

When Do We Rejoice?

We rejoice when we get something new. We have been waiting for a new car and we are finally able to get one. We still had to pay for it, but somehow just the fact that we have something new that we have always wanted makes us happy. We rejoice and want to share our joy with the people who care about the details in our life. The longer we have been waiting and planning to get it, the more excited we are.

We rejoice when new people come into our life. Maybe they are not new, but the relationship is new, and it develops into a friendship that makes us rejoice. We are able to feel close, comfortable and confident of the other person, and we are more open to them. As trust grows and develops, we rejoice when we have time to share in adventures and even the daily things that fill our life.

Our relationship with Jesus develops like this and is a reason to rejoice. Very few of us started like Pentecost with the accusation of some horrible crime. We just came to realize our distance from God and that we didn't have the reason for rejoicing yet. We were struggling on our own to make ourselves happy, and it wasn't working so well. There wasn't much reason for rejoicing. But when we surrendered to Jesus and to his love and sacrifice, all the blessings and benefits came to us. The realization of grace, redemption, adoption and forgiveness filled us with rejoicing at the love of God and how he had responded to us.

The early Christians rejoiced in their suffering for Jesus. They considered it an accomplishment to suffer for the cause of Christ because so many others had their faith tested before. They considered the example of prophets and righteous men who had lived before and had faith to stand for God. We can rejoice even when there are hard times in life. A pandemic does not take away our reason or ability to rejoice, it only limits our activity. Paul and Silas prayed and sang from a prison cell. God responded to such praise with an earthquake for freedom and an opportunity to convert the jailer. Our rejoicing is not just for us to feel happy. Our rejoicing gives God the opportunity to do his mighty work.

--Terry

Mesa Family Directory Updates

- Baptism:** Sarah Koomson, . Sarah is the daughter of Benjamin & Regina Koomson and was baptized by her dad in their pool.
- Address:** Joshua & Diamond DuBoise, .
- Phone:** Nydia Ballesteros ().
- Address:** Beverly Blackburn, .

Order of Worship

Song Leader: Tory Kenner

Song 559: "The Joy of the Lord"

Welcome & Prayer: Joel Soumar

Song 452: "Standing on the Promises"

Song 71: "As the Deer"

Song 683: "I Am Mine No More"

Communion & Contribution: Vince McNeil

Song 226: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Song: "10,000 Reasons"

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:1-12 Phil Kerr

Sermon: "A Reason for Rejoicing" Terry Singleton

Song 589: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Shepherd's Prayer: Jackie Hinkle

(Streaming Director: Charles Elgin / Powerpoint: Rich Rowland)



Tuesday Ladies' Class

Ladies' Class meets on Tuesday of this week in Room 105 at 10 a.m. Danell Fitzgerald will be continuing her class this week. Ladies of all ages are invited to attend--please wear a mask and plan to social distance.

World Bible School

If you are a participant in WBS, will you please provide Dave Verret with an updated e-mail address? You may do this via e-mail or in person. His e-mail is: twocajuns@mac.com or 480-784-3942. This applies to both our English and Spanish speaking study helpers.



Children's Check-in

Kathryn Rowland has requested help with the children's check-in process for CBH and for Bible classes when they resume. She would like to train additional helpers and get a rotation in place to accomplish this weekly task.

Thank You

Tewana Carter would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls and meals. She continues to recover from aneurysm surgery and is doing very well--all things considered.

Children's Bible Classes

The elders have announced a plan to reopen our children's classes the first Sunday in April. We would like to know all members who intend to resume attending Bible class so we can plan and coordinate accordingly. Please go on or email the office so we can capture your response. (Detailed info of children and ages is most helpful.) We want to be ready for you! We also need to know who is willing to teach--this information can also be left in the on-line form or called or emailed to the office.

Thank You

Tim Carlin sends thanks for the prayers, texts and cards I received regarding my heart procedure last week. The Doctor says it can take up to 3 months before we know how successful it was. We are very hopeful! Thanks again for all your concern!

Happy Anniversary

Two special couples will be celebrating big anniversaries later this month. Wayne & Karen Timbush will celebrate 63 years of marriage on Monday, March 22nd, and David & Norma Sanders will celebrate 61 years of marriage on Thursday, March 25th.



MYG - Upcoming Events

3/27 Spiritual Discipline Day--Save the date and watch for more details coming soon!



Praise and Prayers

new and critical

Jean Fox.....Gall Bladder surgery recovery
Travis (G'son of Ann Nichols)..... Bout with Crohn's
Tewana Carter..... Aneurysm surgery recovery
Wayne Timbush..... Kidney Tumor Surgery 4/1
Lynda Campbell..... Rehab for broken foot
Brenda Yee.....Knee surgery recovery
Diamond DuBoise.....High Risk Pregnancy
Virginia HielenHealth

on-going health problems

Heather Jette, Luana Guthrie, Samuel DuBoise,
Lynnita Knoch, Peter Ballesteros, Kevin Olson,
Debbie McMorries (S. Young's mom), April Norment
(D. DuBoise's mom), Kathy Marstein (P. Watkins'
mom), Lori Howerton's Parents, Gloria Hadley, Jerra
Bonebrake, Gaby Ivy, Jon Hardin, Michelle Black,
Lori Howerton, Martha Carroll, Carl Goodman, Ed
Schroeder, Malto O'Gorman

Shepherds

Jack Farr C.R. Gaines
Jackie Hinkle Kevin Hubby
Vince McNeil Chuck Watts

Ministers

Pulpit Minister: Terry Singleton
Spanish Minister: Edison Quevedo
Family Minister: Joshua DuBoise
Youth Minister: Joel Soumar

Attendance & Offering

Sunday Worship: 301+ online
Wednesday: On-line only
Budget: \$13,323
Giving: \$12,776
YTD Average: \$11,632

Children's bulletins are available at the Welcome Center. Please help your child choose the appropriate age level.

Contributions can be dropped in the containers at the doors following worship, given on line, by setting up through your bank, by mail or dropped off at the office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.