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By Rev. Katy Walters



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ELISABETH ELLIOT

I recently learned about Christian author and speaker Elisabeth Elliot. Born in Brussels, Belgium in 1926 to missionary parents, she spent most of her childhood stateside in the Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia. At Wheaton College, she studied Classical Greek believing that it was the best tool to help her with the calling of ultimately translating the New Testament of the Bible into an unknown language. It was at Wheaton where she met Jim Elliot. The two traveled to Ecuador as missionaries, and later married in 1953 in the city of Quito, Ecuador.

A few years later, Jim was speared to death along with four of his missionary friends while attempting to contact the Huaorani tribe. Their daughter, Valerie was only 10 months old when her father was killed, and in spite of it all, Elisabeth later spent two years as a missionary to the tribe members who killed her husband. Returning to the United States after many years in South America, she became widely known as the author of over twenty books and as a speaker. Elliot toured the country, sharing her knowledge and experience, well into her seventies.

After retiring from her traveling missionary work, Elisabeth could be heard on the daily radio program, Gateway to Joy. Elisabeth almost always opened the program with the phrase, "'You are loved with an everlasting love,' – that's what the Bible says – 'and underneath are the everlasting arms.'" This is your friend, Elisabeth Elliot...

In reading her quote, "Frustration is not the will of God. There is time to do anything and everything that God wants us to do." I was startled at the truth I found in it. I often feel as if there are not enough hours in the day to do all the things I need to do, much less want to do!

I find myself looking at the clock wondering where the time has gone, wondering how much more I can squeeze in, worrying that what has been left undone might just undo me.

Reading Elisabeth's quote has helped me reframe how I see time and how I use my time. In looking at a day's worth of work, I realized just about every minute of my day was indeed "kingdom" work. Of course, the email responses, the writings, the phone calls, the meetings - that all counts for bringing God's kingdom here. But too - the moments of rest, of laughter with the staff, of nourishing my body with food and my soul by reading a good book - these build up God's kingdom.

"We can't afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around and dissipation, in bickering

This passage from Romans 13 often gets a bad rapport for reprimanding the children of God for being lazy, overindulgent, or even procrastinators. But I don't think Paul intends for us to go, go, go all the time. Instead, I see it as an invitation for us to balance our need for sabbath and re-creation with the work of living into the everlasting love and the everlasting arms of God. I love how "The Message" translates the last verse, that we are to be "dressed in Christ." In being dressed in Christ we live into Elisabeth's notion that there is time to do anything and everything God wants us to do.

How are you seeing God at work in your time? Where do you feel God calling you to use your time? May all you do in your day be done with that reminder of the loving Creator who loves you with an everlasting love and may you remember to be "dressed in Christ" in it all.

Prayer: Loving God, slow us down in our busy-ness. Help us to be clothed in Christ so that all we do might be your good and faithful work and bring your kingdom here. Remind us that there is time to do anything and everything you want us to do. Amen.

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Join us for Worship this Sunday at 10:30 am in person or online. We're continuing our sermon series exploring God at Work in the story of Samuel and Saul.

GOD AT WORK

Sunday, June 20, 2021

G O D L E A D S

I Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49



We've missed seeing your face! Join us on Sunday Mornings before worship for some fellowship time all together.

We'll have water and pre-packaged breakfast snacks, and encourage you to bring your coffee or breakfast drink of choice. There's plenty of seating with our new picnic tables, too!

Summer Sunday Mornings

9:45 to 10:15 am



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
THE INSTALLATION OF

*Rev. Katy
Walters*

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, AT 3:00 PM

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church
13200 Bandera Road, Helotes, TX, 78023

Even though she's been here since February, we're making Rev. Katy Walters official! **Join us on Sunday, June 27th, at 3:00 pm for an Installation Service with a reception to follow.** All are welcome to join us!



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NEEDED

Join Pastor Katy as a Worship Leader Sunday Mornings.

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Our Fellowship Committee is working on new name tags for our church body. After a year of only seeing half of our faces, these new magnetic name tags will help us greet one another by name. Place your order online or in-person using the form provided and pay online or through check/cash.

Cost is \$7.00 per nametag.

Please let Rev. Katy Walters know if you need financial assistance towards your name tag.

[Click here for the online order form.](#)



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT JUNE 22



6:50pm Showtime
Silverado Theatre



Young Adult Lunch

**Bring
Your
Appetite!**



**CASA PASTA ITALIAN RESTAURANT
12415 BANDERA RD., HELOTES**

Thursday, June 24 @11:30 am

Calling all Young Adults! Lunch is on us next Thursday, June 24, at Casa Pasta in Helotes. Join us for prayer, pasta and fellowship. See you there at 11:30am.

Community Blood Drive

JUNE 26 AT 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Helotes House of Neighborly Service is sponsoring a Community Blood Drive in partnership with the San Antonio Blood and Tissue Center. Join us at this important community event and help save lives in our community!

Ready to schedule your appointment?
Simply call Joe Beach at 210-394-4240.





Free Fans

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Anyone over 60 years of age, and is in need, can receive a free fan from our Helotes House.

If you are in need of a fan, please call our Helotes House of Neighborly Service representatives: Cathy McCoy at 210-954-7603, Edna Molina at 830-734-6349

The criteria to receive a free box fan:

- 60 years of age and older
- Bexar County resident
- Critical need of this assistance
- Register with the Helotes House of Neighborly Service



All ladies are welcome to join us for good food and fellowship at our monthly Ladies' Lunch Out. Please let the church office know you will be attending so we can make sure there is plenty of room for all.

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You've Got a Friend in Me!

July 26-29 from 6:00-8:00 pm
Dinner is served from 5:30-6:00 pm.



VBS is happening! This year's theme is "You've Got a Friend in Me." Here's how you can help us ensure this is a faith filled week of fun:

- Volunteer to help! We need greeters, group leaders, assistant group leaders, station helpers, nursery, set up and clean up helpers
- Donate an item from the Giving Tree (located in the narthex) or from the Amazon Wishlist
- Collect small 12 oz Gatorade bottles (with lids) and cardboard boxes no smaller than 8x10 inches and no larger than 10x14 inches

Click below to view the 2021 VBS Amazon Wish List

[VBS Amazon Wish List](#)

Please place donations in the narthex no later than July 11. Contact Emily or Cami to volunteer or for more information.

[Sign up to VOLUNTEER Here](#)

To register for VBS, simply click on the button below!

[Register Here](#)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Tammie Rowe and Gabby Parker.

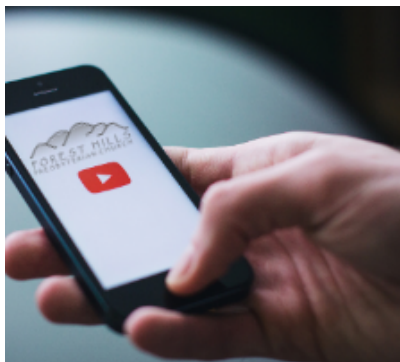




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