

Discover Joy Church

(Brethren in Christ)

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We gather as God's people at Discover Joy Church each Lord's Day:

- To sing our praises to the Living God.
- To pray for one another and the needs around us and around the world.
- To demonstrate our belief in God's call that Christians gather together.
- To fellowship and encourage one other.
- To support the work of the church and ministry around the world.
- To hear, read and apply God's Word.

We desire that God be glorified and His people edified! Let us be diligent to do our part. If you are visiting today we extend a warm welcome and hope you feel that you are among friends. And we certainly welcome your return!



Sunday School: Our adult small group Sunday School meets at 9:00 downstairs in the first classroom to the left. Today we begin a unit from the epistles. We invite

everyone to Sunday School!

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 7:00 PM: Prayer meeting & Bible Study. "**A 30-Day Walk with God in the Psalms**" by Nancy Leigh DeMoss will be our study

guide for the next several Wednesdays with Brooksyne teaching. This week we'll be exploring Psalm 37 so read ahead and prepare for discussion. Remember: Observe, interpret & apply (OIA) as you study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Transition Update: Brooksyne and I are scheduled to meet with the Bishop Monday, February 13. I have also requested/suggested to her that a meeting be scheduled ASAP with the Bishop and the church. I do detect a sentiment among several to make efforts to keep the work open. There may be some creative ways in the works to see the church continue!

A special appeal: I realize that the uncertainty of the next several weeks/months is discomfoting. I appeal for all our regular attendees to hold steady for this short period. I also realize when the Bishop makes a decision all will probably not be satisfied. It would not surprise me at all if at that point some choose to leave even if the church continues (that happens whenever there is a transition). Here's the basis of my appeal:

- In consideration of our brothers and sisters who remain.
- In consideration of Brooksyne and me as we seek to end our role well.
- In consideration of the dignity of this church and I believe honoring to God.

If we are able to see the church continue we want to transition well and place our blessings on the next pastor and remaining congregation. If the decision is made to close the church we want to do so with a solemnness recognizing the work for Christ that took place out of this building for over 130 years. We will have a final service in this regard.

Sunday, Feb. 12th – The inspirational movie, "Courageous" is being shown at the Webers. We invite you to come around 5:00 for a light meal



family room



(bring a snack or finger food, if you'd like). We'll provide a soup and view the movie afterward. Why at the Weber's? 1) There appears to be some licensing requirements for viewing in churches. 2) We have a large

The Church Finance Report is posted on the bulletin board for 2011. This past year expenses did exceed income which will occasionally happen (the previous two years income exceeded

expenses.)

We, like many churches and nonprofits, face a reduction in income. This last year our income was about 12% less than budgeted and the previous year's income. (A detailed report is on the bulletin board with extra copies on the back table.)

The expenses are broken down by category. Next week I will share a report with detail regarding categories that may need more explanation.

Total liquid assets (cash) are similar to when we started our role in 2009 and of course we have seen some extensive improvement and equipment acquisitions (large mower) since that time. I will have a report concerning my pastoral services in several weeks.

Expressions of thanks are in order to all who supported this church with their finances and to our treasurer Kandis Shaffer for her service.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

George Beverly Shea, a deep baritone who has the distinction of singing to over 220 million people through the Billy Graham Crusades, marked his 103rd birthday last week.

He was asked this question: "As someone who has walked with the Lord for quite some time, what advice do you have for other Christians?" He answered: "Keep your devotions, study the Word, enjoy His presence, and learn from Him daily!"

George's father often told them, "There will be many times when you don't feel connected. The Lord is with you. Just look up—keep that vertical relationship. Practice His presence in your life."

That's excellent advice! And it appears that Bev Shea followed it. The words of Jesus come to mind, "My sheep listen to my voice....I give them eternal life and they shall never perish. No one can snatch them out of my hand." So even when you don't **feel** connected, remember **you are** in His everlasting hand.

This daily encouragement pastoral perspective (slightly adapted) will be heard this Tuesday on WDAC 94.5FM at 8:00AM.

Prayer request: We have been preparing these messages for WDAC for nearly ten years, sponsored by Engle Printing and Publishing. As a part of our change in ministry we hope to have this daily encouragement devotional minute sponsored by other local businesses and expanded to several days per week, with a possible goal of each weekday. This last week we met with the management of WDAC concerning this expansion, along with several business owners.

"Rules For Holy Living

Colossians 3:1-17

Since, then, we have been raised with Christ, we set our hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. We set our minds on things above, not on earthly things. For we died, and our life is now hidden with

Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, appears, then we also will appear with Him in glory.

We put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to our earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. We used to walk in these ways, in the life we once lived. But now we must rid ourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from our lips. We do not lie to each other, since we have taken off our old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, we clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. We bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances we may have against one another. We forgive as the Lord forgave us. And over all these virtues we put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

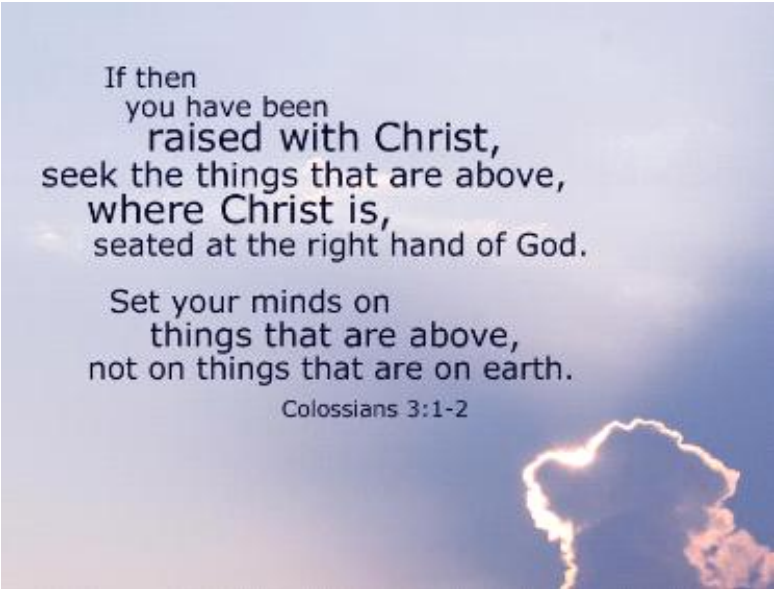
We will let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, since as members of one body we were called to peace. And we will be thankful. We will let the word of Christ dwell in us richly as we teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as we sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in our hearts to God. And whatever we do, whether in word or deed, we do it all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Note: Today's Scripture reading was placed in 1st person pronoun for public reading

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