

Joy...Even in Pain!



Sunday Pastor Josh preached an outstanding and challenging sermon about how to maintain Joy in all circumstances. *Philippians 4:4. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it*

again: Rejoice! (NIV)

Joy in all circumstances is difficult! We all undergo trials, heartaches, disappointments and even tragedies that have the capacity to diminish our joy, especially IF our joy is dependent upon our circumstances. Pastor Josh reminded us that our joy is not dependent upon our situation or condition, but rather a person, Jesus Christ!

Paul, while writing from a prison jail cell, penned these words.

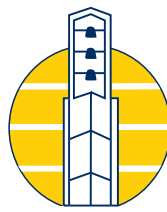
...for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:11-13) (NIV)

The "take away" I drew from the sermon Sunday morning and Sunday night is this: The closer we move toward God, with full dependence upon Him, the more content and joyous we will become!

During the Christmas season I often think of my parents. They both passed away in 2003; my dad on March 12 and my mom on November 22. It was a hard, painful and challenging time. Through this experience, I truly learned why we use the word "heart-ache" to describe the loss of someone close to us. I remember walking in the mornings; crying... languishing in prayer asking God – Why? My chest physically hurt with an intense pressure that I can only relate to that period of my life. After much prayer and searching God's Word, I finally reached a point of asking myself did I really believe all that I had been taught about God, heaven, and our purpose in this world? I don't recall a particular Scripture, song, or word from an individual but eventually.... I realized it doesn't matter

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IN AN
Unsure World*

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JANUARY 25-26, 2019

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Pam Tebow

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“why” I lost both my parents in the same year. It did matter how I responded to the loss. Would I believe and move forward, or would I be stuck in the miry pit of self-pity and despair? I chose faith. It wasn't easy, and it wasn't quick, but I chose to believe! One of the images that remain constant in my memory as my mother reached her final days was her attitude. She went in for elective heart valve surgery in September. She walked into the hospital a pretty healthy individual. The surgery had complications and what should have been a somewhat routine surgery went woefully wrong. She remained in ICU for most of the next three months until her passing on November 22.

Even when in pain and discomfort my mother had a smile on her face. For someone who had suffered greatly and was suffering at the moment— when awake, she had a smile. She couldn't talk because of a trach but greeted each person who came to see her with a gracious smile. Sure, she was naturally a giving, loving person, but I think it was deeper than that. She had a connection with someone greater. She knew her final home was not this world, but was content to live here or move on to her Heavenly home. She was at peace.

That is the Joy of which Paul writes about in Philippians 4. Unspeakable Joy—a deep Peace that makes no sense to the casual observer. It comes to us when we draw near the supplier of Joy – our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ! The closer we get to Him the more like Him we become. That is the object of this life, to teach us that type of dependence upon our Creator God! It takes a shift in focus and a directional move toward the Joy giver. What do you choose?

KEITH

IN THE PULPIT

A.M. “The Gift Of Money”

P.M. “Is Your Treasure Dark?”
Matthew 6:19-24

DID YOU MISS LAST WEEK'S SERMON? NO WORRIES!

Log onto our Facebook page  (facebook.com/ehbconline) or website (ehbconline.com) to watch it!

Mentors Meeting

Tuesday, January 22 • 6:30 pm
in the Room 154

ATTENTION HUNTERS

It's deer hunting season and there is a need for eight (8) processed deer for our Wild Game Dinner on March 2, 2019. For each deer donated you will receive a table for eight (8). This table will be for the entire deer being processed and will be on a first come basis. This year's guest speaker will be Ray Mears. It's very important that each deer processed be 1/2 burger and 1/2 cubed. Thank you in advance for your help! Any questions, please contact Larry Kennedy at 312-8088.

Calling All Outdoorsmen!

Wild Game Dinner is March 2, 2019. We need your pictures of deer, fish or any wild game. We would love to have you in the picture. These pictures will be shown on a large screen at the event. Please send pictures to Dan Harrison (dan@ehbconline.com) or Marie Anderson (mariea@ehbconline.com).

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2019 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up in the library hallway.

Contribution Statements

You may pick up your 2018 contributions statements in the church office.

CHILDREN'S BASKETBALL

INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE

K-3rd grade, games will be every Monday night at 6:00 PM to February 25

Practice: TBA depending on coaches
Coaches: Jonathan Nunnelly & Mike Russell
There will not be basketball for 4th - 6th grade

Thank You Milestone

On January 9, 2009 our church started a hospice pantry for Baptist Hospice. On Wednesday, we celebrated 10 years of helping people in need. Lives have been touched. Families have been loved. Blessings have been given all in the name of Jesus Christ.

Choir CDs are available for purchase!

\$15 per CD

\$40 3 CDs (Save \$5)

\$60 5 CDs (Save \$15)



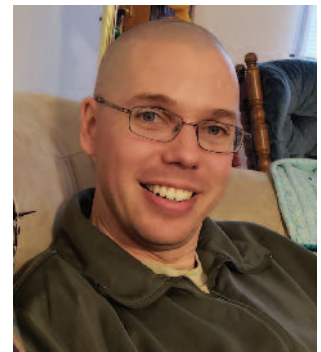
NO TOUCH in the month of January

Next Touch is
Monday, February 4 • 5:30 pm

A snack supper will be served and childcare is available. Be sure that your Sunday School Class is represented!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Congratulations! College Graduate



Carl MacCarthy graduated December 14
Bachelor of Science in Religion:
Christian Ministries
Rawlins School of Divinity

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BIRTHDAY BOARD

Jimmy Blankenship January 16 10

SENIOR ACTIVITIES *Up-coming Events*

CELEBRATION SINGERS

Thursday, January 24
9:30 AM

B.A.L.L. CLUB LUNCH SPECIAL

Covered Dish
Guest Speaker: Ed Cleveland,
First Baptist, Montgomery
Thursday, January 24
11:00 AM

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Winter Bible Study

SEAMLESS

*Understanding the Bible
As One Complete Story*

Angie Smith
Began January 7 • 7 weeks
Monday at 1:30 PM
led by Ann Inman

FINDING I AM

Looking at Six I AM statements of Jesus

Lysa Terkeurst
Began January 8 • 6 weeks
Tuesday at 9:30 AM
led by Lynne Huett

PRECEPTS

HEBREWS: PART I

Consider Jesus Your Merciful High Priest

Kay Arthur
Began January 8 • 11 weeks
Tuesday at 9:30 AM • 6:30 PM
Led by Judy Ray
Meets in Judy's home at 6:30 PM

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED!

SHOCCO BIBLE DRILL RETREAT

Friday, January 25
through Saturday, January 26
\$50 due by Sunday, January 13
Nonrefundable

If you have any questions,
call Pastor Greg at 303-4789.

DNOW

Friday, February 15
thru Sunday, February 17
Cost is \$40

RA RACER PINWOOD DERBY

January 23 at EHBC • 6:00 PM
MBA Derby, January 27 at Eastmont
State Derby, March 22 at Shocco

BIBLE DRILL

SUNDAYS

During Morning Worship
Room 234
4th - 6th Grades

CHURCH DRILL

March 31 at Eastern Hills

ASSOCIATIONAL DRILL

April 7 at Eastern Hills

DISTRICT DRILL

April 14 at Eastern Hills

If you have any questions,
call Pastor Greg at 303-4789.

Youth Parents Meeting

Sunday, January 13
Right after Morning worship
in the Reception Room

Youth Choir Resumes

Sunday, January 13 • 4:00 PM
in Choir Room

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Listed below are the dates that are available in 2019. If you are interested in placing flowers, please fill out the form below. Circle the date and mail or bring it to the church office, 3604 Pleasant Ridge Road, 36109. You may also call Marie Anderson in the church office, 272-0604, to reserve a date. The dashes in place instead of dates mean there are already flowers on those dates.

January	6	-	-	-	
February	-	10	17	-	
March	3	-	17	24	-
April	7	14	-	-	
May	5	-	-	26	
June	-	9	16	23	30
July	-	-	21	28	
August	-	-	-	-	
September	1	8	-	-	-
October	-	13	-	-	
November	-	-	17	24	
December	-	-	-	-	29 (reserved for Poinsettias)

Given By _____

In Memory Of _____

In Honor Of _____

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

January 16, 2019

Family Night Meal 4:45 p.m.

Hamburger Steak & Onion Gravy, Rice,
Green Beans, Pineapple Casserole,
Side Salad, Apple Pie

CHILDREN'S MENU

Beef Hot Dog, Chips, Tropical Fruit

SOUP/SALAD BAR

Baked Potato Soup

\$5 Adult/Salad • \$3 Children • Household Max. \$15

Please note that you must **CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE**
BY 12:00 pm ON MONDAY to make or change
your reservation. **NO SHOWS ARE EXPECTED TO PAY.**
NO MORE TAKE OUTS.

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FAMILY

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

To **Grace Veazey** in the death of her
brother-in-law James Kelley.

LIBRARY MEMORIAL

The book "Unshakable Hope" by Max
Lucado given in memory of **Madeline**
Norred by the Weaver Sunday School
Class.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, January 16
6:00 PM in the Reception Room

STAFF ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to **Keith Pate** who
completes thirteen years as
Music Minister on January 12.

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS JANUARY 13

Captain: Diane Montgomery
Please be in place by 10:00 am
10:15 Service

Babies: Diane Phillips, Eric & April Newell
Toddlers: Sandy & Jennifer Noah
2's: Sandy Harmann, Jeff &
Rachel Hagemann
3's/4's: Donna Brown, Diane Montgomery

SERVICE TEAMS THIS SUNDAY

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Mike Woodall, Norman Arnold

COUNTING COMMITTEE

Morris Kendrick, Bill Parker

GOLF CART DRIVERS

Jim Tanner, Neal Kendrick

SAFETY TEAM

Miles Stepp

OFFERTORY TEAM

Captain: Dan Summers
Robert Sessions, Trey Kennedy, Larry
Kennedy, Don Cluck

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVERS

Lena Taylor, Linda Ander, Chuck Lerner,
Barbara Lerner

TOUCH
Outreach Ministries
Guests on Campus: 35

ON THE GROW

Bible Study Attendance for
January 6, 2019

	Att.
G.O.	5
Preschool & Teachers	29
Children & Teachers	45
Youth & Teachers	50
Adults	388
Total	517
Morning Worship Service	473
Evening Worship Service	114

BUDGET REPORT

Weekly Budget Report January 6, 2019

Budget Requirements	\$34,214.92
Budget Receipts	45,931.25
Over Budget	11,716.33

Designated

Designated	\$5,647.77
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