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#### Wait A Minute!

Joy explosion! My definition of a joy explosion is this: What takes place in my heart and thus in my life when Jesus Christ becomes so real to me and God becomes so near to me and the Good News so alive in me. Joy explodes. A genuine, deep-rooted joy in the heart explodes and as a result, kindness and patience are expressed in attitudes; smiles and laughter describe the countenance; and positive, encouraging words become the norm. A joy explosion.

When joy is exploding, what a difference we can make in this world of bad news, long faces, and heavy hearts where it is almost always "partly cloudy with a 20% chance of rain" and never "mostly clear with an 80% chance of sunshine."

So, set the explosive: Jesus really saves. Start the timer: allow God to draw near. And connect the fuse with an ongoing release of the Good News. Or, even more simply: "Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I shall say it: Rejoice." (Philippians 4:4)

Here's what I have discovered about a joy explosion. First, it begins with a deliberate choice. I can choose to have joy in my life or I can choose not to face life with joy. I cannot choose my troubles, my circumstances, or my afflictions; but I can choose how I re-



spond to each of them and thus I can choose joy.

Second, joy builds up in the heart through unselfish serving. Serving or helping others takes my mind off of my own troubles. Jesus willingly surrendered his will and gave Himself to others and joy will explode in my heart when I follow His example.

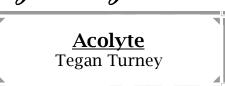
Third, joy builds up when I live in the present. Guilt from the past or fear of the future tries to extinguish the joy fuse before it has an opportunity to explode. But living one day at a time in the "right now" keeps the fuse lit.

And then, fourth, joy will explode with upward thinking. Paul used these words, also in Philippians, chapter four: "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Or, keep your minds on the best and beautiful of your life right now; those blessing which cause you to give praise and thanksgiving to God.

So, let the joy of Jesus explode in you.

As always, I thank you for the opportunity of ministry and look forward to exploding with joy in worship with you this Sunday!

Serving Sunday This Week



#### This Sunday:

Morning Worship at 10:00 AM. Hymns for Him! "I Surrender All" **Wednesday, August 26th:** *No activities until the fall* **Sunday, August 23rd:** Morning Worship at 10:00 AM. Hymns for Him! "In Christ Alone"





## "Amazed



By Grace" New podcast (s) posted each week. (fccdumas.org)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:2)

# **Praying For**

Immediate Concerns: Coronavirus Pandemic Chuck Bennett, cancer Peggy Buer, Parkinson's David Bownds, heart procedure Bryan Bray, Parkinson's Tom Brickey, cancer Bill Bruner, cancer Shirley Carroll David Carter Jaycee Chapman Virginia Cleer Stan Corbin Geraldine Cox, broken pelvis Mary Davis, broken hip Lisa Dillard, kidney issues Tony Garcia Mary Lynn Garth Toad Garth, diabetes complications Carly Garza Jeanine Gonzales, kidney Willie Grice, Cancer Max Harkrider Edith Hill, broke shoulder Tommy Hurt, lung cancer Charlie Jameson, cancer Harper Johnson Lafonda Keisling, cancer Skeeter Kiser, cancer Ashleigh Lane, tumor Jerry Lawler Terri Mason, breast cancer Linda Milbern, stroke Jordan Mills Terry Muskrat Tammy Nabors Ray Oglesby Jodena Payne, cancer Emma Preston, rehab Sharon Rodgers, cancer Margaret Rosenbach John Scott Emma Shupp Allen Silsby, cancer Franklin Schumacher, heart valve Corey Sims, leukemia Bertha Soucy, cancer James Taylor, cancer Marg Thatcher Velma Tyler, cancer Jimmy Wiseman, nursing home

# WNL

### Returns on September 9th

6:00 PM	Evening Meal			
6:45 PM	Kidz Zone			
For children in Kindergarten				
through 6th grade				
7:00 PM	Adult Bible Study			
7:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal			



## Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study

The Minor Prophets "Major Words from the Minor Leagues" Begins Sept. 9th

## **During this time ...**

Our church continues to pay its bills, obligations, and payroll. To do this we depend upon you. Please remain faithful as always in your giving and support. You can mail in your offering to PO Box 971. You can contribute online through our website: fccdumas.org. You can stop by the office during the week. Or, you can make up your offerings when we begin to meet regularly again. Thanks for being faithful in your giving and support.

# Back To Choir Party September 2nd

There will be a back to choir party on Wednesday, September 2nd.



#### **Daily Bible Reading Entire Bible NT Only** Sun. Aug. 23 Jeremiah 4-5 James 1 Mon. Aug. 24 Jeremiah 6-8 James 2 James Jeremiah 9-11 3 Tues. Aug. 25 Wed. Aug. 26 Jeremiah 12-14 James 4 Thur. Aug. 27 Jeremiah 15-17 James 5 Fri. Aug. 28 Jeremiah 18-22 1 Peter 1 Jeremiah 23-25 Aug. 29 1 Peter 2 Sat.

#### Long Term Concerns Duwain Baer

Duwain Baer Tyler Blackwell Benny Blythe Ed Brazel, seriously ill Eddie Burgess, MS Edna Garza Rob Hibbs Addison Kendall, cancer David McClellan Johnny Mitchusson JB Perrin, lung cancer Martha Strader Ellis Thornburg Karen Watkins, M.S <u>Members Of The Military</u> Jonathan Flores Eric Ritchey Slade Rogers