



August Newsletter

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John 16:22 "So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice and no one can rob you of that joy."

Joy is a wonderful thing. Jesus said there is a joy He wants us to have and it is a joy that no one can take from us. Wouldn't that be something! A joy that cannot be taken away. Who wouldn't want that.

The man who discipled me the most was a person of great joy. He was a Pastor and teacher and would often declare: "Ain't it Fun!" He was expressing the joy he had begun to experience as a follower of Jesus Christ. He discovered this joy as he focused more and more on the great teachings of Jesus Christ.

This joy does not just come out of nothing. It actually comes from listening to Jesus. In John 17:13 Jesus said that He had taught them many things. "Father, I have given them your word so they would be filled with my joy."

So joy will come as we listen to and follow our Lord's teachings. WE are to be disciples, learners, getting to know Him and His teachings more and more. Those who are doers of the word, and not merely hearers, will discover joy. That was the reason Jesus gave us His teachings, so we would be filled with joy!

So if you want joy, one of the things that will make a huge difference is to take time to study the words of Jesus with a commitment to follow His teaching and practice them day by day.

Remember, though, we do not do this by ourselves. IT is not a "self" improvement program. He will help us. He will give us power. Can we do it/ Will we grow? Paul said, remember, I can do anything through Christ who strengthens me. Enjoy the Joy!

Thank you for your love and prayers. I find joy in being your Pastor.



Snippets

Saturday, August 18th

10:30 am

Ladies, join us at church for some snippets from Patsy Clairmont, Shiela Walsh and others and then let's travel down the road to Farlows for lunch.

A sign up sheet will be on the board August 5th.

SETTING AT THE GATE (THE ELDERS REPORT)

We are most happy to report that we are in the midst of the “Dog Days” of summer! NO, No that does not mean you are to give your dog a big party or anything of the sort! Actually the closet tie-in it has to real Dogs is that it is a period of time that Sirius, the Sun Dog Constellation can be seen during the daytime. However it is a good time to stay in the pool or in the house enjoying the coolness of your air conditioner since it is generally the hottest days of the year. So much for your Astrology Lesson!

August is the slowest month we experience during the year as most of the “snow angels” are in the northern climes and many of the year round folks take a vacation. Consequently it is an excellent time for our Leadership Team to plan and get ready for the return of those that are away!

Most of those that are “up north” have been there for over a month, have gotten reacquainted with the neighbors, kids, Grandkids, etc. and settled in for the summer, right?? Should our assumption be correct, may we ask your indulgence while you are “kicked back” and taking it all in?

As you are experiencing all you have earned and making the most of your enjoyment, please look around and take note of the differences in the Worship environment! Do you see anything that you feel could make a worshipful positive influence here at Grace? Please look at the Setting and make that comparison first, while it may look very good there, it may not here. What we are saying is weigh as many of the factors as possible before you make the suggestion.

Until next time we will be setting at Gate awaiting HIS Return!!

Help Needed: Nada will be having surgery on August 6th. She and Darrell will need assistance with meals for at least a week. We have established a meal train for them. If you are interested in providing a meal, please go to <https://mealtrain.com/dwzle3> to sign up. This is a wonderful way to serve two people who have spent most of their adult life serving others. Thank you in advance for your help.



August 8th - Meal Train Meals Begin

August 12th - Communion

August 18th - Women of Faith Snippits and Lunch

August 19th - Pot Luck

August 23rd - Men's Breakfasts

To help people develop a thriving relationship with Jesus Christ by serving God and serving others...This is the Mission of GCC.

Our Website Needs You!

I love working on our website because it is our chance to show who we are to others. The problem is that I need information to load. For example, wouldn't it be nice to have each of our missionaries listed and updates on what they are doing? Fall is coming, I'm sure there are Bible studies starting back up, or perhaps some special events being planned. I know this is hard to believe but I do not have the ability to gather information via osmosis. I need you!!!

Please send me your website information soon!

Patty