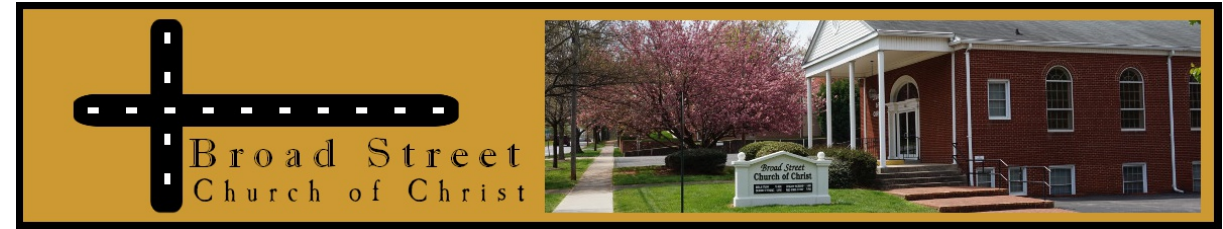


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Rejoice in the Lord Always

Christianity was never designed to be a religion of sadness. The words joy and rejoice are found more than 400 times in the Bible. How could any relationship with God be anything other than the most marvelous experience one could have on this earth? When Paul described the fruit of the Spirit working in our lives, the second word he used was joy. Life with Him can never be a life of despair and gloom.

There is joy associated for those who teach others. There is great joy for those who teach. When Jesus told His disciples that the fields were ready to be reaped, He said that both those who sow and those who reap shall rejoice together (John 4:36). The psalmist said that those who sow shall without doubt come rejoicing (Psa. 126:5-6).

There is joy for those who are taught about Jesus. On the day of Pentecost, there were 3,000 who received the word with joy (Acts 2:41). When Philip preached in Samaria, “There was great joy in that city” (Acts 8:8). The Ethiopian “...went on his way rejoicing” (Acts 8:39). The man who found the treasure of the kingdom “...for joy over it goes and sells all he had and buys the field” (Matt. 13:44). Think about your own experience. Has there ever been any day surpassing the day your sins were forgiven?

There is joy in the midst of trials as a Christian. When adversity comes into our lives God tell us to “...count it all joy when you fall into various trials” (Jas. 1:3). How can this be? God gives the answer in the verses that follow. It is the trials in our lives which make us “...perfect and complete lacking in nothing.” Notice also that God said count it all joy! We must not focus on the trials of adversity but on the results of them.

Jesus used some amazing words to describe our response when we are hated by others for His sake. “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy” (Luke 6:23). He does not see such times of adversity as a time to weep but as a time to rejoice. But, even more than just a time for joy—a time to leap for joy!

What must I do to be saved?

Hear the Gospel (Acts 15:7); Believe the Gospel (Mark 16:15-16); Repent of Sins (Acts 17:30); Confess Christ (Romans 10:9-10); Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)

Scripture Reading:	Joshua Speer
Song Leader:	John Anderson
Opening Prayer (A.M.):	Scott Phillips
Closing Prayer (A.M.):	Tom May
Opening Prayer (P.M.):	Billy Ellenburg
Closing Prayer (P.M.):	Matt Phillips
Nursery Attendant:	Elaine Johnson

Building Lockup:	Bradley Speer
Announcements:	John Anderson
Door Greeters:	Bradley and Candace Speer
Count Contribution:	Johnny Smith, Guy Byrd

Worship Times	
Sunday Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
Sunday A.M. Worship	10:55 A.M.
Sunday P.M. Worship	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
Elders	
John Anderson	704.592.2266
Steve Short	704.872.5440
Tommy Smith	704.872.7966
Bradley Speer	704.876.6986
Preacher	
Dave Wood	704.380.4437

Prepare Lord's Table:	Hassie Short
Lord's Supper (A.M.):	Steven Mozer, John Anderson, Bailey Lankford, Johnny Smith
Lord's Supper (P.M.):	Landon Speer

There is immeasurable joy awaiting us at the end of our lives. As Paul journeyed to Jerusalem for the final time he passed through many cities. In every one of them there were prophets who foretold the chains and tribulations which he would face when he arrived. Such did not deter his resolve for he longed to "...finish my race with joy" (Acts 20:24). It was this same joy which Jesus spoke of when His disciples were rejoicing that they had the power to cast out demons. He said, "Do not rejoice in this ... but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20).

"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice." By: Dan Jenkins

Upcoming Events:

July 17-22: West Jefferson church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting. Service times Monday thru Friday will be at 7 P.M.

July 17-21: Thomas Street church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting. Service times Mon. thru Thurs. will be at 7:30 P.M.

July 24: Fourth Sunday evening singing! There will be a fellowship meal after evening services.

Sermons:

A.M. - Insufficient Evidences? - Psalm 104:1-4;

P.M. - Studies in Samuel Part Thirteen- 2 Samuel 7:1-5

Welcome to Broad Street Church of Christ

A special welcome is extended to all of our guests. Please let us know if we can assist you. Please fill out a visitor's card which is located on the back of the pew in front of you. Deposit the card in the collection plate when it is passed. If you are looking for a place to worship regularly, we would love to have you here at Broad Street. Please come back and visit with us again.

SHUT-INS:

Ruby Gibson and Frances Elam.

PRAYERS:

Johnny Smith Jr., Phyllis Rumble, Stanley Sharpe, Helen Lyerly, Doris Ellenburg, Stacey Jordan, Will Winchester, Betty Smith, Jo Anne Leake, Frank Shepherd and Roy Baldwin.

- Remember those who are going on vacation that they may be safe in their travels!

- Doris Ellenburg had a bronchoscopy last Friday. She will know the results of the procedure Tuesday. Please keep her in your prayers.

- Wanda Elam has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Wanda's address is:

Wanda Elam
3129 Greenbriar Dr.
Yadkinville, NC 27055

- Cynthia Freeze is recuperating from pneumonia.