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# St Francis

I'm too busy to  
tell people how  
busy I am.



July 18, 2013

## **Too Busy?**

*... the good portion which will not be taken away ...  
Luke 10:42*

### ***Connectivity***

If you have several wireless devices in your home or business you have probably discovered that as long as the internet connection is strong all of the devices will run at the same time with good speed. The strong connection keeps the busy online activity running smoothly. If the internet connection is interrupted then all of the devices become "distracted" searching for an internet connection instead of carrying out the work they were meant to be doing at the time. I'm guessing you've had more than one frustrating episode with your internet connection being dropped.

### ***Your Connectivity***

So here is my question for you: Are you busy or distracted? You can be very busy and still have "the good portion which will not be taken away." Your connection to Jesus will empower you to do that. If that connection is dropped or weakened in some you you may become distracted with many other things while deep within your soul you are looking for that connection.

### ***Mary and Martha***

In Luke 10:38-42 we have the story of Mary and Martha. Jesus calls Martha to task, after she complains about her sister Mary not helping around the house, about being distracted. He did not challenge her for being too busy. Mary had found a way to keep connected to Jesus. Martha needed to find a way that works for her to keep connected to Jesus. So do we. Keeping connected to Jesus in whatever way He asks you to empowers you to do all He asks you to do. That connection is our first priority. You may find that some friends of yours who are "too busy for church" may see how to be connected to Jesus by watching you. Who knows, after that they may find their way to His Table.

### ***Coming Attractions***

*Friday, July 19 6:30pm* Kindred Spirits at the church

*Sunday, July 21*

10:00am worship

11:30am Book Study

4:00pm Special Pot Luck

*Tuesday, July 23 5:30pm* Caritas at Christ church, Short Pump

*Sunday, July 28 10:00am* worship

*Centerville Circle of Prayer*

For the Creative Concepts Hairstyling Studio and Tina Gregory-Rudd the owner. That this business would serve the needs of the people of our area.

*Metro Richmond at Prayer*

For all the governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond especially  
all of the Boards of Supervisors and County Administrators.

*Bright Beginnings*

Eligible school children in Goochland's elementary schools are invited to participate by the Goochland YMCA. Each child receives a backpack with grade appropriate supplies and participates in a shopping trip with volunteers who help them select shoes, two outfits, socks, underwear, and a jacket or sweater. Monetary donations help provide the funds for the shopping trips. A donation of \$150.00 supports the shopping for one child.

This year, the Goochland Y has received 180 applications which will require over 200 shopping volunteers and \$28,000 in financial contributions

There are three ways to contribute to the YMCA's Bright Beginnings program: fill backpacks, contribute money, help with shopping. Further information will be available this Sunday. The backpacks are due back to church on July 28, the shopping dates are August 1, 5, 6, 7, and 8. We have cards for 16 elementary backpacks, but can acquire more if necessary.

Contact MJ Weatherford for more information: [804-221-2138](tel:804-221-2138).

*Farewell to Craig and Nancy MacNaughton.* As things change for Craig's day job it also means it is time for him to move on from leading the music ministry at St. Francis. God has brought some very significant ministry through Craig's desire to use his gifts as a musician and worship leader and through Nancy's gifts in the music ministry as well as service on the vestry, welcome ministry, and interior design of our building. They have been a wonderful part of the establishment of St. Francis for the past ten years.

This Sunday, July 21st at 4:pm we will have a pot luck gathering at the church to thank them for their work and ask God's blessing on their next steps. You can sign up for the gathering this Sunday or rsvp to [vicar@stfrancisva.org](mailto:vicar@stfrancisva.org).

*There will be a special collection taken on the last two remaining Sundays of July.* The loose collection (that which is not part of your pledge or regular offering) will go to Ministry of Hope as the people of that ministry

support Atiah and her young son Asif. Atiah's husband was a pastor in Pakistan who was martyred earlier this year. Our offerings will help support her new sewing business. Richard Walker, a member of St. Francis, is the President of the Board of Directors of Ministry of Hope. We are pleased to support him as Ministry of Hope supports Atiah and Asif. If you wish, you may mail in a contribution to St. Francis Episcopal Church, PO Box 303; Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103. Make the check out to "St. Francis Episcopal Church" and write "Ministry of Hope" in the memo. Here is a photo:



Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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