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The Joy Set Before Him

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Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith, Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2).

"...the joy set before Him..." Just think of it. Jesus lived His life and died His death for the joy set before Him. He endured doubt, confusion and false expectations from His disciples for the joy set before Him. He bore the shallow faith, the disappointments and the desertion of the twelve for the joy set before Him. He withstood the stinging and hypocritical kiss of the betrayer for the joy set before Him. He suffered ridicule, persecution and crucifixion by His enemies for the joy set before Him.

"...the joy set before Him..." Just what was it? Was it heaven? Was it His place at the right hand of the throne of God? Was it His return to glory? All those things, as joyous as they certainly must be to Jesus, were already His. He willingly gave them up for a short time, but they were already His. No, the joy set before Him is you! Everything Jesus endured, everything He suffered, everything He withstood, He did for you.

When the crowds deserted Him, He kept you in mind. When the disciples disappointed Him, He thought of you. When Judas betrayed Him, you were on His heart. When Peter denied Him, the picture of you in His mind kept Him going. He looked ahead into eternity and saw you. You see, you are "the joy set before Him!"

But there is also a joy set before us. It keeps us going when we face life's trials. It keeps us strong when Satan tempts us. It holds us up when enemies persecute us. It gives us courage when friends disappoint us. The joy set before us is Jesus! The assurance of eternity with Him gives us all we need to keep us going. One thought of Jesus and despair melts into joy.

What a wonderful thought! Jesus is the joy set before us, and we are His! And now I can keep going.

William Eudy
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Please pray for...

For those who have been hit by Hurricane Ike

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel.

Ellen Lemon as she continues her radiation treatments.

Aaron Salyers had a seizure on Tuesday and was taken to St Mary's to be checked out. No serious problem. Home on Wednesday.

Alex Cram is still facing possible eye surgery to preserve his eyesight.

Kerri Davis is still suffering with gall stones. Surgery is scheduled for Wednesday at SOMC.

Janine Morris had kidney surgery on Thursday at KDMC. The surgery went well. She is scheduled to come home on Monday or Tuesday. Biopsy is pending.

William Gilpin (Cheryl Sims father) has been hospitalized with heart problems this week. He may have to have a pacemaker installed.

Lillian Knore is in SOMC with a severe case of the virus.

John Mott (client of Chuck Allison) was diagnosed with lung cancer this week. He is home now waiting for the results of tests and getting ready for treatment. We are trying to make arrangements for John to be baptized. Pray for his healing and that nothing prevents his baptism.

Denise Hambrick (sister of Eric McLaughlin's coworker) has been diagnosed with cancer.



**LET US KNEEL
BEFORE THE
LORD, OUR
MAKER!**

Psalms 96:6



11/30 - A.M. Thanksgiving Service

P.M. Preaching Service

12/3-5 - Angel Food Orders

12/7 - Deadline for Coats for Kids

12/13 - Senior Ambassador Banquet

12/19 - Christmas Program @ 7 pm

12/22 - Christmas Cookie Exchange

VERSE OF THE MONTH

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.

Acts 16:31



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

11/23 2 Corinthians 12-13
11/30 Preaching Service
12/7 Galatians 1-2
12/14 Galatians 3-4
12/21 Galatians 5-6
12/28 Ephesians 1

Wednesday

11/26 Exodus 5-7
12/03 Exodus 8-10
12/10 Exodus 11-13
12/17 Exodus 14-15
12/24 Exodus 16-18
12/31 Exodus 19-20

Spirit Club News

We have our meeting tonight at 6 pm. We will be practicing for a Spirit Club Concert on Sunday, November 30, before our service begins. If your child would like to recite/sing any of our memory verses we have learned this year have them tell me at the practice tonight so I can work them into the program. I am making a list of who wants to sing/recite what. If solo is too daunting for your child, duo's and trio's are fine.

Thanksgiving Service



The Sunday after Thanksgiving we have a special service each year where 4 or 5 of our men take the time to thank and praise the Lord for blessings they have received from Him in their lives. This has become a tradition for Sunshine going back to 1997. We look forward to this time all year long. The four men who will be thanking and praising the Lord before us on Sunday, November 30, are

Derek Miller, Jamie Veach, Bill Gammon and Jim Jacobs. Pray for these men this week that the words they speak on November 30 will truly bring glory and honor and thanksgiving to our Father.

Angel Food Request

Through Angel Food we have made a friendship with a local Christian couple (late 40's/early 50's) who are needing some extra income to make ends meet. The husband is on disability. The woman is looking for house cleaning type work. If you would care to give this woman a chance to work some for you, see Judi Allison. Judi's comment: "I would trust her to work in my home."

Children's Bible Time News

Next Sunday we will not be having Children's Bible Time. We would like for our children to stay in the auditorium to see and hear their fathers, grandfathers and uncles giving praise to the Lord in our special Thanksgiving service.

Bring unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. Psalm 96:1

Coats for Kids

We are in the process of contacting local schools (administrators and teachers) to develop a list of students who are in need of coats, hats and gloves for the winter. It takes about \$25-30 to provide a child with what is needed. If you would like to help with this project, give your donations to Rhonda Berry or Eugene Risner. Checks made out to Sunshine. Donations in excess of what is needed for the coats will go toward the Joy of Giving program which provides wrapped Christmas gifts to a family or families that are struggling financially at this time. Deadline for donations is Sunday, December 7.



Special PM Service

On Sunday evening, November 30, we will be suspending all adult and teen classes and having a preaching service for all those who remain in the auditorium. **John Berry** will be our speaker for the evening. Classes for the children will continue as usual.

Christmas Program

Our annual kids Christmas Program is set for Friday, December 19, 7 pm here at the building. The program is designed for children age 4 and up. Depending on how many of each age group sign up, we may be using older children to help produce the program rather than be in it. Please sign up your child on the pad in the foyer for the Christmas Program no later than Sunday, December 7. See Brandi Gampp for details.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Storm Bratchett** (17 year old PHS student who was killed in a bow/arrow accident on Tuesday.

New Quarter Begins

Teachers/students, please note that the new teaching quarter begins on Wednesday, December 3. Questions, see Rich Book.

Christmas Cookie Exchange



All ladies in the congregation are invited to participate in a Christmas Cookie Exchange. Each participant should bring 8 dozen cookies, packed by half dozens. Dinner will be provided. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Please sign up in the foyer with your name and the type of cookie you will be bringing. Be creative. The event will be in the Annex on Monday, December 22, at 6:30 pm. See

Mandi Coriell or Kim McCray for details.

Teen News

Devo this Thursday evening at the church building at 6 pm. Refreshments provided.

Would Have Been...

If Jesus had decided to become a full-time carpenter like his father, his life would have been totally different. He would have married, had children, made a lot of stuff from wood and (or as diligent research shows) stone. Jesus would have been so busy to not notice the suffering of the world.

If Jesus had become a good member of the synagogue, learning to obey every rule, living with legalist zeal, his life would have been one where he treated people differently. He would have been a scoffer at Zacchaeus instead of a friend. He would have pushed away children instead of loving them. Jesus would have mocked people following around a messiah like figure looking for healing and possibly yelled at them to visit an HMO.

If Jesus had not taken on the sins of the world and become my savior and yours, he would have been without blood, agony and pain. He would have been a meaningless figure in the history of the world. If he had not sacrificed his life for others, the figure of Jesus would have been no figure at all, just another guy with a beard from that hillbilly town of Nazareth, a redneck with no purpose other than cutting up wood and stone and following traditions laid down by the legalists, that's what Jesus would have been.

I praise God for what Jesus did become, my savior and my friend. The same could be said for each of us. We have a purpose. We are here to be more than just a carpenter or whatever occupation we find ourselves in. We are more than our occupations. God has a purpose for each of us.

God gives us opportunities of purpose so we never have to sit and ponder or stand and wonder about what would have been, if only we had gone to Him.

Brian Humek
Airport Freeway Church of Christ
Euless, TX

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
L Server 6
O Server 5
R Server 4
D Wine
S Bread
S Server 3
U Server 2
P Server 1
P
E
R
Message
Closing Prayer

November 23

Jon Coriell
Shaun McCray
Steve Williams
Shawn Gragg
Jack Jennings
Don Ramey
Chuck Allison
Dewey Cordle
Aaron Kallner
David Gampp
Tyler Jones
Eric Copas
Jamie Riley
Bill Gammon

November 30

Wayne Gampp
Nick Davis
Eric McLaughlin
Troy Gahm
Michael Dixon
Barry Hayward
Price Gammon
Greg Coriell
Josh Coriell
Barry Gampp
Ryan Coriell
Bill Gammon
Steve Miller
John Berry

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer
Bible Class

Zach Coriell
Mark Gampp
Spike Ferrell
Tim Coriell
Tim Gampp
2 Corinthians 12-13

Gabe Coriell
Rich Book
Caleb Miller
Shawn Gragg
Jason Coriell
Preaching Service

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Jacob Miller
Ira Coriell
Exodus 5-7

Aaron McCray
Jeff Hayward
Exodus 8-10

Children's Bible Time

Nov 3/5: Stephanie Copas, Eric Copas, Debbie Sullivan
Nov 6/8: Mary Lemon, Kristine Coriell, Teresa Hayward
Dec 3/5: Jennette Ferrell, Pam Coriell, Irmalee Gampp
Dec 6/8: Kerri Davis, Kim McCray, Jessie Coriell

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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A seasonally appropriate scripture from Psalms has been scrambled using a simple letter substitution code below. Determine which letters have been swapped to reveal the verse. Solution at the bottom of page 2. Hint: C=E, A=N

B H A R X A W E W V C N E M P, E Z C
B T H A W B E O V H B, T A P R H G C
W V T A L B T W W V C M C I C I F M T A Q C
E O V H B V E N H A C B B.