

Devotion, Week of August 31, 2025

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Busyness. I'm so busy lately that if I don't have a task written down and in front of me, I'm going to forget it. We're all getting ready to be even busier as we get ready this next 6 weeks for homecoming. We've got the Property Committee doing incredible things with all the painting and clean up. Debbie Bray designed and printed the 'Save the Date' and invitation cards, and Barbara Barlow is busy hand addressing the invitations now to get in the mail this week. Debbie is also doing bookmarks and putting together the history booklet. Connie McWilliams is busy dealing with all the food-related items, with the help of the PW. Jennifer Rohrbach and Nancy Phillips are making flower arrangements for the cemetery, making sure signage is done, and other things I can't even enumerate. Rick Pierce designed the website and is handling all the online registrations and orders for what he calls "church bling." I'm contacting special guests, newspapers, and mayors. The choir is working on anthems and a newly commissioned piece by Verena Anders. In the meantime, school has started, so missions like the Babb project have cranked back up.

It takes a whole church to celebrate a 200th anniversary. But you should be so proud of everything this church has done over the years to worship God and serve the community. I'm reminded though, that in our busyness, we should not lose sight of who we should focus on as we plan this big event. Here's a poem to remind you. It is from a book of quotable poems from Rev. Bill Hines' library, that Kathie Pierce graciously gave me.

TOO BUSY

Too busy this morning
I'll say a prayer quick;
Tonight I'll have time
To study and to think.

Tonight I'm too tired
To study God's Word.
I'll wait 'til next week
Then I'll worship the Lord.

Next week came too fast;
But it seems that I may
Have more time next month
To read and then to pray.

Next month! Oh, yes,
I just wonder why
My love for the Lord
Is about ready to die.

I hope you have a blessed week that is not overwhelmed by busyness.

Jeanne