



## Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

Busyness has become a cultural symbol of our society. The contemporary thought is, "If you are busy, then you must be important!" People typically love to talk about how busy they are. It's validating, ego-boosting, and fashionable to tell others that we are busy (and it is a good excuse for not having to do the things we don't really want to do). People expect us to be busy. Conversely, it is presumed that if you are not busy then you must either be lazy, or not that important.

However, busyness is not necessarily a bad thing, and it certainly is not always sinful. As Christians we are to be busy and not lazy (cf. Prov.6:6-11). Busyness becomes sinful when it delays, hinders or prevents us from doing God's will! In other words, if we are busy doing God's will then that busyness is far from sinful, but if we are too busy to do God's will then that busyness is sinful. The sin of busyness appears when obedience to God disappears.

As Christ-followers, we cannot afford to allow our lives to be distracted by anything in this world. We must fervently keep our eyes on Jesus Christ and our minds on the eternal things of God, and not on the temporal things of this world. Not only does the Bible warn us against the sin of busyness, it also exhorts us to stop being so busy that we fail to recognize and revere God as God! In the Psalms, God sovereignly declares, "*Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth*" (Psalm 46:10).

Notice that the Psalmist does not say, "Be still and play golf" or "Be still and take a nap" or "Be still and read a good novel." Through the divinely inspired Psalmist, God is calling us to "Be still and know that I am God." This is not a command that should cause us to be lazy or unproductive, but a command that should compel us to contemplate, worship and follow God! When we fail to be busy doing the Lord's work in the Lord's way we have sinned against Him – no matter how busy we are doing other "good" things. The truth is, not only can busyness be evidence of sin but the wrong kind of busyness can be evidence that one is not saved (cf. Matt.13:22).

To be sure, there are many examples in the Bible of men and women who were very busy – very busy doing the Lord's work. Once, Jesus was so diligently working that He had no time to eat. When His disciples voiced their concern, Jesus replied, "*My food...is to do the will of Him who sent me to finish His work*" (Jn.3:34). In His "High Priestly Prayer" Jesus declared to the Father, "*I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do*" (Jn.17:4). The apostle Paul often exhausted himself in the Lord's work. To the Corinthian church he wrote, "*I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep*" (2Cor.11:27); to the church at Thessalonica he wrote, "*Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you*" (1Thess.2:9); to the saints at Colossae he wrote, "*To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me*" (Col.1:29).

How do we know if our busyness is sinful or godly? We can simply ask, and sincerely answer, this question: Am I busy doing the Lord's work, or is my busyness keeping me from doing the Lord's work? When we look at the examples of Jesus, Paul, Martyn, Brainerd and Judson we find this one thing they held in common: they were busy – busy doing the work of God. May we too be busy, but busy serving and pleasing God!

Together in and for Christ,  
Pastor David

**Scripture Readings for the Week** (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #24):

*Leviticus 1-3; 1 Kings 10-13; Psalm 69-71; Proverbs 4; Ezekiel 1-6; Luke 11-12; Ephesians 1-3*

**Recommended Reading:**

*"Do More Better: A Practical Guide to Productivity"* by Tim Challies

Calendar of  
Events:

VBS

June 25 - 28

Family Camp

June 28 – July 1

Looking Ahead....

Big G Camp

July 30 – Aug 3

Church Picnic

July 8

For prayer requests,  
email Amy Woodruff  
at [prayer@sbcnb.org](mailto:prayer@sbcnb.org)  
or call 541-404-0547

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## Growth & Study.....

### Men's Group Studies

#### Mondays ~

**6:30pm** "The Difficult Doctrine of the Love of God" by D.A. Carson  
w/Jeff Etzel

#### Wednesdays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "Book of Ecclesiastes"  
\*Begins June 13<sup>th</sup>  
w/Pastor David

**8:15-9:30pm** "Zechariah"  
w/Pastor Josh

#### Thursdays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "Galatians ~ No Other Gospel"  
w/Pastor Tim

#### Fridays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "Jesus Among Secular Gods"  
\*Begins June 15<sup>th</sup>  
w/Pastor David

### Young Adults

#### Thursdays ~

**7:00-9:00pm** At Skyline  
w/Pastor Tim 541-756-3311

### Women's Group Studies

#### Mondays ~

**6:30pm** "Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians"  
w/Renee Middleton (541-297-2500)

#### Tuesdays ~

**6:30-7:30am** \*On break for the summer\*  
w/Loy Huntzinger (360-607-0022)

**8:30am** \*On break for the summer\*  
w/Beth Wallstrom (541-404-0112)

**9:00am** "Live Out His Love"  
w/Lois-Elaine Rencehausen (541-267-3106)

**1:00-2:15pm** "Romans"  
w/Barb Young (541-404-6242)

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#### Wednesdays ~

**9:00-10:30am** \*On break for the summer\*  
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

**10:00am** "Experiencing God's Peace"  
w/Jeanette Murphy (541-266-7575)

**6:30-8:00pm** "Jesus Among Secular Gods"  
\*Begins June 20<sup>th</sup>  
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

## Connect & Encourage.....

### *Vacation Bible School ~ June 25th to 28th*

Invite your friends, family & neighbors to join us for faith-building fun at our Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School. Open to kids 3 years old (potty trained) through entering 5th grade. For more information contact Loy Huntzinger, the church office, or go to our website at [sbcnb.org](http://sbcnb.org) where you can find out more and get signed up!

### *Family Camp ~ June 28*

Sign up to join us for Family Camp June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 1st at LaVerne Park. The campground opens Thursday at 3pm with worship & teaching Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday morning. There will be an all-church potluck on Saturday at 5pm. Registration forms are available on the News & Events bulletin board or call the church office. Come for all or part of the events!

# Children's & Youth Ministries

## Vacation Bible School ~

June 25 – 28 9am to Noon

Open to children 3 years old (potty-trained) through  
5th Grade

## Big G Summer Camp ~

July 30 - August 3

Open to students entering 4th through 9th grade.

## Youth Group ~

High School youth group ~ Sunday nights 6 to 8pm.

Junior High youth group ~ \*On break for the summer\*

## Junior High Lake Day ~ July 8<sup>th</sup>

High School Lake Day (including incoming freshmen). Meet at the church at 3pm and returning to church at 8pm.

May 30, 2018

### **Dear Skyline Baptist Church Family**

It is with great emotion that I announce my acceptance of the position of Associate Pastor at Valley 4<sup>th</sup> Church in Spokane Valley, Washington. My wife Anna and I along with our two young children moved to North Bend almost 8 years ago to serve at Skyline Baptist Church. This is bittersweet for us. We are excited about the new ministry opportunities that God has opened for us but we are also sad to leave our Skyline Family. In our time here God has done some truly amazing things both in us and through us.

I first experienced my call to ministry in September of 1999. I then attended Bible College in Salem and graduated in 2004. Since then I have spent 15 years of my life dedicated to youth and children's ministries. My wife and I believe that God is leading us to take the things that we have learned in youth ministry and embark on a new journey in adult ministries. I have the opportunity to do more preaching and counseling. I will oversee Community Groups, Men's and Women's ministries, Missions, Welcome and Assimilation, and Senior Ministries.

I believe that God is already preparing the next person to take my place here at Skyline. We have a wise and godly leadership team that will work diligently to fill the position. As far as timing, we will continue to serve at Skyline through the end of June and move to Washington in July.

My life verse for ministry has been Philippians 1:20 which says "I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or death." I will continue to pray for Skyline and I ask that you would pray for me and my family during this transition.

Pastor Josh