



Sunday, July 23, 2023

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WELCOME! If you are visiting today, you are our honored guest, and we welcome you to our services. Open your Bible and join us!

Sunday:

10:00 am - Sunday school / adult classes
11:00 am - Sunday morning service
12:00 pm - Potluck
1:00 pm - Sunday afternoon service

Wednesday:

6:30 pm - Bible classes
7:15 pm - Devotional

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Summer events (see flyers)
- No afternoon services today.

Today's prayer requests

- **Eugene Boyd** – Matt's employee – hospitalized, cancer worsened.
- **Janet Bowman** – being relocated to Georgetown.
- **Frankie Priddy** – Jody's mother weak with low blood pressure.
- **Theresa Plumley** – partially torn Achilles tendon.

Standing prayer requests

- **Eugene Boyd** – Matt's employee – cancer
- **Cindy McCloud** – Claudia's friend – cancer
- **Donna Levi** – Cara's mother – Alzheimer's
- **Joey Caudill** – Brenda Jenkins nephew – blood cancer
- **Bobby Varney** – in Hospice care
- **Lamar Tackett** – Kathy Varney's brother – cancer
- **Stacey Cassady** – Jody's sister – loss of her daughter, Sydney
- **Janet Bowman** – Don's mother – early stages of dementia
- **Payton Metcalf** – Don's great-nephew battling cancer.
- **Joe Williams** – continues to need prayers for his medical condition.

Renewing the Mind #12: "Bringing Joy to the Equation"

If we knew just how infectious joy really is we would never let its tide go out.

Admittedly, I have met some matter-of-fact type people who, despite their lack of obvious joy, have brought upliftment wherever they go. However, I wouldn't exactly recommend your average armchair stoic as the best example of the joyful at heart.

As a rule, joy overflows. It shows on your face and it radiates from your very presence.

When Paul and Silas were in the Philippian jail singing and praising God at midnight, what everyone was hearing was expressions of joy. Even with the earthquake, I doubt that the jailor would have rushed out crying, "What must I do to be saved?" if he had just endured hours of miserable preaching from bitter Christians.

Joy is the stuff that stops a person long enough to ask themselves why Christians are happy when they are not supposed to be. Surely, they reason, the constraints imposed upon Christians should make them anything but joyful. Sadly, Christians haven't always helped to dispel this perception.

Joy begins at baptism and reaches its height when we meet the Lord face-to-face. In fact, it is Christ—our living hope—that generates that joy within our being. Jude says, "To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy" (Jude 24).

Joy is such an attractive thing, that as a natural extension to your faith and integrity, it moves hearts.

"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:8-9).

Sun. Morning	Jul-23-2023
Song Leading	B_Jude
Opening Prayer	M_Thompson
Reading	M_Anderson
Preside	C_Mickey
Assist1	D_Bowman
Assist2	A_Butt
Speaker	R_Hamblin
Announcements	R_Pierce
Closing Prayer	C_Bowman
Nursery	S_Mickey
Wed. Evening	Jul-26-2023
Song Leading	B_Jude
Opening Prayer	C_Mickey
Speaker	K_McAtee
Announcements	M_Anderson
Closing Prayer	D_Bowman
	7/29/2023
Sat. Evening Preparation	Butt