship at Astoria Christian Church  
Monday, May 16th, 6:00 p.m. Fruit Loops and camp  
registrations are due  
Camp Cleanup – Saturday, May 21st cleaning the pool and  
pool house. Leaving church at 8:00 am.

Sunday, May 22th, 5:30 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting  
Saturday, May 28th: Thiner Baby Food Prep – come help  
prepare meals for the Thiner family at the church from  
9am until done for after the baby is born. Additional date  
on July 9th.

Sunday, May 29th, Both Services Youth offering  
*Please check your weekly bulletin for updates.*  
Save the dates:

June 4th  
Blood Drive starting at 8a.m  
Leadership training 9 a.m.  
Annual Open House at LaMoine Camp 10 a.m.

June 6th - 10<sup>th</sup> -Committee VBS



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*Love God, Serve God, Love Others, Serve Others*

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For God has not given us  
a spirit of fear,  
but of power and of love  
and of a sound mind.  
~ 2 Timothy 1:7 ~

*I'm not sure why, but I've been thinking about fear a lot lately.*

Fear changes our plans. Fear is “not knowing” how things are going to unfold. Fear shows our lack of control. We fear lots of things and even with the reassurances from the Bible and the promises we have from there, fear can still overwhelm us.

In recent classes here at church, fear has been expressed in a couple of areas of life. The fear of ‘rough’ neighborhoods in larger cities and the fear of giving our children more freedoms are real fears. We also fear loss through death or divorce or moving or breaking as well as fear the change that can come from these losses. These fears affect our behavior and our attitudes but I think mostly this fear diminishes the power of Christ on the cross. This fear assumes that God isn’t going to provide for us in those situations. And, God forbid, the worst were to happen, which would be catastrophic and insanely difficult to deal with, would that negate God’s work in our lives? Would he not be able to lift us up or provide for us in those horrible circumstances? In light of the cross, “God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” (2 Tim 1.7, NKJV)

I found the words of Charles Swindoll from his book ‘Perfect Trust’ helpful here. He writes, “Did you know that you operate at your poorest when you are scared? A little fear is good for us when danger is present, but a lot of it is demoralizing. Fears lurk in the shadows of every area of life. Perhaps you’ve suddenly discovered that an unexpected addition to your family is on the way...You may be uncertain where you job is leading...You are uneasy about what’s around the corner. Or perhaps you have

a doctor’s appointment pending and you are afraid of what the exam might reveal. Jesus says, ‘Stop being afraid. Trust me!’”

Fear can cause a lot of damage to our relationships and affect our behavior in ways we’d never act under normal circumstances. But the most important relationship our fear affects is our relationship with God. We might find ourselves running scared at times in our life, but we have the opportunity to choose where we run, either toward God or away from him.

Serving Him and you,  
Matthew

### *Summer Camp*

*June 7th -30th*

*Different age groups will be camping at LaMoine Camp. Please be in prayer for a blessed and safe camping season. If you would like to support our youth who will be attending financially please contact Matt before May 16th.*

### **The Soul Sisters**

Soul Sisters are putting together two baskets for LaMoine Camp Kick-off Auction. We are making baby baskets again, one boy and one girl. Please see Judy if you would like to donate items for the baskets. All items should be to the church by May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will meet after church to put them together.

Soul Sisters’ next meeting will be May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We invite all ladies of the church to join us!



May 4<sup>th</sup> is the last Wednesday Family Night of the spring. We will be having one family night per month starting in June, for the summer

months. We would love to see you at church at 6:30 p.m. on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our next family night committee meeting will be on May 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **Baby Bottle Boomerang**

We will be collecting money again for the Pregnancy Resource Center in Rushville. Please pick up your boy or girl bottle at the church to help a pregnant woman choice life for her baby and return it back to the church filled with coins and/or bills no later than June 19<sup>th</sup>, Father’s Day.

### *Borrowers sign up*

There is now a sign out sheet sitting by the downstairs phone for items borrowed from the church. It is highly recommended that you also let Matthew or some relevant person know what you’re borrowing so that items are not missed when needed for church functions. Thank you!

### *Offering and Attendance for April*

	1 <sup>st</sup>	S.S.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	offering	offering needed
3 <sup>rd</sup>	33	78		\$1,673.75	\$1,685.56
10 <sup>th</sup>	20	26	51	\$1,738.50	\$1,685.56
17 <sup>st</sup>	19	29	53	\$725.00	\$1,685.56
24 <sup>th</sup>	15	30	56	\$1,650.30	\$1,685.56
Totals	54	118	238	\$5,787.55	\$6,742.24

### **Prayer list**

Linda Allen - weekly chemo, scans this week (4/24/16)

Olivia Anaganostopolus - additional prayers cancer symptoms progressing

Donald Anderson - mass on kidney

Doris Baker – Alzheimer’s, fractures, seizures

Mike Bankes - cancer

Denise Belville - continued health issues

Nellie Bucher - fall, broken femur

Jim Comstock - had a stroke (3-16), paralyzed 1side  
Arlan Cox -prayers as he re-enters society  
Hurley Crossman - biopsy kidney tumor (wk.12-13-15)

Jack Danner - stroke and kidney infection

Linda Danner - Surgery on arm went well 2-1-16

Steve Derry - tests

Brenda Fawcett - colon cancer starts chemo and radiation (4-3- 16)

Greg Gaither - struggle with cancer treatments

Sharon Harris – in hospital with breathing problems (4-1-16)

Rick Heller - needs a kidney transplant

Jacob Kemp - Rehab

Pam Klinebough - prayers for a job and friend Shelly - mass found

Holly Kolves - undiagnosed medical issues

Bob Lapping - possible gout related issues

Jim Lascelles- health, more surgery

Christy Lehman - knee surgery (5-4-16)

Terry Lehman - cancer

Shelby Lawver - loss of home (4-3-16)

Laurie Martin - Lung Transplant recovery

Shirley Molenbruck - heart attacks, not doing well (Kay Mathewson’s mother-i-l)

Dan Palmer - chemo treatments, tests show more tumors (4-24-16)

Rodney Parks - farming accident, further surgery needed

Brenda Reynolds - surgery recovery (2-21-16)

Joel Rittenhouse (4-10-16)

Alan Snyder - personal

Tammy Spencer- brain surgery one tumor removed.

Phillip Thomas - eye problem

Steve Trone - anonymous concerns

Chris VanBevern - torn shoulder, out of work

Jeanette Walters - home on hospice (4-24-16)

Anita Watson, Don’s sister-in-law in Ohio, chemo & radiation

Judy Wilson - needs kidney transplant

Praise: Brandon Llewellyn - all cancer removed, no treatments needed

*Please let Matthew or Marcia know prayer list updates. Thank you*

