JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

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



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.

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

PASTOR'S CORNER -

Commitment

So many things demand our attention – doctor appointments, illnesses, medical concerns; caring for our families, neighbors, and friends.; school, work, recreational activities; yardwork, housework, homework. We never lack for things to do and get done!

So how do we manage them all? How do we juggle the many demands upon our precious resources of time and energy?

God's Word gives us the answer. "Commit your work to the Lord and your plans will be established." That's the ESV. The NIV reads this way: "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans."

Now we know the old saying, "If you want to make God laugh, just tell Him your plans." We know that our plans rarely come to pass as we imagine them. BUT if our plans are made and carried out in accordance with God's plan, if they are His will, then nothing can stop those plans from succeeding.

The key to good planning is to commitment.

Commitment, not to the plan, or to our success as we define it, but commitment to the Lord, to His plan, to whatever is it that He would have us accomplish for Him each day. Those plans may or may not look



Joy Mission Church 200 Merrimac Court Lexington, SC 29072 Return Receipt Requested like our "to do" lists. But when we commit ourselves to God's plan, whatever we do will prosper, and we will be blessed.

On Sundays, God's plan is for us to set aside a day for us to worship Him together as His people. As St. Luke writes of the early church in *The Acts of the Apostles*,

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (2:42)

What work did the early church commit to do? The work of God: worship. They met together weekly to learn, share Communion, and pray in fellowship with one another. They made a commitment to worship. This was God's plan for the early church, and it is His plan for us still today.

As the danger of Covid-19 wanes, and we begin returning to "normal" life, I pray that your normal will include a renewed commitment to worship on Sundays. This is God's plan for us, and the Church is not complete without you!

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, let your will be accomplished in us. Lead us all to worship together as you would have us. We ask this to your glory and in your holy name. Amen.

In the joy of Jesus' love, Pastor Paulette