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This Week In Preview

Sunday August 23, 2020

10:00 AM Morning Worship
Morning Worship service only
Hymns For Him -
"I Surrender All"

Wednesday August 26, 2020

No WNL until the fall

Sunday August 30, 2020

10:00 AM Morning Worship
Morning Worship service only
Hymns For Him -
"In Christ Alone"

Church Staff

Church Ministers

Everyone: All hands on deck

Pastor

Darrell Wait

Minister of Music

Gary White

Pianist

Sharon Frische

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The Good News

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!

**We are meeting for
 Worship Service at**

10:00 AM!



Serving Sunday This Week

Acolyte
 Tegan Turney

This Sunday:

Morning Worship at 10:00 AM.
Hymns for Him! "I Surrender All"

Wednesday, August 26th:

No activities until the fall

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Hymns About Him



August 16th "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

- He Never Fails -

August 23rd "I Surrender All"

- My Answer To The Call -

August 30th "In Christ Alone"

-The One And Only Source -

Sept 5th "Praise The Name Of Jesus"

-Whenever and Whatever-

Sept 12th "Majesty"

-Lifting Up-

"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:

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

WNL

Returns on September 9th

6:00 PM Evening Meal

6:45 PMKidz Zone

For children in Kindergarten through 6th grade

7:00 PM Adult Bible Study

7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal

Bible Study



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.



Love. Grow. Serve.

Daily Bible Reading

		<u>Entire Bible</u>	<u>NT Only</u>	
Sun.	Aug. 23	Jeremiah 4-5	James	1
Mon.	Aug. 24	Jeremiah 6-8	James	2
Tues.	Aug. 25	Jeremiah 9-11	James	3
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
Sat.	Aug. 29	Jeremiah 23-25	1 Peter	2

Long Term Concerns

- 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

Members Of The Military

- Jonathan Flores
- Eric Ritchey
- Slade Rogers