

## UPCOMING

### Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland (cancer)
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### Communion Preparation

November - Rowell  
December -

### Birthday / Anniversary

Laila McKenzie - 5th  
Cindy Littrell - 14th  
Marilyn Potts - 15th  
Ryan Joiner - 26th  
Margie Wooldridge - 30th  
John & Beverly Isaacs - 25th

11 / 10 / 2024

# WELCOME

We are a body of believers whose soul intention is to glorify and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the head of His church. Our desire is to reflect that of our God--that all be saved. Anyone who is willing to humble himself before the mighty hand of God can be saved.

## WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

### Men to Serve

Announcements - Larry Montgomery  
Scripture Reading - 2 Corinthians 4:16 - 18  
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell  
Head of Lord's Table - Dwight Callens  
Assist on Lord's Table - Mark Potts  
Scripture Reading - Matthew 27:35 - 44  
Closing Prayer - James Johnson

TRUE HUMILITY AND FEAR  
OF THE LORD LEAD TO  
**RICHES  
HONOR  
& LONG LIFE**  
PROVERBS 22:4

### SUNDAY

Psalms Bible Class //  
9:30 am  
Worship Service //  
10:30 am

### WEDNESDAY

Colossians Bible Class //  
7:00 pm

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Join us via live stream for our worship service!  
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# SERMON NOTES

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## Reasons To Rejoice

By Joe Goodspeed

The Bible speaks a number of times regarding rejoicing. David once stated, “This is the day which the Lord has made,” and then he added, “We will rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24).

Why isn’t that just as true today as the day David wrote it? A celebrated writer once wrote, “Every new day is a miracle.” The point: “the Lord did not owe us another day, but He gave it to us.”

In the days of Nehemiah, when the people of God had combined their efforts in a great cause, they were coaxed to rejoice, and were reminded: “the joy of the Lord is your strength” (Nehemiah 8:9-10). Then the people responded with great rejoicing “because they now understood the words that had been made known to them (Nehemiah 8:12).

Even in the shadow the hideous cross, Jesus told the disciples, “Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). Of course, they were not glad that Jesus had to suffer so, but were to rejoice at the happy results — their redemption (cf. Ephesians 1:7; Romans 3:24-25).

It is recorded of the early church that they “received their food with glad and generous hearts” (Acts 2:46 ESV).

In the marvelous book of Philippians, we read that Paul counseled Christians to “rejoice in the Lord” (Philippians 3:1); and then a chapter later repeated, “Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I will say rejoice” (Philippians 4:4). The Thessalonians were instructed similarly, to “rejoice always” (1 Thessalonians 5:16).

What a wonderful reason Jesus gave the early disciples to rejoice when He said, “rejoice that your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:20).

Have we ever thought that when we are told to “rejoice,” that it implies making a conscious effort to do so? Happiness is not automatic — it’s a choice!

“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4).

### The 7 “UPS”

By Mike Riley

1) Wake Up! - Decide to have a good day.

“Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” - Psalms 118:24

2) Dress Up! - The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

“The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart.” - 1 Samuel 16:7

3) Shut Up! - Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking.

“He who guards his lips guards his soul.” - Proverbs 13:3

4) Stand Up! - For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything.

“Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good...” - Galatians 6:9-10

5) Look Up! - To the Lord.

“I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me.” - Philippians 4:13

6) Reach Up! - For something higher.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path.” - Proverbs 3:5-6

7) Lift Up! - Your Prayers.

“Do not worry about anything; instead pray about everything.” - Philippians 4:6