

Grace Notes

AUGUST 2024

“We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.”

1 John 1:3-4

What are we to understand from the Apostle John's words, “We write this to make our joy complete”? The Apostle John offers an understanding of joy that is counter-intuitive to the world's understanding of joy. In the world joy is found through good jobs, stable homes, healthy lives, and quality retirement plans. But John wants us to understand that joy cannot be experienced through the pursuit of joy. There are no things in this world that can give us joy.

In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount teachings he doesn't say, “Blessed (happy) are those who hunger and thirst for happiness.” When Jesus talks about the people who are truly blessed, truly joy-filled, he identifies them as those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Jesus continues down a list, the merciful, the pure in heart, etc., but he never says that we can find happiness or joy by hungering for it or wanting it. Joy and happiness cannot be found by pursuing them. Joy is always the by-product of something else. For John, joy is the by-product of pursuing someone else. John reminds us that complete joy doesn't come from loving joy. Complete joy comes from loving God, being in fellowship with him and sharing God's good news with others.

Think about it. Pray about it. I hope to see you in church.

God Bless, Pastor Kevin

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Announcements



Upcoming Road Work in our Area

Please be aware of the roadwork that will be taking place around the church beginning in June. Maps with anticipated start dates for the Boulevard work are available in the church office.

The work on 27th Street is now scheduled for mid-August, once they open Topeka Blvd back up. The 27th St project is only supposed to last a few days.



Neighborhood National Night Out Event

August 10th 11AM - 3PM

Food, Fun, Games, Music, Giveaways
Visits from Fire Truck and Law Enforcement

Come, enjoy, and get to know our neighbors!

We also need cookie donations and help at the event.

See Sherre or Valinda to sign up.

BBQ Lunch - August 18th

After worship on August 18th we will be having a BBQ meal prepared by Claire and David Roth.

Everyone is invited to join us to enjoy delicious food and fellowship!



Birthdays

Joyce Swenson	8/3
Shirley Edgerton	8/5
Nancy Ott	8/7
Kerrie Bacon	8/9
Martin Hale	8/18
John Swihart	8/23

Anniversaries

Loren & Kerrie Bacon	8/2
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August Fellowship List

August 4th:	Jane Roth & Linda Johnson
August 11th:	Kerrie Bacon & Gayle McCoy
August 18th:	Church Meal
August 25th:	Karen Smith

Scripture Readings

August 4

2 Sam 11:26 - 12:13a
Ps 51:1-12 (UMH 785)
Eph 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 11

2 Sam 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Ps 130 (UMH 848)
Eph 4:25 - 5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 18

1 Kings 2:10 - 3:3-14
Ps 111 (UMH 832)
Eph 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 25

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-23, 41-43
Ps 84 (UMH 804)
Eph 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

The deadline to submit information for the Grace Notes or calendar for September 2024 will be August 26th. Anything submitted after that date won't be guaranteed a place. If there is an emergency addition please let the office know ASAP.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 10:00am: SMS Exercise 5:45pm: Women AA - #3 6:00pm: TOPS - Parlor	2 6:30pm: NA - #3	3
4	5 12:00pm: AA - #3 7:30pm: NA - #3	6 Election Day 10:00am: SMS Exercise 4:00pm: Grace Circle 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	7 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	8 9:30am: Coffee with the Pastor - Café Quetzal 10:00am: SMS Exercise 5:45pm: Women AA - #3 6:00pm: TOPS - Parlor	9 6:30pm: NA - #3	10 11:00am - 3:00pm: Neighborhood National Night Out
11	12 12:00pm: AA - #3 7:30pm: NA - #3	13 10:00am: SMS Exercise 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	14 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	15 9:00am: Senior Day Out 10:00am: SMS Exercise 5:45pm: Women AA - #3 6:00pm: TOPS - Parlor	16 6:30pm: NA - #3	17
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