



Life's Greatest Joy!

There are many joys in life. Having a home filled with love is certainly a real joy. Falling in love, getting married and having children are reasons for joy as well. Succeeding at a worthwhile endeavor, graduating from school and getting a good job are all joyful things. However, with the above items, joy can be easily lost as well. There is a joy that surpasses all others. That joy is finding God and walking each day with Him. There was a time long ago when God's people had drifted away from Him. Isaiah was called by God to preach and prophesy in hope of restoring the wayward.

Isaiah preached:

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP
1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes
for all ages & fellowship
for lunch every Sunday!

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my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. (Isaiah 55:6-12)

Israel, which once had godly joy, now lost it due to sinfulness. Isaiah gave a three-step plan to restore joy in Israel.

Firstly, he gave an **exhortation**. "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near" (Isaiah 55:6). Life is filled with seekers; however, few seek God. Some seek after material things (Matthew 6:32). Others seek after worldly wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:20-22), while still others seek to please men (Galatians 1:10). There is a void within every person who seeks everything but fails to seek God. Only seeking and finding God can fill one's inner desire!

Secondly, he gave an **explanation**. We must go to the right source! Seek the place where God's thoughts can be found - His Word (Isaiah 55:8-10). Man's thoughts and ways get him into trouble (Isaiah 55:7). Man's way is the "way of the wicked." The way of ignorance (Ephesians 4:17), the way of ingratitude (Romans 1:20-21) and the way of indulgence (Romans 1:27ff) trouble mankind. Going to the right source is necessary to be successful.

Lastly, he gave a **declaration**. "For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands" (Isaiah 55:12). Real, everlasting joy is found when men seek God.

Sadly, our world and our nation seek after all the wrong things, only to be left with hopelessness and despair. God rewards those who seek Him (Hebrews 11:6). We seek by faith through God's Word (Romans 10:17). **While this life is filled with little bits of joy and pieces of happiness, real lasting joy is found in seeking and in finding God.** We all "should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring" (Acts 17:27-28).

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Sermon Review

Walk Not After The Flesh pt 1

- I. Flesh Is Not Inherently Evil
- II. We Must Live in a Fleshly Body
- III. We Do Not Have to Walk After the Flesh
- IV. Let's Know the Works of the Flesh

Walk Not After The Flesh pt 2

- I. Plant the Seed of the Spirit.
- II. Tend to the Soil where Seed is Planted.
- III. Eat of the Fruit of the Spirit.

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Tim II & family, mission to Philippines; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Jeffrey & Kaiden Ferrell**, routine cancer screenings.

NetCasters
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Family & Friends

Bettye Jarrell family, Johnny's aunt who passed last Sunday; **Tyler Densford**, Jared's friend, may not walk again; **Bill Fleming**, doctors stopped treatments; **Harold Russell**, Dana's cousin; **Zach Jackson**, Jim's nephew; **James & Rhonda Worthy**, son Luke committed suicide; **Myrtle McNab**; **Carey Smith**, friend of Jerry, stage 4 pancreatic cancer; **Lisa Hogan**, heart problems; **Ava Roten**, young girl with third round of cancer; **Karen Shrum**, mother of Ginger's friend Mindy, diagnosed with cancer; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **Willie Grady**; **Judy Dowelling**, Joe's mother; **Jenny Kraft**; **John Simpson** and family; **Mac Owen**; **Joy Angel**, health problems; **Rhonda Cook**; **Wanda Coats**; **Henretta Newsom**; **Tammy Powell**; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Pat Hardison**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Jason Spencer**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Janie Brister**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Frankie Burfield**; **James Cooper**; **Renee Loya**; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**.

Birthdays

7/3	Ruth Brister	7/9	Olivia Wofford
7/3	Marc Strickland	7/13	Seth Daniel
7/4	Inez Neyman	7/14	Jason Bayless
7/4	Jimmy Sowell	7/19	Toranda House
7/5	Layla Johnson	7/24	Jayce Brown
7/6	Cali Bayless	7/31	Porter Ferrell
7/7	Aemon Ratliff		

Anniversaries

7/3	Sammy & Grace Williams
7/11	Chris & Billie Martin
7/14	Clifton & Lara Angel

Get Involved!

POWER Youth Rally — July 22 - 23 — See flyer

POWER Lectureship — July 24 - 28 — See flyer

Convalescence Center Devo — July 27 — 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night — July 27 — 7 PM

5th Sunday Service — July 31 — 1 PM

Coldwater Youth Devo — July 31 — 6 PM
@ the building, bring desserts & drinks, pizza provided by Russell & Jeanna

Polishing The Pulpit — August 19 - 25
Early bird registration discount extended to July 19

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, July 17

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Jason Bayless
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Terry Davis
	Noah Davis
Assist	Marc Strickland
	Geoffrey Dunn
Opening Prayer	Jerry Davis
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Russell Wadsworth

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jim Jackson
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Terry Davis
	Noah Davis
Closing Prayer	Chris Martin

Wednesday, July 20

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jason Bayless
Invitation	Jeffrey Ferrell
Prayer	Jared Brown