

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH

Sunday 10:00 am.....Bible Classes
 11:00 am.....Worship
 5:00 pm.....Worship
 Wed. 7:00 pm.....Bible Classes

WELCOME, VISITORS!

We are so glad you are here. If this is your first time with us, here’s what to expect. We seek to worship according to the New Testament pattern. As a result, we **sing** without the accompaniment of mechanical musical instruments (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). We have a weekly observe the **Lord’s Supper** (cf. Acts 20:7) which consists of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine (Matt. 26:26-29). This memorial is designed for those who have been baptized for the remission of sins to partake (Acts 2:38, 42). There will also be an **offering** collected from our members (1 Cor. 16:1-2). As our guest, you are not expected to make a donation. Feel perfectly comfortable passing the collection plate down the row. You will also hear the **preaching** of a Bible-centered message (Acts 20:7) and men leading the congregation in **prayer** (1 Tim. 2:8). We think you will find our worship meaningful and refreshing as we strive to do it in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). We encourage you to observe carefully and stay a while afterwards so that we can get to know you better and answer any questions you may have.

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ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION RECORDS

	2018 Goals	Last Week	1 yr ago
Bible Study	60	55	56
Sun AM	80	67	91
Sun PM	40	28	29
Wed	45	43	41
Contribution	1950	2225	1507

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What Position in the Church Do You Occupy?

A giver or a getter?

A wing or a weight?

A pillar or a pillager?

A helper or a hurter?

A booster or a boaster?

A peacemaker or a provoker?

An attendant or an absentee?

- Adapted

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer List * Paxton Bloyd * Debbie Bradshaw (lymphoma) * Sharon Cornett * Riley Decker (leukemia) * Matthew Edwards (cancer) * Britany Harden * Willard Holliday * Amanda Jewell (mitral valve stenosis) * Wilma Landis (cancer) * Eli Marcom (brain tumor) * Kenny Perkins * Kara Reed (cystic fibrosis) * Ancil Reynolds * Teresa Yates (cancer)

Medical Updates

- * **Steven Reynolds** had an abscessed tooth extracted last Tue.
- * **Steve Clark** is scheduled to have all his teeth extracted on Wed.

Ladies Bible Study

The next Ladies Bible Study at Julie's home is **tomorrow**, Aug. 27, at **6:30 p.m.** They will be studying Lesson 6.

Teacher and Class Update

The fall quarter for Bible classes will now begin on **Wed., Oct. 3**. This will help us to get teachers and classes properly lined up. Also, **we will have a teacher's meeting after evening services tonight**. Please plan on coming and helping out. If you are willing to teach and can't come to the meeting, please see Steve Clark. Kids can go ahead and advance to the next class if they are eligible.

Backpack Buddies

The Backpack Buddies program is up and running. They are in immediate need for all food items. There is a list on the table in the foyer.

Upcoming Events (Here and Yonder)

- * Sept. 13-16 - Gospel Meeting at Center with Tim Alsup.
- * Sept. 15 - Fall Festival at Potter Children's Home.
- * Sept. 30 - Special World Evangelism service (here).
- * Oct. 14 - Our Friends and Family Day.

Winter Outerwear Drive/Giveaway

We will have a giveaway to needy families this fall (sometime before our Friends and Family Day). We need coats of all sizes, mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves to distribute. Please bring them in as soon as possible.

Birthdays This Week - Juanita Cheatham (Aug. 28)

How to Bring Greater Joy to Your Life

Everyone wants to enjoy life more. Advertisements bombard us with "just buy this" or "just go there" or "just do that" and you will be happier. But we must realize that God already has a plan in place for greater joy of life.

In Acts chapter 2, we read of people becoming Christians and having lives of great joy. As they went about living their daily lives, we notice that they conducted them, "with gladness and simplicity of heart" (v.46). Now, of course, we understand this was primarily a response to them obeying the gospel and knowing that Jesus Christ had washed away all past sin (v.38-41).

But I also believe that verse 42 reveals four things that they were doing that continued to bring great meaning and joy to their lives. Do you want greater joy in your life? Then concentrate on these and see what happens:

Prayer. One thing the verse reveals is that they continued steadfastly in prayer. Prayer can bring great joy to life, because it helps keep us in connection with the One who saved us. We actually get to talk to God! How exciting! When we realize the close relationship we have with God, then nothing of this earth can diminish our joy in Him.

Study. We see from this verse that the first Christians also continued in the apostles' doctrine. This means that they took the words they were taught to heart. They were very serious about understanding God's will and living it. The same should be true of us. The deeper we mine into the great treasures found in the Scriptures, the more joy and peace of life we will discover.

Fellowship. The passage also reveals that fellowship was something they continued steadfastly in. They learned that association with the brethren strengthened them, encouraged them, and brought them great joy (see also v.44-46). We, too, will find great satisfaction and edification in life when we regularly associate with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Service. Finally, this verse mentions that they continued steadfastly in the breaking of bread. While I understand this is primarily with worship in mind, our worship is service and I believe we can include all areas of service under this category. They realized that serving God and serving others in His name brought joy beyond compare. Truly, when we learn to focus on service and serving others, we will find incredible satisfaction and delight in life.

Give these four a try and increase them more and more and see what happens. I think you will find a life that is "with gladness and simplicity of heart."