

March Birthdays

3/2 Michelle Hammock
3/10 Steve Thomas
3/16 Beverly Tarleton
3/17 Connor Hammock
3/24 Charlie Shirey
3/26 Jack Thomas
3/28 Kim Buchanan

Anniversaries

3/14 W.J. & Jill Webb

Deacon/Security Rotation

Mar 16 Ernest McCurry
Mar 23 Bill Forcier
Mar 30 Jerry Parkerson

Nursery Rotation

Mar 16 Kayla Smith & Lindsey Thomas
Mar 23 Michelle Hammock & Karen Huddleston
Mar 30 Kelly Dorrough & Lynn Hammond

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Our Mission:

Here at FRBC we want to help people to KNOW God personally, GROW in the Lord spiritually, And SHOW God to others in word and action

Think on These Things

Most people are asking the question of; “How can I be happy in this world today?” The answer is hard to find because people are looking for it in all the wrong places. People look for happiness in their possessions, their bank accounts, their social status, or their relationships. These may give you a temporary feeling of happiness, but all of these can be taken away and then the source of your happiness is gone.

The real answer to that question can be found in the book of Psalms. David begins Psalm 1 by telling us how to have a blessed life. The word “blessed” in scripture means “happy”.

The first thing we need to do to find happiness is to not follow in the actions and lives of the wicked. In other words, don’t become involved in the activities of the world. Verse one shows how easy it is to be dragged into the false happiness that the world (and sin) promises.

In the progression into following the world’s way of happiness, David uses three active verbs. The first is **walking**, this means we are casually looking at the things the world says will make us happy. The second word is **standing**, this means we are doing more than glancing, and are now seriously thinking about trying these methods. The third word is **sit**, this means we are now involved in using these methods to give us happiness.

This doesn’t mean we can’t associate with sinners, but it does mean we don’t live like them.

David tells us that the only way to have a truly happy life is to meditate in the law (the Word of God). To meditate means we read the Word and then contemplate about what the Word says to us and how we apply it to our life. When we do this with the Word of God, it goes from being something we read to being a serious part of everyday life. The principles of the Word God become our source of happiness, not the joys of the world. It will also show us the things we need to avoid that will destroy our joy and happiness.

In verses 3 and 6a, David tells us the results in living this kind of life. It will be like a tree planted by the water. This is a steady life that is not easily shaken by the things around it. It will be a life that is filled with grace and mercy. It will also be a life of success. It may not be the way the world defines success, but it will be permanent and eternal, unlike the world’s success.

In verse 6a this assures us God will always be with us no matter what happens, even in the storms of life: “**The Lord watches over the way of the righteous.**”

The challenge we face today is this: “Do I want a happiness that is temporary? Or do I want to have a life that is blessed and full of joy that is eternal, no matter what you face?”

Just something to think about.

- Pastor Jerry

this week at FRBC

SUNDAY (MAR 16)

Sunday School.....9:30a
Morning Worship.....10:45a
Children’s Church
GriefShare.....5:00p
H.O.P.E. ESL.....5:00p

WEDNESDAY (MAR 19)

Adult Bible Study.....6:30p
I220 Youth Group.....6:30p
Journey Kids - Explorers

THURSDAY (MAR 20)

Senior Adult Luncheon @ Milano’s.....11:30a

SATURDAY (MAR 22)

Leadership Meeting.....9:30a

upcoming events

MAR 25

Food Closet.....9:45a - 11:00a & 12:40p - 3:00p

MAR 27

Food Closet.....9:45a - 11:00a & 12:40p - 3:00p

Notice

We are in need of 2-3 volunteers to help pack and give out bags at the Lagrange Food Closet on March 25th & 27th. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Trace.