

Advent Week 3: JOY

The word for advent today is the word. Often the word joy is used in the same context as happiness.

Joy is a very misunderstood word by people today. Joy is not the absence of tears and pain. Joy is the inner attitude that even in the midst of the pain and tears I can feel joy and calmness that everything will be okay. This attitude can only be experienced when a person has a presence within them that gives them the assurance that what is inside them is greater than the cause of the pain and sadness.

The only way a person can have a joy that is able to overcome any problem and pain in life is to have something in their life bigger than their circumstance. That something is Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit inside them. The passage we will study today says that this joy in salvation through Christ is inexpressable and full of glory. It is also one of the Fruit of the Spirit God produces in the life of a Christian. We sing the chorus that says, "I have joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart to stay." If you truly have a relationship with Christ and joy in your heart, there is no pain, sorrow, or circumstance that can take your joy away. It may be dimmed or hidden for a while, but as the Psalmist writes, "Sorrow may come in the night, but joy will come in the morning." Remember, no matter how dark the place in your life is, God's joy is on the way.

- Pastor Jerry

Cancer Care Ministry Training

If interested, please sign up in the foyer by December 18

Senior Adult Christmas Party

6:00p ~ Sun, Dec. 18

@Chris Wyke's House

Bring your favorite finger foods!

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

(Now through Dec. 31)

100% of your offering goes to help missionaries on the field spread the Gospel

Prayer Guide for International Missions
available in the Foyer

CHILDREN & YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec. 18 from 6p-8p in the Fellowship Hall

BIG TREES FARM

**OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS
TONIGHT @ 5:00p**

December Birthdays

12/05 Hadley Parmer
12/08 Margaret Forcier
12/20 Andy Buchanan
12/20 Walter Capes
12/23 Sean Shirey

12/24 Dale Simmons
12/26 W.J. Webb
12/27 Jacob Simmons
12/27 Jeff Simmons
12/30 Anna Horton



Anniversaries

12/22 Walt & Joanne Capes
12/29 Jeff & Deena Simmons

Gideon's Tree

Each \$5 donation sends a Bible to someone in their own language

Add your ornament to the tree in the Foyer in honor or memory of someone this Christmas

Let's help give the greatest Gift of the Gospel to someone this Christmas!

2023 BUDGET NOW AVAILABLE

Church-wide meeting after morning worship service on Sunday, Dec. 18

If you have questions about the budget, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall @ 5:30p on Wednesday, Dec. 14, right before caroling.

Join us for Caroling
Wednesday, Dec. 14

We will be leaving the
Church @ 6:00p

FRBC Christmas Card Post Office

"Send" your Christmas cards to Family and Friends here at FRBC

Donate what you would have paid for stamps to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Christmas Card list available in the Foyer

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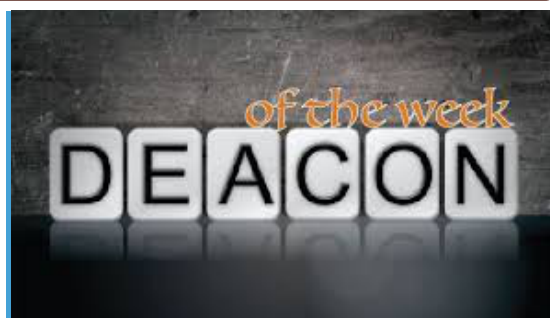
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Dec 11	Bill Forcier
Dec 18	Jerry Parkerson
Dec 25	Jacob Thomas