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## The Joy of the Lord is My Strength

*Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, “This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep.” For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”* Nehemiah 8:9-10

I have been singing the song “The Joy of the Lord” in my head for the last several days. In looking through the Bible references, Nehemiah 8 is the only place where this phrase appears.

In this portion of Nehemiah, some of the Israelites had come back to Jerusalem after their exile in Babylon. They had rebuilt the walls and restored some of the houses. The people gathered on the first day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month to hear the Book of the Law read. The Levites translated and explained the scriptures so that all could understand what God wanted. The people were mourning and weeping because they had failed to keep the Law of God. At that point, Nehemiah told them not to grieve because “the joy of the Lord is your strength”. Why did he say that? The people had sinned. They had not followed the Law of God. How could they have joy?

First, we need to decide what JOY is. I do NOT believe that it is the same as happiness. James says, “*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.*” James 1:1-2.

Most people would NOT be “happy” with trials and testing. The people who were doing the testing were the Jewish leaders who were persecuting the Christians. The people who were being tested were the devoted followers of Christ. Those who persevered the testing were the Christians who had a strong faith that they did not let go of. The joy comes from the assurance that all is right between you and God.

In Nehemiah 8:10, the people were responding with mourning when they realized that they had not fully followed God’s law. That feeling of grief is the first step toward repentance and renewal of your relationship with God. The people were showing their faith and trust in God. Nehemiah was telling them that when they have that relationship with God, they can be assured that all is right between them and God.

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## Prayer Requests

\***Clyde Ball** Please continue prayers for him and Penny.

**Mike Cooper** (Rogers Brother) Please continue praying as he is undergoing cancer treatment.

**Dick Coriell** (Rick's Dad) Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

**Esther Crisp** Please keep her in your prayers.

**PJ Glauder** Please keep him in your prayers as he continues treatment.

**Kim Glispie** (Gary's Sister) Please continue to pray for God's healing for her.

**Peggy Hollback** Please continue praying she will be blessed with better health.

**Chris Jennings** (Jack & Jane's Son) Please continue praying for him and his family as he receives treatment.

**Brenda Kallner** Please keep her in your prayers for healing and ease of pain as she recovers.

**Rachel McLaughlin** Please keep her in your prayers as she suffers with serious health problems.

**Rusty McCleese** (Chris's Dad) Please continue prayers for him and his family as he fights cancer.

**Ruth McCleese** She was admitted to Hillview Rehab for therapy. Please keep her in your prayers for healing.

**Lyla Napier** (A Minford High Student) Please continue prayers for her recovery.

**Mark Villinger** He is currently being treated for cancer. He is half way through the treatment.

Please keep him and his family in your prayers

Esther Crisp  
Sarah Gilliland  
Helen Hayward

The Courtyard Rm. #106  
Hillview Room L306  
Homebound



Teens Class Meets behind Wayne's house tonight for Bonfire, Devo & Cookout

\*Sunshine Friends & Family Day-Sept.10 @ Noble Farm - Morning Worship @ 10:00 AM

\*Men's Leadership Retreat Sept.22 & 23 Round Lake in Lakeville, Ohio

\*Sunshine Fall Home Groups- Oct.8-29

### **Sunday Morning Live Streaming Links:**

<https://sunshinecofc.church/sermon-media>  
<https://sunshinecofc.sermon.net>

### **Welcome To All of Our Guests**

Thank you for coming. Please come back!

### **Gluten Free Communion Available**

We have gluten free communion bread available for anyone who needs it. It can be found at the **Welcome Center**. You may pick it up before the services on your way into the auditorium.

### **We Are So Glad You Are Here!**



### **KID'S Club**

**Kids Pre-K - 6th Grade**

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**Wednesday Evening Bible Class.**

It includes a short & fun video reviewing the lesson taught on Sunday



**Come Join Us!**

**Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM**



**Please be praying for God's protection for our Students and Teachers.**

**Bless each one with a Happy and Safe New School Year.**

**SUNSHINE CHURCH of CHRIST**  
**We Invite You To Join Us**

**Sunday Morning 10:00 AM**  
**Sunday Eve. Class 6:00 PM**  
**Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM**

**You may also call 855-565-7670**  
**to hear the lessons by phone.**

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We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Norm McGinnis. He passed away Aug. 22. He will certainly be missed by all that knew him. May God give comfort to all.  
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**\*Sunshine's Friend & Family Day**  
**@ Noble Farm - September 10.**  
The Sunday Morning Worship Service starts at 10:00 AM.

We always have a wonderful time worshipping in the outdoors and then have a great meal and time of fellowship throughout the day. Our guest speaker will be Barry Boverie. The Meal & Drinks are provided. Please bring a dessert and your lawn chair. We will also have our Corn Hole Tournament that day. Be sure to sign up your team. Plan to come join us and bring a friend. We hope to see you there!

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**\*The Round Lake Men's Retreat**  
Scheduled Sept. 22 & 23.  
There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center for those wanting to attend. Please see Jamie for more info.  
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**Sunshine Fall Home Groups**  
Scheduled to begin Sunday Evenings October 8-29 at 6:00pm.  
This is always an enjoyable time to learn from God's Word and have open discussion in a very relaxed atmosphere with friends. Plan to come join us. A sign up list for those that would like to host a group in your home is at the Welcome Center.  
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"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever -- the Spirit of truth. John 14:15-17

**Possessions Of Jesus**

In the lifetime of Jesus we do not hear Him speak of "my house" "my land", "my farm", "my books", "my money", "my business".

We do however, hear Him speak of "My Father" (Matthew 10:33)  
"My Friends" (John 15:14)  
"My Disciples" (John 15:8)  
"My Church" (Matthew 16:18)  
"My Words" (Mark 8:38)  
"My Sheep" (John 10:27)  
"My Joy" (John 17:13)

It is very evident and significant that Jesus as our example thought far more of spiritual possessions rather than any of the material ones that consume our daily thoughts.

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**\*Teens, this evening your class will meet in the field behind Wayne's house for a bonfire, devo and cookout. Sounds like fun! We hope you'll plan to come!**  
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**The August Item Is**  
**Soup**

**For Mid Western Children's Home**  
**Thank You!**

**Family Bible Time**

**ADULT CLASSES WEEK OF August 27**

**\*Sunday Evening Auditorium**

Zach Coriell

**\*Wednesday Evening Auditorium**

Tim Gampp

**\*Wednesday Evening Ladies Class**

June Book

Embracing Grace That Comes From God

Please Read: Romans 7:14 - 8:17,

Ephesians 1:1-14, 2, James 2:14 - 26

**\*Men's Class - James Group- Rm. #8**

# Those Who Serve



**Sunday** Worship - 10:00 am  
Bible Study - 6:00 pm

**Wednesday** Bible Study - 7:00 pm

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| <b>Sunday Morning</b>     | <b>08/27/2023</b> | <b>09/03/2023</b> | <b>9/10/2023</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Worship Leader            | Zach Coriell      | Shaun McCray      | Friends and      |
| Scripture Reading         | Sam Williams      | Jesse Tunell      | Family Day       |
| Prayer                    | Troy Gahm         | Josh Coriell      | At Noble Farm    |
| Communion                 | Don Coriell       | Eli Cordle        |                  |
| Message                   | Jamie Riley       | Jamie Riley       | Barry Boverie    |
| Announcements /<br>Prayer | Rich Book         | Jon Coriell       |                  |
| <b>Sunday Evening</b>     | <b>08/27/2023</b> | <b>09/03/2023</b> |                  |
| Worship Leader            | Jared McCray      | Zach Coriell      |                  |
| Communion                 | Lonnie Hollback   | Jacob Book        |                  |
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God wants us to have JOY and ASSURANCE in our relationship with Him. When we actively seek a relationship with God, when we grieve that we have not fully followed God and walked In the Light, then we can have that joy that says, "the JOY of the Lord is my STRENGTH". Do you have the JOY of the Lord?

David Deacon

**God Loves You and We Love You Too**

Have a wonderful day!