

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WOMEN'S
M I N I S T R Y



I did start a May letter, and well, now it is June! So I am just going to dive right in and say “Happy Summer” ladies.

I dove competitively for years, and it is so satisfying to be standing on that diving board, step to the edge, raise your knee and arms up high, take off straight, and then flip, twist, pike, whatever that dive calls for, and enter the water with your fingers interlocked aiming directly for the bottom of the pool. A clean dive with the best entry creates the least amount of splash. Precision, discipline, and self-control are all needed to receive a high score. Lack of focus, fear, and poor training and execution will result in a messy dive with a large splash.

Summer is a delightful time to relax, rest, visit with friends, and enjoy a break from the structure and confines that the school year frequently brings. It also is a good time to refocus, set priorities, and accomplish things that you have been putting off. As I head into summer there are things that I would like to do well. The list is more ambitious than is realistic, so I need to consider how is my time, my energy, and my effort best spent?

The sermon Sandy preached this past Sunday truly laid out a “fixed point.” Divers, dancers, and gymnasts will use a spot on the wall, a fixed point, that their eyes come back to in order to control their spin. The fixed point he gave us as he preached from Acts is the gospel. What does this mean and what should we do? The gospel, or good news, is indeed the proclamation that Jesus Christ is Lord and King and we are sinners, we are guilty, and we need a Savior. As we are reconciled we must repent and believe. We turn to Christ in faith and turn from sin in repentance.

As I think about this summer, as I plan and participate in Summer Salad Suppers, Sunday School book clubs, the Restoration Academy mission trip, VBS, and Created for a Purpose, the “fixed point” is truly the most important. The ministry is paramount over the program. The program is the vehicle we are using to present the gospel. Yes, the details and presentation are important. We are called to work with excellence in all things, but let’s not forget that we are called to share the truth of the gospel. We are called to point people to Christ. We are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus and love others.

I do not want to make a big splash or be a clanging cymbal. My desire is to keep my eyes on Christ and to execute well what lies before me so that my splash is small and the job is well done. I pray that each of you enjoy your summer and that you get to do things that are refreshing and enjoyable, but that you also remember that the “fixed point” is the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. Turn to him and away from sin.

With all that said, I hope to see you engaged in community at Covenant Presbyterian Church this summer. There are many opportunities to worship, learn, and serve within our church body.

Blessings,
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