

The Proclaimer

WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

How many of you are familiar with the Pareto Principle? You might not know it by this name, but I would bet that you have heard about the 80/20 Rule. They are one in the same. The generalization of the Pareto Principle is 80% of the results come from 20% of the action, or another way to look at it is; 20% of the people do 80% percent of the work.

It was created by Vilfredo Federico Damaso Pareto, who was born in Italy in 1848. Legend has it that one day he noticed that 20% of the pea plants in his garden generated 80% of the healthy pea pods. This observation caused him to think about uneven distribution. He thought about wealth and discovered that 80% of the land in Italy was owned by just 20% of the population. He investigated different industries and found that 80% of production typically came from just 20% of the companies.

This "universal truth" about the imbalances of input and output seem to run the gamut of experiences from only wearing 20% of the clothes we own 80% of the time, to driving on 20% of the roads in the county 80% of the time, to spending 80% of our time in only 20% of our house. I recently was involved in a book launch for a new Christian

Leadership book, "Didn't See It Coming". The group had 1,500 people in it, and only 20% actually followed through with the tasks that we were given to read, review, and share our thoughts about the book.

The Pareto Principle also makes its way into the life of the Church. Typically we see that 20% of the congregation gets involved and does 80% of the ministry work. It also happens in giving financially to the work of the Kingdom of God. 20% of the congregation supports 80% of the budget. Do you think this is true of Metolius Friends Community Church??? Are you shocked to find out that it is?

On average our weekly Sunday attendance hits about 100, but if everyone came on the same Sunday we would easily hit 130-140 in attendance. 20% of 130 is 26. Which is roughly the number of regular (weekly/monthly) giving units we have that tithe. It is also about the number we have serving on Ministry Teams, though that number is a little higher.

I am not highlighting this fact or principle to make anyone feel bad or like they are not being committed to the Church. I do believe that Christ wants us to be the best version of ourselves and

MFCC that we can be, and if we have more people involved then that makes us healthier all the way around. What I would encourage you to do is to ask Jesus what He wants you to do. Does He want you to get more involved and/or connected in the life of the Church? What gifts do you have to offer? Does He want you to give financially to the Church if you aren't right now? Does He want you to give more or on a consistent basis if you haven't been?

You are a needed and vital part of the Church. Think of what we could do even if we shift to 50% of the congregation being involved and giving! That would double the current output and share the load of what Christ has called us to. A healthy Church Body is one where all the parts are functioning according to their specific role. What role can/do you need to play?

If you want to get involved and don't know where or how to start, please contact me. I would love to talk through that with you, pray with you, and encourage and help equip you for what Christ wants you to do in His Body.

- Pastor Jadon



BIRTHDAYS

2nd - Tanya Canaday

3rd - Lynne Cloud

8th - K'Lynn Larson

12th - Joe Stanfield

14th - George Snyder

21st - Hilda Stephens



ANNIVERSARIES

5th - Don & Olivia Brandon

12th - Lance & Megan Roberts

13th - Dean & K'Lynn Larson

15th - Joe & Cindy Stanfield

25th - Lonn & Loretta Swanson

26th - Alonzo & Linda DuPont

31st - Dale & Becky Chase





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EVENTS



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Metolius Depot Friday, October 5, 2018

Volunteers come at 3:00pm. Registration at 4:00pm. Food Delivery at 4:30pm.

Graze & Praise

October 13
5:00pm to 7:00pm
At the home of James and Kim Macy
5628 SW Macy Ln, Culver

The evening will begin with a Potluck dinner.

After dinner Kim will lead the group in contemporary praise songs on the piano.

For more information, please contact to Kim, 541-350-2257



October 15th

and Potluck

Everyone is invited to a

Potluck Dinner following
our morning service.

Please bring a main dish,
and a salad or dessert to
share. This is a wonderful

opportunity to visit and get to know new people and catch up with those you might not see very often. After our meal, you are encouraged to stay for our Quarterly Meeting for Business. This is for everyone who considers Metolius Friends their church and who want to hear from the different ministry teams and what they are doing. Please join us!

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WORDS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTER

Ramblings of the Minister of Children's Programming

During September we have been focusing on King David, the shepherd king. The main focus is about David seeking God and his heart for God. As I studied and prepared for Children's Church I began to focus on what it is to seek the heart of God and what it is that I place a priority in my life on what I seek.

It was exciting to see the little light bulbs come on above the children's heads as they searched for that one last lost sheep they needed to find to complete the game. If any of the Stewardship Committee is reading this, I didn't bring real sheep into the church for the children to find, we used cotton balls. They quickly found 24 of the 25 sheep, but the interesting thing is how the effort to find that one last lost sheep was greater than the 24 they had found. The children had a 'wow' moment when they declared, "That's how much God wants to find those that are lost!"

Yes, God is seeking a relationship with each and everyone of us but we need to be seeking Him in all areas of our lives. He is close and promises to be near but, we as humans sometimes miss something near to us because we are looking far off. I love what it says in Acts 17:27, "God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us." I need to take time and see what it is I truly seek for. In Matthew 6:33, there is a promise that comes with having priority in that which we seek. "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." What are all these things that will be given? Take time to read those preceding verses and find out. HINT: all those things we are seeking first instead of our relationship with God and His righteousness.

I will finish with this quote.

Seeking God

A prominent American who was visiting Argentina was asked by the president of the republic, "Why has South America gotten on so poorly and North America so well? What do you think is the reason?" The visitor replied, "I think the reason is the fact that the Spaniards came to South America seeking gold, while the Pilgrim Fathers came to North America seeking God."

Dayton



Bring Your Bible to School Day, October 4.

It's a day when students across the country can celebrate their religious freedom and share God's love through a simple act: bringing their Bibles to school.

"Let Your Light Shine." Matthew 5:16

Bring Your Bible To School Learn more at: bringyourbible.org



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:00 pm Small Group @ Powell's 6:30 pm Small Group @ Drahn's	3 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	Bring your Bible to School Day 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship at the Church 6:00 pm F.I.T. Workout 6:30 pm Small Group @ R. Macy's 6:30 pm Small Group Rotates 7:00 pm Men's Study @ the Church	5 4:00 pm Brown Bag Registration 5:00 pm AA Meeting In the Library	6
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