

# Church Announcements and Events:

## Calendar of Events for the Month of July 2018:

⇒ **Wednesdays:** "The Holy Spirit 101" (The Person and Power of the Holy Spirit...e.g. The Ministry and Help of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Believer; etc.)

## Special Announcements:

- ⇒ **7/1 - 7/21 - GRACE FOCUS:** Read 1 Day of Devotional "21 Days of Grace for the Pace" every day for 21 days.
- **BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY:** Need to take the next step of faith in following Christ by being Baptized? Do you wish to be Re-Baptized? Sign-up for our Baptism Class and Sunday, August 12th and Back-to-School Block Party. (See picture below). Sign-up by completing a Yellow Connection Card and RSVP on CCB.
  - **Water Baptism Sunday** - Sunday, August 19th, 2018 - Sign-up to be baptized in water in obedience to Christ's commands.
  - **Local Ladies Retreat - Women's Conference** in Fredericksburg, TX - Monday through Wednesday, August 6th - 8th @ the Inn on Baron's Creek, 308 S. Washington Street, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624 (See Pastor Cynthia for details).
  - **Built to Last - Men's Conference** (Friday, September 14th & Saturday, September 15th, 2018) - Eagle Mountain International Church (EMIC), Fort Worth, TX - (see CCB or Pastor Ed for details).



Friday & Saturday  
September 14th & 15th

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Rejoice  
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Philippians 4:4

Sunday, July 1st, 2018



"Welcome To Your Church!"

SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY, July 1st, 2018

SERMON SERIES: "Stay In Your Lane!"

SERMON TITLE: "Serve The Lord With Gladness"

Psalms 100:2a (NKJV) - "Serve the LORD with gladness..."

Romans 12:11 AMPC - "Never lag in zeal and in earnest endeavor; be aglow and burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord."

Romans 14:17 - 18 (NKJV) - "17For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men."

Philippians 4:4 AMPC - "Rejoice in the Lord always [delight, gladden yourselves in Him]; again I say, Re-joice!"

- REJOICE = (Greek - "chairō" which means (1) to be cheerful (2) to be glad (3) joy (4) rekindle/stir up the joy by rejoicing exceedingly (5) re-joying/refilling your joy).
• THE HOLY SPIRIT PROMPTS US TO \_\_\_\_\_ SO WE CAN BE FILLED WITH HIM. WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE CONTINUALLY FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT? BECAUSE YOU LEAK!
• We require a continuous refilling, refueling so to speak. Everyone acts different when they are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 89:15 - 16 (NLT) - "Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship for they will walk in the light of your presence, Lord. They rejoice all day long in your wonderful reputation. They exult in your righteousness."
Nehemiah 8:10 (MSG) - "This day is holy to God. Don't feel bad. The joy of God is your strength!"

- IF YOU HAVE NO JOY, YOU HAVE NO STRENGTH; IF YOU HAVE NO STRENGTH, YOU CAN'T RESIST SIN, SATAN, SICKNESS OR SORROW. IF YOU CAN'T RESIST YOU DON'T WIN!

REJOICING REJECTERS AND REJOICING REFUSERS: WE MUST MAKE A CHOICE DAILY TO REJOICE! C.S. LEWIS once said "Joy and rejoicing is the serious business of heaven."

- Psalm 100:1 - 2 (NKJV) - "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness, come before His Presence with singing."
• Some people are fully of joy at church and as soon as they leave church, they return to being moody, whining and \_\_\_\_\_. What happened? They \_\_\_\_\_.
• Too often, they didn't learn to or they forgot to \_\_\_\_\_. Consider this thought per Old and New Testament Scripture. \_\_\_\_\_ IS A REQUIRED REGIMEN AND ROUTINE OF THE BELIEVER.

- => 1 Thessalonians 5:16 (NKJV) - "Rejoice always,"
=> Philippians 3:1 (NKJV) - "Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord."
=> Philippians 4:4 (NKJV) - "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!"
=> Psalms 33:1 (NKJV) - "Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful."
=> Psalms 97:12 (NKJV) - "Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy Name."
=> Psalms 68:3 (NKJV) - "But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God; Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly."
=> Psalms 31:7 (NKJV) - "I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy, For You have considered my trouble; You have know my soul in adversities."
=> Psalms 119:162 (NKJV) - "I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great treasure."

- In our daily (1) \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord and in (2) our SERVING and \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord; and our (3) obeying the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord we need to learn to REJOICE to be strengthened to do what the Lord wants us to do and say what He wants us to say. YOU CAN'T BE ANY CLOSER TO JESUS THAN YOU ARE YIELDED TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. Acts 13:52 (AMPC) - "And the disciples were continually filled [throughout their souls] with joy and the Holy Spirit."
• Some People Who Resist or Refuse to Rejoice: (1) The Ungrateful (\_\_\_\_\_) - Did you know that people can identify exactly how successful or unsuccessful you are the moment you open your mouth? When we open and out comes nothing but complain, we convince other people that we are not in control. Complaining is a subconscious way of expressing you are powerless to change your circumstances.

Philippians 2:14 (AMPC) - "Do all things without grumbling and faultfinding and complaining [against God] and questioning and doubting [among yourselves]"

- (2) The Insecure (\_\_\_\_\_) - Theodore Roosevelt once said that "COMPARISON IS THE THIEF OF JOY." Pastor Steven Furtick once said "The reason why we struggle with insecurity is because we \_\_\_\_\_ our behind the scene's with everyone else's highlight reel." The best way to enjoy your own life is to stop comparing it to others.
• (3) The Unsatisfied in an ungodly way (\_\_\_\_\_) - To covet means to be in a state of discontent. To be CONTENT means to be without COVETOUSNESS and INWARDLY SUFFICIENT. Where contentment ends, covetousness begins. Covetousness drives you to achieve monetary, material, marriage and family, business and career, or ministry success without God help, wisdom, power or grace.

SERMON NOTES (CONTINUED...)

SERMON TITLE: "Serve The Lord With Gladness"

- Covetousness is a way of thinking (a mindset) of greed and selfishness and not a mind of generosity or unselfishness in Christ.
Philippians 4:10 - 13 (NKJV) - "10But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. 11Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content. 12I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

SEVERAL REASONS WHY WE ARE TO REJOICE:

- When we \_\_\_\_\_ we demonstrate the triumph of Christ! We have to make a choice to rejoice.
• Why we need to \_\_\_\_\_ is because by faith we need to: Generate Joy; Stir up the Joy of the Lord in us and encourage ourselves to do the WILL and WORK of God, that He has prepared for us.
• "YOUR CELEBRATION IS A DEMONSTRATION OF YOUR EXPECTATION!"
• We need to \_\_\_\_\_ to equip, enable and empower us to:
=> (1) To \_\_\_\_\_: Sin; Satan; Sickness and Sorrow
=> (2) To \_\_\_\_\_: With the Vision and Mission of God where you've been set under. It's our great responsibility to (1) Catch the Vision (2) Carrying the Vision and (3) Convey the Vision. Your race with patience with a fixed focus on Jesus. (Hebrews 12:1 - 4)
=> (3) To \_\_\_\_\_: Rejoicing is a "Harvesting Factor" - Psalms 126:5 - 6 (NKJV) - "6Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. 6He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." The Bridge between believing and receiving is REJOICING! 1 Peter 1:6 - 9 (NKJV) - "6In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls."
=> (4) To \_\_\_\_\_: To Persecution - Matthew 5:11, 12; 1 Peter 4:12 - 14; To Pain, Pressure and Problems (Affliction) - James 1:2 - "Count it all joy..." 1 Peter 1:6 - 9 - "Joy unspeakable and full of glory" [AMP: Heavenly, triumphant joy]
=> Job 5:22 (NKJV) - "You shall laugh at destruction and famine..."
=> Luke 6:21 (NKJV) - "...Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh."

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