



JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

We are a congregation on a mission!



**Look at what all God has done with Joy this year!
It is an honor to serve with you!**

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.



DISCIPLESHIP CORNER

HOLY NEW YEAR?

*“Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.”
Isaiah 43:19*

God is the God of new beginnings, do-overs, and fresh starts. How many times in Scripture do we see God's people wander from His way and get lost in their own sinfulness and pride? - Too many to count. And ALWAYS, without fail, our good and gracious God welcomes His repentant people back into His waiting and arms. So it is with us.

As many of us are making resolutions for the new year, we may have goals in mind that include making healthy choices or improving physical well-being. But shouldn't the focus of our self-improvement be our relationship with Christ? What could be more important than that? Nothing about our lives will improve or flourish, if we do not have our priorities properly ordered.

Jesus orders our priorities this way:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your strength.’ The second of this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:30-31)

The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to place God first and foremost in our lives. I encourage each of us to commit ourselves to spending time in God's Word and praying with Him daily; participating in Bible study, Sunday School, and worship weekly; and opening our hearts even wider to receive and give His love.

Let us pray...Lord Jesus, you are doing a new thing. Accomplish your new thing in us. Draw us nearer to you and help us to be even more faithful in following you this new year and all year long. We ask this to your glory and in your holy name...

To the glory of God alone (*Soli Deo gloria*),
Pastor Paulette

Where Is God In All of This? How many crosses can you find in this month's newsletter? (Last month there were nine.) Where can you see God at work in the world?



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