

My Lord, My JOY!

YOU MAY NOT BE HAPPY every day, but you can have joy. Jesus endured the cross because of the joy of what he was doing for God, for us, and for the victory that lied ahead (Heb. 12:2). What motivates you? Guilt and fear will not get you through any long-term commitment. They might initially nudge you to Christ but they are immature motives. I am grateful for anything that brings us to salvation, but God wants us to grow up in knowing him. The apostles died as martyrs because of their love for Christ. Paul's distress in Damascus matured into the joy of Philipians.

As you learn more of God, you are assured of his love, and you feel his peace. That peace of God passes all understanding. Jesus in Luke 15 tells us of God's love three ways: a shepherd who searches for a single lost sheep, a woman rejoicing over finding lost cash, a father welcoming a sorrowful son. All three tell us how God feels about us!

Does God want his children depressed? Would you want that for your kids? The Bible is not about "No", but one big "YES!" 1 Timothy 4:4 warns us away from unbiblical teachings that certain foods are forbidden or that marriage is unspiritual. *"For **everything God created is good**, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer."* He hits it again later: *"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with **everything for our enjoyment**"* (1 Timothy 6:17). Does that sound like a God who wants us to be fearful or distressed?

God loves us. He changed history to save us. He has put good gifts in his creation for us to enjoy. He is coming back to take us home. How wonderful! You can feel joy and peace without guilt or fear. These are your birthright when you have been born again. Claim them and thank God for them. All of these still stand even if you are having a bad day. *Thank you, LORD!*

Mark

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

❖ **Let the TEENS Provide food items to "Pack Your LUNCH"**

Our Youth Group is offering food items to use for your lunches during the week IN THE TEEN ROOM ACROSS FROM OUR LOBBY. They are raising the final support for their *Winterfest* Trip. Any DONATIONS will be greatly appreciated! Help encourage our teens.

❖ **Ladies Retreat- Sign Up Today** **Our Retreat is April 17th—19th**

SIGN-UP STARTS TODAY in the foyer after worship.
See Becky for details.

Youth Group: Meet from 7-9PM Friday, February 6th, here at the building for a *"Game Night."*

Cathedral Kitchen Meal for Homeless: Volunteer to serve a meal at the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden. Next dates are Tuesday, Feb. 3rd & then Thursday, Feb. 26th. ***See Vivian to help.*** We leave from the church parking lot at 3:00 PM

A Ladies & Girls Saturday Tea is Saturday, Feb. 28th at 1:00 PM: We will meet here in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. Questions? See Veronica.

Our Food Pantry for the Hungry Still Needs: non-perishable food. There is a basket in the hallway to place these items. Some of our needs are **beef stew, chunky soups, cereal, oatmeal, powdered milk, jelly, canned tuna and canned fruit.**

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE BROUGHT ITEMS IN!

Haircuts for Missions: February 14th Please sign-up.

Hey! Mark Your Calendars for Our CHURCH RETREAT:

at Camp Manatawny. The church retreat this year is **May 15th —17th**. This is a new date from previous years. Join in this relaxing time of playing games, or hiking, sitting and talking, enjoying a wonderful time in the woods at camp, etc. We stay in the Retreat Center, a room for the men and a room for the women with bunk beds. Some private cabins are available that you can rent with room for 4 with bunk beds, a bathroom and heat or air.



Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Dave Williams

Opening Prayer: Chet Churchill

Welcome & Scripture: Bret Goen (Psalm 100)

Lord's Supper: Scott Schoener, Kevin Finn, Tim Lum, Jiony Colon

Scripture Reading: Tony Ceraso Sr. (1 Peter 1:13-17)

Closing Prayer & Announcements: Tony Ceraso Jr.

Nursery: Pam & Julie Next Week- Bibi & Lillian

Yellow Cleaning Team Feb. 4-7 Leader: **Norma**

OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn – Preacher

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Worship 121

Bible Class 68

Wed PM..... 42

L.I.F.E. Groups 37

Contribution \$2,870

Budget Goal \$4.260

Daily Bible Readers: 34

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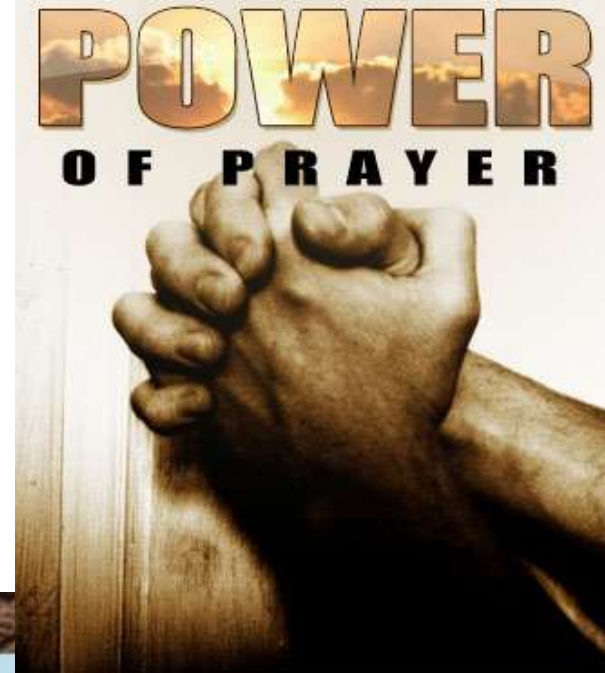
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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)

Month of
Prayer
&
Fasting is
Complete!



But Don't
Quit Now

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KEEP
PRAYING!