

JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

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



October Ministry of the Month
Joy Mission Church filled flood buckets for
the NALC Disaster Relief warehouse!

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

Coming Attractions...

When you go see a movie in the theater, you can expect at least fifteen minutes of trailers for upcoming movies before you get to see the movie you actually *want* to see. Few of these trailers pique our attention.

But there is something coming soon that we *definitely* don't want to miss! And it will be well worth the long wait.

God proclaims through the prophet Isaiah:

*"My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the people;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait."* (51:5)

God speaks through St. John in *Revelation*:

*"Behold, he is coming with the clouds,
and every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him,
and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.
Even so. Amen."* (1:7)

And Jesus Himself says in His Gospel according to St. Mark:

*"Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.
But concerning that day or that hour,
no one knows,
not even the angels in heaven,
nor the Son,
but only the Father. (13:31-32)*

Jesus Christ IS coming! In that great and glorious day which only God, the Father knows, Jesus will come in the clouds, the dead will be raised bodily, and we shall all be judged. Those found in Christ will be raised to everlasting life; those not found in Christ, to eternal damnation. (1 Corinthians 15:52, John 5:29, Matthew 25:46, Luke 14:14)

As we enter the Church season of Advent, **our Scripture readings remind us to be ready and to always on guard for Christ to come again.** The word advent, itself, means "coming." As we wait for Christ's second coming, we do so with repentant and hopeful hearts. We mend our ways, straighten our paths, and follow in the Way of our Lord even more closely.

Of what sins do you need to repent?

What have you to do to be ready for Christ?

While the world is busy making lists, and buying, and selling in the height of holiday commercialism, **let us remember in this season of Advent to take time and make room in our hearts and in our lives for Christ Jesus.** Let us turn to Him, seek His will, and prepare ourselves for the day of His return.

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, come. Come, humble us. Come, fill us with your peace and your hope. And by your grace, make us ready for your triumphant return. We ask this to your glory and in your holy name. Amen.

In the joy of Jesus' love,
Pastor Paulette



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