

JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

We are a congregation on a mission!



**March Ministry of the Month:
Seminarian Support baskets!**
Thank you, Joy Mission Church,
for your generous donations!



Kyle Page,
1st year student,
Trinity School
for Ministry (NALS)



Cody Carpenter,
3rd year student,
Gordon-Conwell

April Ministry of the Month:
NALC Disaster Response donations
We are doing a GREAT job!

Be sure to join us for the Carolinas Mission Region (CMR) Mission-Fellowship Event, where we assemble over 400 hygiene kits!!!

Coming in May...

- **May Ministry of the Month:** Restoration Chapel, Greenwood – Items needed will include: toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine products, shampoo, & alcohol-free mouthwash
- **May 1st** at 5:00 p.m. - **Spring Fellowship Cookout** at pastor's house. Everyone is welcome!
- **May 12th** at 7:00 p.m. - **Philip Sandi's Ordination**, St. Peter, Chapin
- **May 13th-14th** – **CMR Convocation**, Trinity, Landis, NC
- **May 21st** 12:00-2:30 p.m. – **CMR Mission-Fellowship Event**, Advent, Kings Mountain, NC
- **May 29th** 11:00 a.m. – **Kyle Page** will be preaching for us at Joy!

Want to become a part of Joy? Contact the pastor for more information.

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.

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How's It Growing?

Spring is a season for renewal and growth. The trees are full of fresh, new, green leaves. The drone of lawnmowers, once again fills the afternoon air. Everything is returning to some kind of new normal (whatever "normal" is). So how are things growing with YOU?

In his second letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul writes, *"We ought always to give thanks to God*

for you, brothers {and sisters} as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing."

(2 Thess. 1:3)

As with trees, lawns, and all living things, certain needs must be met in order for that organism to grow and thrive. Trees need oxygen, sunlight, soil, and water. Lawns, the same, plus regular mowing, fertilizer, and weed control. So too, we Christians need certain things in order to grow and thrive.

We need God's Word and the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood. We need the joy of worshipping and serving our Lord together on Sundays. We need to exercise our spiritual muscles by sharing our faith in both word and deed. We need the fellowship,

encouragement, forgiveness, and support of one another. None of us can grow and thrive on our own. **We all need Jesus, and His Church needs you!**

So how are YOU growing in faith?
How are YOU increasing in love?

These things don't just happen by chance. They take time, attention, commitment, and determination.

As we move through Spring and the Season of Easter, **allow God to renew you and raise you to new life.**

We make time for the things that are truly important to us. Your spiritual growth is important to YOU, to our congregation, and to God. Commit to be a part of worship, Sunday school, Bible study, and fellowship events. Dig deeper, grow stronger, stand taller, and together we WILL grow and thrive in Christ Jesus. Alleluia! Christ is risen!...

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, you have chosen us to be your people, your Church. Help us to choose you and to choose to grow and thrive in faith and love. We ask this to your glory and in your holy name. Amen.

In the joy of our risen Savior and to His glory,
Pastor Paulette



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