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Bible Class: 10:00 am
Worship Service: 11:00 am

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For The Church

As we continue our journey of discipleship with the goal of becoming one with God and one with others, we will explore the spiritual discipline of celebration. God celebrates. He invented delight, joy, and celebration. And one way we become one with God and with others is through celebration. Whether solemn or exhilarating, formal or spontaneous, celebration can enlarge our capacity to enjoy and serve God.

Celebrating God does not depend on perfect circumstances or happy feelings. Even in prison Paul and Silas found something to sing about (Acts 16). And Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, wrote: "My soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:20-24). Jeremiah found reason to delight and hope in God even in a lament.

The world is filled with reasons to be downcast. But deeper than sorrow thrums the unbroken pulse of God's joy, a joy that will yet have its eternal day. To set our hearts on this joy reminds us that we can choose how we respond to any particular moment. We can search for God in all circumstances, or not. Heaven is celebrating. Right now, the cherubim, seraphim, angels, archangels, prophets, martyrs, and all the company of saints overflow with joy in the presence of their Creator.

Every small experience of Jesus with us is a taste of the joy to come and we are not alone. To abandon ourselves to celebration can feel like a risky move, but when David's wife, Michal, rebuked him, he said "I will celebrate before the Lord. I will become even more undignified than this..." (2 Sam. 6:21-22). Set your eyes on God as you celebrate, and forget how you look. God delights in all kinds of worship.

In Our Prayers

Thomas Pruitt
Juanita (Abby's Mother)
Tim Taylor
Pam Aldrich
Dennis Rosenbaum
Nolan Adams

Terry Sallee
Danielle Harmon
Crystal Emery (Gloria's mom)
Enrique Lira
Linda Guthrie
Pam, Leanne, Barbara

Saul Moncada (Abby's brother)
Cella Lemberger (Jessica's
Aunt)
Kay Kinnaman
Ryker Berens
Betty Peptone (David's Sister)

Upcoming Events

Potluck [Today]

Please join us immediately following services for our monthly potluck fellowship meal.

Youth Group [Tonight]

There will be Youth Group Tonight at 7:00 PM at the Church building.

Young Family Ministry [Tonight]

Our young family ministry will meet tonight at the Stafford Church of Christ at 5 PM. Dinner and childcare are provided!

Wednesday Night Bible Hour and Ladies Bible Class [Wednesday]

Wednesday night Bible Hour will meet this week at 6:00 PM. The Ladies Bible Class will also meet this Wednesday at 9:30 AM at the church building.

Save the Date:

February 8 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
March 8 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
April 4-5 - LTC Convention (Kansas City)
April 12 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

Birthdays

Darrell Willinger - January 13
Gatlin Reed - January 16

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Tom & Pam Turner

Song Leader: Shawn Batten

Sound System: Jayce Feril

Gathering: #234 - Worthy Is the Lamb

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Chris Mansel (Genesis 1:26)

Song: #278 - Victory Chant

Song: #324 - Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

Communion: Gary Hornbaker (James Harmon, Stan Aldrich, Ned Marks)

*Song: #595 - I Come to the Garden Alone

Lesson #1: Zeb Carter

Shepherd's Prayer: Richard Brensing

Song: #790 - Lord, Take Control

Lesson #2: Zeb Carter

Song: #622 - Ring Out the Message (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Darrel Bauer

* During this song, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to a special Bible Hour made just for them!

