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News and Notes from Troy Christian Church



From the MINISTER

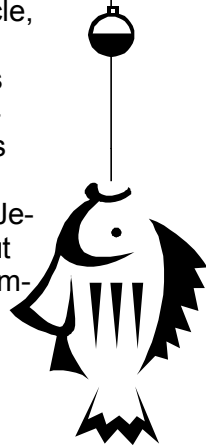
I've got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy...

One of my favorite aspects of God's Divine Revelation is the joy that it imparts to us believers. It is not a joy that comes from good health, good spirits, emotions, or the conditions and circumstances that a man finds his life in. God does not simply impart to us a message of "cheer up," but rather He gives us a joyful miracle that can only be found in Christ. Our joy is not the same as happiness, because happiness depends on what happens, and there is so much in our lives that we cannot help or affect. But rather the miracle of God's joy exists beyond our circumstances as it rests in the anchor of Christ's love. The miracle of the Christian joy is that it can exist in the midst of great suffering and horrible situations. It is a joy that opens the door for God to work in our lives until our earthly circumstances are removed.

Let us consider Hebrews 12:2 as we look at where our joy resides, it call us to "fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the **joy** set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." In the face of the most gruesome form of execution the world has ever known, crucifixion, Christ had a joy set within His very nature because His sacrifice would bring many sons and daughters to glory. The task of drawing broken sinners to the Father was something that cost Jesus His very life, but He despised the shame of death for the purpose of redeeming you! What joy in the face of great pain, that the cross of Christ is not the symbol of a martyr, but rather the revelation of redemption that will bring so many to glory!

The joy of Christ did not rest in the circumstances that He faced here on earth, but rather His joy was found in doing the will of the Father. It was the joy of self-sacrifice of Himself to the Father, of doing without question the task that the Father had sent Him to accomplish. I have no doubt that He desires all His children to have that same joy (John 15:11), and I feel that we will never know that joy until we strive to emulate self-sacrifice with pure motives as Christ did in such a great example upon the cross. We must yield our will and situations to Him in order for the joy of Christ to richly dwell within us. Our earthly circumstances should not be our source of Joy, but rather the cross of Christ where we find life eternal.

The joy of Jesus is not something that we can achieve on our own, but rather it is a miracle, the power of the resurrection working within us to help us see beyond ourselves. When we trust Christ we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the very nature of God that works within us to give us joy in the face of hardships. A person's joy is never filled until he becomes in step with God's design for creation. In every avenue of human life apart from Christ, there is something that hinders us from fully understanding true Biblical joy. It is the very will of God that we would have joy in Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:18). In that 1 Thessalonians passage the name is used "Christ Jesus." This is very important because it not only speaks of His identity as God Himself (Christ), but also in His humanity (Jesus) who knew struggling, pain, temptation, and is someone who can sympathize with us (Hebrews 4:15) while imparting His righteousness onto us. We are not left to achieve joy on our own, but rather called to open our arms and received it through Christ. How beautiful is that? (Continued on page 2)



From the Minister (from page 1)

God can take any person and put the miracle of His joy into them. And do not lose that fact friends, that it is a miracle! Our joy does not come from our humanity or our own strength, but rather through the truth that Jesus Christ has died for our sins and through the power of His resurrection we can have new life! We can manifest joy in the reality of a fallen world because we know Jesus. The question now becomes, 'Have you allowed Jesus Christ to impart His joy in you?'

God Bless,
Mitchell R. Morrow
1 Thess. 5:16-18



Mark Your Calendar!

November 3: Elders meeting at 7:00 p.m.

November 5 & 12: The Troy Interfaith Council of Churches and the Highland, Bendena, Denton Ministerial Alliance of Churches are promoting the annual Christmas Project for those who are eligible. Applications will be taken on Nov. 5 from 9-noon and Nov. 12 from 9-noon at the Troy Library. Applicants are to bring documentation verifying the last three months proof of income. The Christmas Project is made possible by community support and contributions. Monetary donations are being accepted and are appreciated. Make checks payable to: "Christmas Fund" and send in care of the Troy First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 545, Troy, KS 66087.

November 10: Prayer time at the church 6:30-7:30 a.m.

November 17: Support group for families of children with special needs 6:30 p.m. at the church

November 20: Angel tags will be given out.

November 20: All church potluck Thanksgiving dinner following the 2nd worship service. Please bring a dish or two to share.

November 21: Elder's meeting 6:30 p.m.; Board meeting 7:00 p.m.

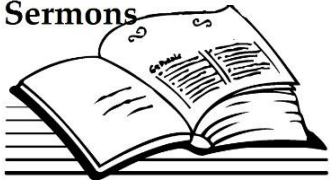
November 24: Have a blessed Thanksgiving (no early morning prayer time).

December 4: Angel tag gifts need to be brought back to the church.

December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:00 p.m.

December 25: Christmas Day we will have only one worship service at 10:00 a.m. No Sunday School this week only.

November Sermons



Nov. 6: "Power of the People"

Nehemiah 8:9-8:13

Nov. 13: "Restoration of the People"

Nehemiah 8:14-10:39

Nov. 20: "The Faithful, Few, Not Forgotten"

Nehemiah 11:1-12:26

Nov. 27: "Rehoboam"

2 Chronicles 10-12

Weekly Statistics

Our Giving	Attendance
Oct. 2: \$2,546.00	135
Oct. 9: \$3,381.21	191
Oct. 16: \$3,955.21	136
Oct. 23: \$3,722.00	165



*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is
good; his love endures forever.*

Psalm 107:1



THANKSGIVING

From the Youth Minister



I'm beginning my fourth year as the youth minister here at Troy Christian Church. It's crazy to me how fast time flies. The other day I was reflecting on the three years I've been here and there was a story that continues to be a reminder to me to be cautious of the image of Christ we bear.

It was my first summer in Troy and we were on a trip with the 7th and 8th graders in Eminence, MO. One of the evenings a conversation was brought up in the cabin about sharing Christ with others. The conversation about the importance of doing everything we can to bring the freedom of Christ to a fallen world was interrupted by a 7th grade boy who looked up from his "duck tape whip" creation. "You can tell your friends about Christ all you want, but you have to live it out first. If you don't first live it out, they're never going to listen to what you have to say." Tons of wisdom from a 7th grade boy (don't underestimate your youth)!

I think this is a reminder we all need daily. It is always much easier to adapt and change according to the world's standards, but if we are going to bring freedom to the world, it has to first be real and alive in our lives. We must be very careful not to give people a reason to reject a perfect God because of our imperfect actions. This is done through the way that we love and how frequently we proclaim the grace of God, both in our lives and as an offer for others.

"Be wise in the way that you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." Colossians 4:5-6

Adam



Serving In November

Nov. 6: Greeters: J.D. & Peg Euler; Time Of Prayer: Tom Speaks; Elder: Steve Adams; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Kelsey Thomas, BreAnne Caudle; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Jaylon & Crystal Ashburn; Stewards: Neil Caudle, Cindy Rush (counting at end of 2nd service); KICKs helper (Nov. 9): Cara Jeschke.

Nov. 13: Greeters: Mary & Terry Simpson; Time Of Prayer: Steve Adams; Elder: Wayne Rush; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Jason, Jennifer, Haley Whetstine; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Kristie & Whitlea Klaus; Stewards: Stan Etherton, Sherman Smith (counting at end of 2nd service); KICKs helper (Nov. 16): Mary Ruth Ruddy.

Nov. 20: Greeters: Pat Triplett, Mary Ruth Ruddy; Time Of Prayer: Jared Pickerell; Elder: Rick Simmons; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Bruce & Sandy Whetstine, Jay Whetstine; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Melissa Whetstine, Joi Davies; Stewards: Wanda Jenkins, Craig Johnson (counting at end of 2nd service); KICKs helper (Nov. 23): Cara Jeschke.

Nov. 27: Greeters: John & Patty Wiedmer; Time Of Prayer: Casey Rush; Elder: J.D. Euler; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Dan & Tonya Keller, Holly Whetstine; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Charlotte Thomas, Mary Simpson; Stewards: Bruce Whetstine, Danny King (counting at end of 2nd service); KICKs helper (Nov. 30): Peg Euler.

Serving This Month: Communion: Joi Davies, Candy Albers; Sunday School Nursery: Lacey & Derek Jasper; For a ride to church call: Jason Whetstine 985-3812.

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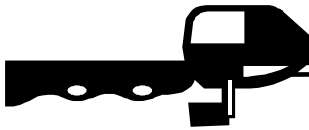
Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1 Lowell Handley, Tom Etherton, Jessie McKittrick | 18 Alex Martinez, Barbara Laipple |
| 5 Kace Keller | 19 Ron Cooke |
| 8 Amani Keller | 20 David Rizer |
| 10 Dale & Georgette Miner, Tucker Jarrett | 23 Rachel Jenkins |
| 12 Georgette Miner, Larry & Sharon Handley | 25 Calli Caudle, Jena Pickerell, David & Jo Keller,
Antonio Comparan, Stacey Trant |
| 16 Jason Whetstine | 26 Stephanie Adams, Ina Lou Tucker |
| 17 Neil Caudle, David Johnson, Jesse Smith, Chris
Douglas | 27 Kristin Yurth |

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Elders: Neil Caudle 988-4267; Rick Simmons 985-2240;
J.D. Euler 989-4444; Tom Speaks 985-3781; Steve Adams 985-2530

Sundays: 1st Service 8:00 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., 2nd Service 10:30 a.m.; 7th-12th grade youth group 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: KICKs for K-6th graders 3:40-5:00 p.m.

