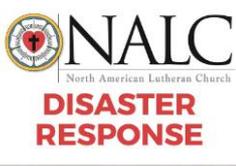


# JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

We are a congregation on a mission!

Carolinas Mission Region Spring  
Mission-Fellowship Event:



Where Is God In All of This?  
How many crosses can you  
find in this month's news-  
letter? Where can you see  
God at work in the world?

Together we made  
**821** hygiene kits!  
Thank you for  
your generosity!

## May Ministry of the Month:



We donated supplies to Restoration Chapel - a church fellowship which exists without fixed walls to spiritually support persons in recovery from substance abuse.



## June Ministry of the Month:

We will partner with Pastor Heidi Punt and SMI Haiti to get much-needed school supplies to kids in Haiti. Watch for more information coming to an insert near you!

## Coming in July...

- Ministry of the Month: NALC Disaster Response Backpack Pack-a-Thon mission trip to Mayfield, KY – dates TBD. If you are interested, please contact pastor.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. – Senior Ministry at Lakeside Place (487 Hwy. 378 Lexington)

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.**

# JOY MISSION CHURCH

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



## DISCIPLESHIP CORNER

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### Take Heart!

Jesus said to His disciples,

*"I have said these things to you,  
that in me you may have peace.*

*In the world you will have tribulation.*

*But take heart;*

*I have overcome the world."*

(John 16:33)

When the world seems so filled with hatred, division, and strife, it can be difficult to believe that there is any good anywhere anymore. Media reports bombard us with scenes of violence, confusion, and terror and our hearts shrink in fear and disappointment for all that is wrong in the world. Sometimes we pine for those "good, old days" when things were different, better, and perhaps, more godly. We shake our heads in disgust or dismay and realize that nothing will ever be the same again.

And yet, change is an inevitable part of life. Nothing is ever the same as it used to be. Nothing is the same as it was a year ago... a week ago... even a day ago.

The reality is that things will never be as they once were, but there IS ONE who is always the same. **We have a good, gracious, loving God who NEVER changes**, no matter how wayward we or our world becomes.

When we encounter the struggles of unfavorable, or even ungodly changes, we need not surrender our hearts to fear or despair. We have Jesus, and better still, **Jesus has us!** In Him, the changeless One, there is peace amid the turmoil. There is joy amid the strife. There is hope – always – in the Lord. So be of good courage. **Take heart in Jesus, for HE never fails.**

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, you are always with us, and you never change. Strengthen our hearts by your grace and fill us always with your hope and your peace. We ask this to your glory and in your holy name.

In the joy of Christ Jesus our Lord,  
Pastor Paulette



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