

# JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

Joy on mission...the hands and feet of God!

## upcoming EVENTS



### Service Saturday

Grab your gloves and loppers! **Saturday, 9/4** from 8:30-12:30, we will do yard work at the home of one of our Joy members.

### The Carolinas Lutheran Women Convocation

**Saturday, 10/2** from 9:30-1:00 at Faith Lutheran in Faith, NC. \$8 registration includes lunch. Deadline to register is 9/10. See Pastor Paulette for info.



Way to go Joy Mission Church – look at all the supplies being delivered to Pelion Elementary School!

## **We are NOT the mission. Our mission is the Great Commission:**

*“And Jesus came and said to them,*

*“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)* This is why we exist – to:

**Love God. Love neighbor. Serve with joy in Jesus’ name.**

# JOY MISSION CHURCH

We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name through worship, fellowship, and discipleship.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

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### A Time to Trust

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;

<sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him,

and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6, NIV)

For what do we hope? In what or in whom do our hearts trust?

Maybe, like me, you are hoping for an end to COVID-19. Thinking back to a year ago, we were, then, cautiously optimistic that the pandemic would soon come to a halt, that an effective vaccine would be developed with warp speed, and that everyone would be fully protected from this terrible virus that has, in many ways, taken us captive.

But here we are. One year later, and we are still hoping... waiting... facing continuing sickness and uncertainty. Collective anxiety, frustration, and impatience are almost palpable. And yet, we Christians have a greater hope - a hope that does not disappoint.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart..." penned Israel's king. The mighty King Solomon had asked God for wisdom to rule God's people justly. (1 Kings 3:1-15) Solomon did not ask anything for himself. His desire was to serve God to the best of his abilities.

Solomon yielded his own will to God's - asking for help to do well what God had called him to do.

In response Solomon's submission of will, God blessed him not only with "a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like {him}, nor will there ever be," God also blessed him with riches and honor (1 Kings 3:12-13). Solomon would go on to become one of the wisest and most successful rulers this world has ever known. He made his share of mistakes along the way, but one thing Solomon definitely got right was trusting not in his own wisdom and discernment, but in the Lord.

Each day we hear new information. It is often difficult to know what to believe and in whom to trust. But remember: we should not lean on our own understanding - even the "experts" can be wrong. Instead, we should heed good advice, love one another as Christ loves us, and above all, trust in the Lord with all our hearts. Surrender your will to our good and gracious God. Ask Him for wisdom and guidance to help discern His way and serve Him with joy to the best of your abilities. He is faithful and will make our paths straight.

Let us pray:

*Holy Father, when we feel confused, impatient, and do not know who to trust, remind us to hope and trust in you. Teach us to seek you, to love you, and to serve you, knowing that you will show us the way. We ask this to your glory and in your Jesus' name. Amen.*

In the joy of Jesus' love,  
Pastor Paulette



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