



Times of Worship

Sunday Bible Classes:	9am
Sunday AM Worship:	10am
Sunday PM Worship:	5pm
Wednesday Bible Study:	7pm

Join us Online

Church Website:

<https://www.westfayettechurchofchrist.com/>

YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGckN8D9NwwX3KUuQ4GRKyA>

Interested in a Bible Study?

Please send an email to patcawthon@gmail.com

Evangelist

Patrick Cawthon

Distractions

In **Luke 10:38-42**, we have a story about two sisters who were blessed to host Jesus at their house. Jesus and His disciples were traveling and “Martha welcomed Him into her home.” What do you think was going through Martha’s mind as Jesus took her up on her offer? My guess is she was thinking about all of the things that needed to be tidied up around the house for all the company coming over. I also think she was counting on her sister Mary to help her out with the cleaning and cooking.

They all arrive at their house and “*Martha was distracted with all her preparations.*” She was busy running around the house making sure everyone was comfortable and was served properly. While she is busy serving everyone, she keeps trying to make eye-contact with her lazy sister Mary who is doing NOTHING! She keeps serving until she can’t take it any more.

Martha comes up to Jesus and tells Him, “*Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me.*” Notice she reprimands Jesus by claiming He is not caring about poor little ol’ me as much as He should be. She then gives Jesus an opportunity to redeem Himself by fixing this entire situation by commanding Mary to stop being lazy and help your sister with the work.

Week of January 29

Attendance

- ✦ **AM Service** - 64
- ✦ **PM Service** - 49
- ✦ **Wednesday Service** - 0

Contribution

- ✦ Weekly Budget \$2,400
- ✦ Contribution - \$2,046

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- ✦ Jude Ferguson (2/8)
- ✦ Patrick Cawthon (2/10)
- ✦ Lloyd Frugé (2/10)
- ✦ Butchers' Anniversary (2/10)
- ✦ Michele Burgess (2/12)
- ✦ Glendy Carswell (2/17)

Calendar Items

Women's Bible Study Tuesday at the building at 11a (Philippians)

Song Learning Class next Sunday afternoon at 4pm

Next Men's Meeting is February 26th at 4pm at the building

Today's Lessons

- ✦ Do Not Be Ashamed
- ✦ David's Tribute to Saul

Midweek Bible Study

- ✦ Luke 9:23

After giving Jesus His marching orders, she was not expecting Jesus' response.

Jesus told her, "*Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.*" Not only did Jesus not rebuke Mary, He actually complimented her for choosing the "good part." While Martha was getting frustrated at Mary, Jesus must have been frustrated that Martha was more concerned about serving people than listening to Him.

We are not told what happened next. I hope Martha immediately stopped her serving and sat down to listen to Jesus' teaching. I hope she understood this was a rare opportunity for her to have the Son of God in her home to teach them about the kingdom of heaven. The act of serving others is a teaching Jesus emphasized but it's not always time to serve; sometimes it's better to sit down and listen.

There are many things in this life that are not sinful and yet they distract us from that which is "good." Many times the things that distract us are the things in life that we are worried about, just like Martha. Paul commands us in **Ephesians 5:14** to "*Make the most of your time because the days are evil.*" Stop being distracted by the things of this world and focus on God and His kingdom.

It is high time to put our phones away along with our tablets, TVs, computers, and video games and instead choose "the good part." What is the best use of our time? These things are not bad in themselves but they often take too much of our time away from better endeavors.

Be like Mary and choose "the good part."

Patrick