

### What Matters?

I have a car sitting in a garage. In Puyallup, Washington. Two thousand miles away.

I have a new coffee mug a friend brought me. A mug that jumped to its demise from my car before I could use it the first time. (Of course, it could *not* be due to my clumsiness!)

I have a 10 year old dog who was recently diagnosed with a life-threatening disease.

I have a stack of books that I want to read – some electronic, some “real” books.

What matters most?

I need constant reminders where my priorities lie. Some of the above are more important than others (the coffee mug should be the least important of the four!).

Jesus made it clear when someone tried to paint Him in a corner:

*<sup>35</sup> Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”*  
(Matt. 22:35-40, NKJV)

Whether an answer to “what is the greatest commandment” or to “what matters most” or any similar question, the priorities seem clear: Love God, Love others. The idea shows up throughout the New Testament as well. And both “loves” are more than emotions or simply saying we love them. Love expresses itself in action. With that in mind, how are you doing on each scale?

I am writing this on Valentine’s Day. Stores are awash with chocolates, and stuffed animals, and candy, and husbands who waited until the last minute to get something for their bride. I have to think, am I loving God and allowing that love of God impact how I love my wife as the most important person God has placed in my life? I cannot separate the two, of course. I am to love her as “Christ loved the church.” And so, I ask myself this day, “What gets in the way of me loving others with the love of God – especially in the way of loving my wife?” I need to tweak some habits. Some good things are getting in the way of the better thing. I won’t tell you what they are here.

So, ask yourself, “What am I doing to enjoy the love of God? How am I responding to Him in love? And how am I loving others – especially those under the same roof as me?”

What’s your answer? What matters?

Roger

### BBC Family Update

- Pray for the women that are going to the Pine Cove Women’s Conference, March 1-3.
- Please pray for Zachary Roth as he spends the next nine months in the Middle East.

The month of  
**MARCH**  
Calendar of events

- 4 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm
- 16 - Men’s Breakfast, 7:30am
- 17 - **Spring Break!** No AWANA or Youth activities this Sunday.
- 17 - Church-Wide Potluck Lunch



**March 16**  
**MEN’S BREAKFAST**  
7:30am



**MARCH 4 - 7pm**  
**EVENING OF PRAYER**



**SPRING break**  
No AWANA Club or Youth Activities  
**March 17**

Join us on **March 17** for our quarterly church-wide potluck lunch, immediately following the worship service.



Get your favorite dish.  
**It’s a POTLUCK!!!**



**Ladies & Girls’ Event TEAser...**  
Please mark your calendars for an end-of-summer “Tea” on August 10. Watch for more details!  
If you’re interested in helping, join us for a planning meeting on Thursday, March 21, 6:30 p.m., at Debbie Fankhauser’s home. For questions, contact Sherry, Leilani, or Debbie.

# MARCH 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3  9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Group	4  Evening of Prayer 7pm	5	6	7	8  1	9  *Katie Matlack 2
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17 *Dena Wagner  9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship	18	19	20 *Jessica Maddox	21 *Paul Lutz	22	23
24  9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Group	25	26	27	28 *Audra Brown	29	30
31  9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Group						*Birthdays