Church Announcements and Events:

Calendar of Events for the Month of July 2018:

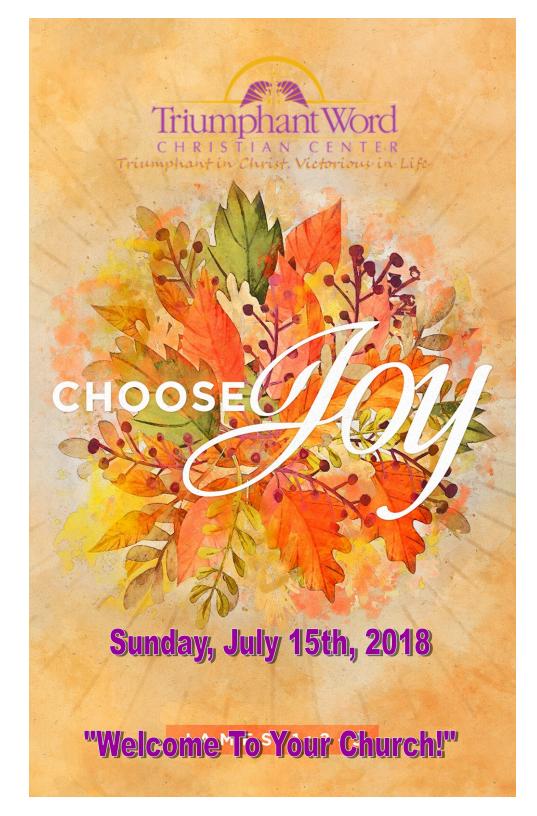
- ⇒ <u>Wednesdays</u>: "The Holy Spirit 101" (The Person and Power of the Holy Spirit...e.g. The Ministry and Help of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Believer; etc.) <u>Special Announcements</u>:
- ⇒ 7/1 7/21 GRACE FOCUS: Read 1 Day of Devotional "21 Days of Grace for the Pace" every day for 21 days.
- <u>BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY</u>: 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 <u>Yellow Connection Card</u> and RSVP on CCB.
- Water Baptism Sunday Sunday, August 19th, 2018 Sign-up to be baptized in water in obedience to Christ's commands.
- <u>Local Ladies Retreat Women's Conference</u> 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).
- <u>Built to Last Men's Conference</u> (Friday, September 14th & Saturday, September 15th, 2018) Eagle Mountain International Church (EMIC), Fort Worth, TX (see CCB or Pastor Ed for details).





Friday & Saturday eptember 14th & 15th

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SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY, July 15th, 2018

SERMON SERIES: "Stay In Your Lane!"
SERMON TITLE: "Joy In The Holy Spirit"

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

proved by men."

(NLT) – "17 For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and

peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. <sup>18 If you serve Christ with this attitude, you will please God, and others will approve of you, to "

[The Living Bible (TLB)] - "¹⁷For, after all, the important thing for us as Christians is not what we eat or drink but stirring up goodness and peace and joy from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ If you let Christ be Lord in these affairs, God will be glad: and so will others."</sup>

- As part of our lifestyle of FAITH we:
- (1) Learn to _____ IN THE LORD: Why? Because (1) Joy and rejoicing is the serious business of Heaven Anrew Murray (2) Doubt complains, worries and is sad; Faith rejoices, gives thanks and is glad. Philippians 4:4 AMPC "Rejoice in the Lord always [delight, gladden yourselves in Him]; again I say, Rejoice!"

Reasons to Rejoice: (1) His Word (2) His Birth (3) His miracles (4) His suffering (5) His resurrection (6) His Gospel (7) His forgiveness (8) His Spirit (9) His people (10) His vengeance (11) His glory

- (2) Learn to ______ IN THE JOY OF THE LORD: By (1st) Effecting the way you receive the WORD when you receive it with JOY ____Psalms 119:162 (NK,JV)_ "I rejoice at Your Word as one who finds great treasure." The Word that you get thrilled and excited about is the Word that works for you!!! (2nd) WHEN YOU LAUGH BY FAITH AT IMPOSSIBILITIES BECAUSE YOUR VICTORY IS IN JESUS CHRIST, THE FACT THAT YOU ARE REDEEMED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS AND TRUTH THAT THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S __ YOU NEUTRALIZE AND DIFFUSE THE FEAR AND THREAT ENVIRONMENT. You show a greater respect for God when you LAUGH IN THE FACE OF IMPOSSIBILITIES!
- ⇒ <u>Quote from Martin Luther on FAITH</u> "The heart overflows with gladness, and leaps and dances for the JOY it has found in God. In this experience the Holy Spirit is active and has taught us in a flash of a moment the deep secret of JOY. You will have as much JOY and LAUGHTER in life as you have FAITH in GOD." FAITH

 AT IMPOSSIBILITIES!
- As we've said before, we require a continuous refilling, refueling so to speak. Everyone acts different when they are filled with the Holy Spirit. 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! You're even better
 looking when you're happy and <u>JOYFUL</u>. Being full of <u>JOY</u> gives you a <u>FACE</u> lift and a <u>FAITH</u> lift.
- Psalms 16:11 (NLV) "You will show me the way of life. Being with You is to be <u>full of joy</u>. In Your right hand there is **happiness** forever."
- <u>Psalm 5:11 (NKJV)</u> "But let all those <u>who take refuge</u> and <u>put their trust in</u> You <u>rejoice</u>; let them ever <u>sing and shout for joy</u>, because You make a covering over them and defend them; let those also who love Your name <u>be joyful in</u> You and be in high spirits."
- DOUBT COMPLAINS, WORRIES AND IS SAD. FAITH REJOICES, GIVES THANKS, AND IS GLAD!
- Open your mouth and speak to your mountain. Let your endorphins loose and release your faith in God
 with a laugh! Not only will it release your endorphins but it will release your faith. KEEP YOUR FAITH
 GOING WITH
- Demonstrate supernatural joy in your life today by rejoicing, smiling, and laughing. Remember, joy irritates
 the devil. He likes to hang out in places of depression, grief, and sorrow, but where there is joy in the
 presence and glory of God will come in and run the devil off!

JOY: Galatians 5:22 – 23 (NKJV) – "22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy. peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."

- These are the nine (9) _____ of the Spirit. They are literally _____ of our newborn, recreated human spirit. When we are born-again and a new creation in Christ these spiritual fruits become resident in our born-again human spirit. These represent the Christ-like qualities and characteristics in our new nature in Christ.
- The FRUITS of the Spirit are _____ and SUPERNATURAL, not _____; They ar SPIRITUAL FORCES and not just EMOTIONAL FEELINGS.
- <u>JOY</u>: can be defined as an supernatural, inward hope and exuberance in spite of outward circumstances.
 Joy differs from happiness, which relies on favorable circumstances.
- THIS SUPERNATURAL JOY AND STRENGTH WILL GIVE YOU STAYING POWER WHEN EVERYTHING
 AROUND YOU FALLS APART. Nehemiah 8:10b (AMPC) "And be not grieved and depressed, for the
 joy of the Lord is your strength and stronghold." Even in times when it seems you have lost everything
 and you're flat on your back, you can look up to Jesus and let that laughter bubble up out of your heart.
 YOU CAN REJOICE IN THE LORD AND TAKE HIS STRENGTH. WHICH IS HIS JOY!
- Nehemiah 8:10 (MSG) "This day is holy to God. Don't feel bad. The joy of God is your strength!" Ha, ha,

SERMON NOTES (CONTINUED...)

SERMON TITLE: "Joy In The Holy Spirit"

GREAT JOY: Acts 13:52 (AMPC) - "And the disciples were continually filled [throughout their souls] with joy and the Holy Spirit"

WHENEVER THE WORD OF GOD IS PREACHED WITH THE ANOINTING THERE SHOULD BE A
 OF JOY! THIS IS WHAT GOD WANTS TO REINSTATE, REACTIVATE AND RE STORE AS THE CULTURE AND ATMOSPHERE IN THIS CHURCH @ TWCC!

- A culture of ______. Where we are righteousness conscious not sin-conscious or flesh conscious. Where we each and every one of us can boldly approach our Heavenly Father God without any sense of fear, guilt, shame, condemnation or inferiority. Where each of us lives, walks, talks, thinks and behave like we have a right standing with God and a good position with Him. It is where we create an atmosphere of "Divine Approval" to experience God's Presence, Power and Provision in our Worship Services. 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV) "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."
- 1 Peter 2:24 (NLT) "He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed."
- A culture of _____! The early Church was filled with joy and the Holy Ghost.
- <u>Luke 24:52 (NKJV)</u> "And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy."
- Acts 8:8 (NKJV) "And there was great joy in that city."

NOTES:

- Acts 13:52 (NKJV) "And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit."
- Acts 15:3 (NKJV) "So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren."
- SIGNS and DEMONSTRATIONS OF JOY: (1) Laughter (2) Generosity An immediate effect and demonstration of the Holy Spirit is great generosity. (3) Singing (4) Shouting (5) Dancing Dancing is seen throughout the Bible even today as a demonstration of joy or victory. The response to something good happening is the same in every culture and among the young and old. Psalms 150:4 (NKJV) "Praise Him with the timbrel and dance..." Our Heavenly Father likes it when you DANCE!
 2 Samuel 6:14 (NLT)
- When the Holy Spirit is moving, there will be a demonstration of JOY. Yield to Him, respond to Him and watch God turn your life around!
