

Worship Service

August 26th, 2018

*Worship Song	Together with Band	
Opening Prayer	Presider	
Bible Reading	Philippians 4:4-7..... Robert Stewarts	
Prayer	Samuel Lebbie	
Announcement	Kurt Schwartz	
Child Dedication	(Crystal Guirnalda)	Together
	Parents : Rommel and Joan Guirnalda	
Offering Prayer.....	Presider	
Offering	Together	
Special Song	Choir	
Message	Rejoice in the Lord Always	
Timothy Hong	
Prayer of Blessing	Presider	

Today's Sermon Outline

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Philip. 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord in all circumstances

When our hearts are troubled by harsh and difficult circumstances we can't rejoice. So, to be able to rejoice always in all circumstances, we need to find a joy which is not controlled by our circumstances.

When Paul encouraged believers to rejoice always, he was in prison. While Paul was in prison, some people, who being jealous of Paul, were trying hard to reach out to more people and make their ministry bigger than Paul's ministry. In these circumstances, Paul had no reason to rejoice. But Paul was not discouraged or depressed by such a condition. Paul confessed that he could still rejoice in spite of such a harsh condition as long as Christ was preached (Philippians 1:18). Paul always set his mind on Christ. And Christ gave him joy. Why? In Christ, all of his sins were forgiven, he was set free from the law and judgment, he became a child of God, he had eternal life, and he had the gifts and power of the Spirit. What we put at the center of our hearts controls our hearts. To live a joyful life regardless of our circumstance, we must put Christ at the center of our hearts. Except Christ, there is nothing else that can give man permanent joy.

Let your gentleness be evident to all people

Another secret to Paul's rejoicing ways is that he constantly treated and respected others with gentleness: "*Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.*"

a). Gentleness means forbearance

Another word for gentleness is forbearance. It means to be considerate of others and choose not to do something even though you have a right to do it or say it. God loves those who forebear other's faults without exposing them.

b). Gentleness means moderation

Moderation is to treat others with mercy as God treats sinners with mercy. To treat others moderately we need to receive and remember God's mercy (Titus 3:2 & 5; Psalm 130:2-3). When you treat others with the mercy of God, people's offensive attitude, or an attitude you disagree with, can't rob you of joy.

c). Gentleness means self-control

Gentleness means that instead of trying to control or change other people's attitude toward you, you change your attitude toward others. It is almost impossible for you to change other people's attitude toward you. But it is relatively easy for you to control your attitude to them. To cultivate gentleness in self-control we must imitate Jesus' attitude (Philippians 2: 3-8). When your heart is troubled by other people, always try to imitate Christ's gentle attitude.

Present your requests to God with thanksgiving

First, we must stop anxiety with faith

Paul encourages, "Do not be anxious about anything." Another translation expresses, "Stop being anxious!" The meaning of "stop" can be compared with stopping a car. Anxiety and worry is a red light which is a joy destroyer. You have to stop! A break system to stop worrying is faith in God! (Matthews 6:31-32)

Secondly, we must pray in thanksgiving (verses 6 and 7).

The key to prayer through which we receive joy is thanksgiving. When Paul prayed with thanksgiving in all circumstances, the peace of God guarded Paul's heart against all anxieties. Our prayer of thanksgiving is a pleasant and acceptable sacrifice to God (Thessalonians 5:18). God fills our hearts with peace when we pray to Him with thanksgiving. And God sets us free from all anxieties so that we can rejoice always.

Applications

1. How can you rejoice in the Lord even when you are in difficult circumstances?
2. What are some practical ways to treat others with gentleness so that you can rejoice always in a relationship?
3. How can you stop being anxious and receive peace in your heart from the Lord?

Announcements

Welcome New Comers and Visitors

We welcome all new comers and visitors to our worship service today. Please join us for our lunch fellowship which will be held in the fellowship hall right after the service.

Lunch Preparation

This week – Pakistan and Korean Group **Next week** – American and College Group

*Today's fellowship cleaning turn is African and American Group (John Ayetty)

ESF International Mission Conference

- 1). **Place:** Holiday Inn, Mt. Prospect, IL
- 2). **Dates:** October 11-13, 2018.
- 3). **Registration:** Without staying in hotel - \$75/person, Staying in hotel - \$175/person (double occupancy). Registration will be accepted until August 31. Use the brochure to register today.

Groups for Fellowship Hall Cleaning on Sundays (August-September/2018)

Date	Group	Leader
August 26	African, American group	John Ayetty
Sep 2	Asian group 1 (Filipino)	Lyle Atonson
Sep 9	College and Youth Group	Moses Sanchez
Sep 16	Spanish Group	Analís Gomez Garcia
Sep 25	Asian group 2 (Pakistan & Korean)	Haroon Wilson

Ushers of the Month

Offering Ushers	GiGi Alberto, Jasmine Luna, Blanka Guerra, Lyle Atonson
Welcome Ushers	Priscilla Caronongan, Analís Garcia, Patricia Grass

Last Week's Offering

Tithe	Erlyn Balano//Tony & Rosanna Bokhari//Jose & Martha Espinoza//Timothy Hong//Alexa Lucas//Lina & Ender Carvajal, Kamila Morillez//Robert Bob Stewarts//A. Jackson
Lord's Day	Angelina Barrera//Byung, Sung & Brian Cheon//Eryn Corachea//Rose & Nestor Dumlao//Samuel Lebbie//Alexa Lucas//Reyna Rosales//Carlos & Lucia Sanchez//Richard Shaffer//Melinda Horn//Joan Guirnalda
Thanksgiving	Alexandria Gyurgy//Anayza & Haroon Wilson Gill//Timothy Hong//Elijah Sanchez//Verjun/Sandra San Jose//Cornelia Feliciano
Mission	Carlos Lopez//Richard Shaffer//Robert Bob Stewarts
Others	Rose & Nestor Dumlao

Weekly Bible Reading Chart

Day/date	Old Testament	Check	New Testament	Check
Mon 8-27-18	Proverbs 5-6		2 Corinthians 3:1-6	
Tue 8-28-18	Proverbs 7-8		2 Corinthians 3:7-18	
Wed 8-29-18	Proverbs 9-10		2 Corinthians 4	
Thu 8-30-18	Proverbs 11-12		2 Corinthians 5:1-10	
Fri 8-31-18	Proverbs 13-14		2 Corinthians 5:11-21	
Sat 9-1-18	Proverbs 15-16		2 Corinthians 6:1-13	
Sun 9-2-18	Proverbs 17-18		2 Corinthians 6:14-18	

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<p>Worship Services: Sunday Main Service 11:30 AM</p> <p>Prayer Services Sundays 9:30 AM - Room 106</p> <p>Bible Study Shepherd Group – Wednesday 8:00 PM Saturday 10:30 AM</p> <p>Cell Groups Monday- Friday according to arrangement of each cell</p>	<p>College Student Ministry Bible study – Church, Sunday 1:30 PM</p> <p>Youth Ministry Sunday – 1:30 PM</p> <p>Children's Ministry Sunday school- Sunday 11:30 AM</p> <p>ESF Band Practice Sunday 9:30 AM & 1:30 PM</p>
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Missionaries

Eva Sanchez – Campus ministry in Peru
Miguelina Martinez- Campus ministry in Dominican Republic
Suri Kumar – Campus ministry and Hindu ministry in India
Jordan Custorio – Campus ministry in the Philippines
Richard Shaffer – Campus ministry in USA
Paul Uzoma – Campus ministry in Benin, Africa
Rahab Lee – Campus ministry in Asia
Jung H. Suh – Campus ministry in Iowa, USA
Angelito Garcia – Campus ministry in Ukraine

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