

## What Are You Fishing For?

**Are there any fishermen or fisherwomen here today?** If you are into fishing you are one of over 30 million people who claim that sport as their own. Any of you have summer plans to catch the big one that got away last summer? If you are you probably have all the gear. We have come a long way from the days that you simply cut a branch from a tree, strung some string to it, tied on a hook and dug up a worm. Today's fishers have all the bells and whistle to give them the advantage they need to catch that big one.

All of that equipment comes at a price. **\$16 billion dollars to be exact.** That is what one study found was spent on the various tackle and equipment to catch that elusive big one. Frankly it is probably cheaper to just go down to the local store and buy a fish than it is to take up the sport of fishing. Where is the fun in that though!

I think we forget sometimes that many of the disciples were first fishermen. In fact much of the early Gospel accounts is of Jesus calling them out from their fishing boats to come and follow Him. He called them to be fishers of men. At heart they were always fishermen. After meeting Jesus they fished for eternal catches. We, the followers of Jesus, are called to fish for men, women, boys and girls for an eternity with our heavenly Father.

This summer we are going fishing here at OUR CHURCH. Through camps, VBS, mission trips and doing what we do every day we are casting our Gospel lure into the troubled waters of the days we live in. Every time you give here you are helping us "catch" people for Christ. So this morning as we take up this offering help us cast another lure into the waters as we fish for eternity. There are fish that still need catching and your generosity will help that happen this summer!