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Having a Bad Day and Looking for Great Joy?

Over the years that which brings the greatest joy changes. While a child's greatest joy might be Christmas, that same time someday might be seen as a period of great stress in dealing with presents and making sure everyone is remembered. Later a child's greatest joy might be an award at school or scoring the winning points in an athletic contest.

For a teen it might be getting a driver's license or that first car. It might be the graduation from school or acceptance at a particular college. It might be participating, even as a fan, as the school team wins at the local, regional or state level.

I saw this list years ago which attempted to show the many facets of what might bring joy to different individuals: to an athlete it might be a gold medal; to a contestant the right answer; to a bride or groom the wedding day; to a parent the birth of a healthy child; to a grandparent a special call expressing love; to a builder an edifice; to a worker a cherished promotion or raise; to a politician a winning vote; to a surgeon recognition of great skill; to a teacher great FCAT scores by students; to a runner the finishing of a marathon; to a climber the ascent of a mountain and to a writer the finishing of a book.

Now think for a moment about what brings you spiritual joy. Do you know the joy of learning new truths; of seeing someone baptized; of seeing the lost restored; of singing praises to God; of communion; of soul-winning; of seeing young people making right choices; of prayer; of thanking God for answers to specific prayers; of taking quiet time to spend with God; of reading the Bible; of helping another share a problem; of sharing your problems with another; of visiting those who are sick or aged; of giving sacrificially; of teaching children in Bible classes; of work parties at the church building; of seeing a need at church and volunteering to fill the need; of setting up or cleaning up after a church gathering; of going out of your way to greet visitors; of Cornerstone meetings; of giving unexpected praise; and of “washing the feet” of a “Judas” in your life?

What brings joy? Apostles rejoiced they were worthy to suffer for Him (Acts 5:41). Paul rejoiced at sacrificially serving others (Phil. 2:17). John’s greatest joy was knowing his children walked in the truth (3 John 4). Christians will rejoice to hear, “Enter into the joy of the Lord” (Matt. 25:21).

So what about you? What today would bring you great joy? Make your own lists. Look at the lists above. What would bring you the most joy today? Have a truly happy day! Think!

Dan Jenkins
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Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Jordan, Fredie Stewart,
Cindy Kidder, Garmelia Ellis,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Charles & Ruby Malone,
Phillip Mulins, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis,
Harrial Davis

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Helen Morris
Beverly Martindale,
Allen Thompson
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Glenn Lovell,
Marilyn Ferrell, Justin Puckett
Ramona Thurston, April Richey
David Briley

Today's Sermons

AM - Jesus, the Stone
Matthew 15:29-16:12

PM - Singing Night

Happenings

South Jackson

June 1

Cleaning Crew

June 25

Men's Business Meeting

Cards to Send

Lisa Dukes
36 Brookfield Drive
Oakfield, TN 38362

Freeman & Sheila Kidder
95 Sugar Creek Drive
Henderson, TN 38340

Weekly Record

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| 6 AM | 4 |
| Bible Class | 58/8 |
| AM Worship | 87/18 |
| PM Worship | 53/11 |
| Wed Bible Study | 46/11 |
| Contribution | 2887 |

Pantry Item

Vienna Sausages

Those Privileged to Serve

May 28 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, J. Butcher

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Costel Gimphu

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Carelton Kidder

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

June 4 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Clouse, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Charlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Van McConnell

Communion: Marion Thomas

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack
Opening Prayer: Joe Venable

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Paul Hatcher

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer: Mike Wages
Sermon: Marion Thomas
Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas
Communion: Ken Ross

May 31 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Devo - Marion Thomas

June 7 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Mike Wages

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Service Times

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| Early Worship | 6:00 AM |
| Gospel of Christ - Fox 16 | 9:30 AM |
| Sunday Bible Class | 9:30 AM |
| Sunday AM Worship | 10:30 AM |
| Sunday PM Worship | 5:00 PM |
| Midweek Bible Study | 6:30 PM |