



# JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

## We are a congregation on a mission!

Carolinas Mission Region Flood Bucket Build - all ages, all abilities, all working to give God the glory. Thank you to everyone who helped us reach our goal. We completed 525 flood buckets altogether!



Thank you to all those who make and keep our grounds looking great! Our new permanent signage should be installed by July.



### JUNE MINISTRY OF THE MONTH:

**Christian Media Center at Yengesa International Academy, Sierra Leone**  
We will be collecting new and gently used math, science, and literature books for children in grades 1-8 during June. Pastor Philip Sandi, who started the Academy, will ship the books in time for the upcoming school year.



**The Service of Dedication and Celebration of God's Faithfulness on the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Joy Mission Church is June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.**

**We Need YOU! How can you serve?**  
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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## DISCIPLESHIP CORNER

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### Devoted

*"All these with one accord  
were devoting themselves to prayer..." (Acts 1:14a)*

We live in a world of infinite choices and are continually making decisions. Take something as simple as buying a loaf of bread. Just walk down one grocery store aisle, and we are confronted with hundreds of choices: bargain store brand bread or deluxe artisan bread, whole wheat or white, other grains or just wheat, bleached flour or unbleached, added fiber and nutrients or just whatever is already in there... You successfully select a loaf, get to the checkout line, and it's decision time again, "Do you want paper or plastic, or did you bring your own bags?"

We make innumerable decisions every day. Some are easy and inconsequential, but then, there are the really big decisions. Decisions that begin with questions like, "What am I going to do?... How should I spend my time?... What is my purpose in life?"

These big, weighty questions require more than a quick eeny-meeny-miny-moe on the bread aisle. Really big questions require devotion to prayer - a continual, routine, incessant seeking of the Lord - calling upon His name and trusting in His guidance.

The early Church was a praying Church. It was a people devoted to praying, a people seeking God's will and way for their lives and for the Church.

We, at Joy, are at a place of big decisions. God has provided space for worship, fellowship, and discipleship. So now what? What are we going to do with the gifts with which we have been entrusted? How are we going to get the gospel of Jesus out there now that we have a community to serve? What IS our purpose? We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name, but exactly HOW would God have us do that?

In the coming weeks and months, we will be asking these questions and finding the answers together. In the meantime, we all have very important work to do. There are no "pew-sitters" in a missional congregation. Read that last sentence again.

We need everyone all in and praying - for one another, for our leaders, for our congregation, and for the whole Church and not just on Sundays, but EVERY day. God will provide. He WILL show us the way.

And so, for that, let us pray.  
Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see how the Lord is leading us. Open opportunities for us to love and serve Him every day AND give us the courage then, to go and to do as He directs. We ask this to the glory of God and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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



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## 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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