



JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

We are a congregation on a mission!



Our First Work Day at Joy - all ages, all abilities, all working to give God glory

"Our work is not to strive for success, but to strive for Christ - to live for Him: to love Him, to serve Him, and to love and serve others in His name. When Jesus is our purpose and goal, HE will give the growth. He will build the house. And our labor will never be in vain."



Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday in Our New Home

We celebrated Holy Week and of the Resurrection of our Lord, as we gathered to worship Him. Our first Sunday in the building was Palm Sunday (4/2/23) and our Easter service was amazing! Thank you to everyone who was a part of these special worship services.



MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER:

Cameron Kirby

pictured here with her grandfather, Chuck, and grandmother, Cindy. Take time to introduce yourself and welcome Cameron to our congregation and to the family of God!



MAY MINISTRY OF THE MONTH:

May 20th - Carolinas Mission Region Flood Bucket Build

at Advent Lutheran Church, Kings Mtn. We will collect Comet & cleaning rags. Look for the collection bin coming soon! Our goal is 100 cans of Comet, 200 rags, & 10 participants at the event. Can we meet our goal?



Celebrate Our Graduates on Pentecost Sunday May 28th.

The deadline to submit graduate names & info. to Scheri is 5/7.

We Need YOU! How can you serve?

Property Team? Contact Steve Teer at (803) 513-4399.
Worship Team? Contact Pastor Paulette at (803) 767-7231.
Fellowship Team? Contact Karen Price at (803) 206-5423.

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

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

DISCIPLESHIP CORNER

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Jesus says to His disciples,

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you." (John 15:16)

Jesus has chosen you. You had no say about it, no means of protest, no opinion in the matter. Jesus chose you. When He died on the cross for you to save you from your sins and eternal separation from God and to give you new life here and now and everlasting life in the future, Jesus chose you.

This, in and of itself, would certainly be enough – far more than we could ever hope or deserve of our own merit. But wait; There's more.

Jesus also appointed you – set you aside as His own, His holy saint-yet-sinner – to do the good works which God the Father created you to do for His glory. And everyone who is baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, has been gifted by the Holy Spirit to do these good works.

As we hear in the baptismal liturgy, Jesus says, *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16)

It is for this purpose that we are created, appointed, and given new life: to give glory to God and to teach others to also give glory to God.

So HOW do we do this? The possibilities are endless and as varied as the gifts the Holy Spirit gives. Perhaps you can sing, or cook, or care for others, or clean, or pray. Maybe God has gifted you to be an usher, greeter, lector, Communion assistant, cantor, fellowship host, or to set the altar before and after worship. How has the Holy Spirit gifted you to serve? How are you using those gifts to God's glory and teaching others to also give Him glory?

Let's pray about that. Lord Jesus, you gift us by your Holy Spirit and call each of us to serve you and your Church in some way, as we are able. Help us to see these gifts in ourselves and in others and to use these gifts as you intend. We ask this to your glory and in your holy name we pray. Amen.

To the glory of God alone (Soli Deo gloria!)

Pastor Paulette

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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