



JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

We are a congregation on a mission!

We welcomed five member missionary disciples on Pentecost Sunday!

Ginny Benson and Joe and Ralfette Vasquez became full members, and Frank and Pat Chapman became associate members.

We are delighted that the Spirit has led them to Joy!



JUNE MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



Book donations for a new Christian Media Center at the Yengesa International Academy in Sierra Leone. The children look forward to learning. Thank you for your generous support!



JULY MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

School supplies for students at Midway Elementary School

- Composition notebooks (wide ruled, no spiral)
- Elmer's glue sticks
- Crayola 24 count crayons
- Color pencils
- Dry erase markers
- Highlighters
- Kids' scissors
- Kids' socks & underwear

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN FAITH

- CMR Youth & Family Retreat – Sept. 8-10 Laurel Ridge, NC
- CMR Men's Retreat – Sept. 22-24 Laurel Ridge, NC
- CMR Lutheran Women Convocation – Sept. 23 Troutman, NC
- Lutherans for Life Conference – Oct. 11-13 Cincinnati, OH
- NALC Youth Gathering - July 1-4, 2024 Boerne, TX

Ask the pastor for more information or to register.

THANK YOU to our Property Team and all those who work hard to make and keep our buildings and grounds clean and beautiful. **We appreciate you!**



We Need YOU! How is God calling you to serve?

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

*Is God calling you to become a member missionary disciple 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

“Be still, and know that I am God.”

Psalm 46:10a

We are a congregation of doers. We like to be busy, productive, always moving forward. Our never-ending “to do” lists shout at us to get things done. We don't like to put off to tomorrow what we can get done today. And when we are forced to take a break, thoughts of what we could or should be doing, intrude and interrupt our brief respite of peace and rest.

In a world that measures worth by productivity, just doing nothing can seem like a complete waste of time. But sometimes doing nothing is the very best thing we can do.

Rest renews our spirits within us, gives us a new and perhaps better perspective, and restores strength to our bodies, hearts, and minds. In His Word, God shows us that rest is essential and good.

After God finished creating all that is, He, “...blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.” (Genesis 2:3) When the Israelites grew worried and fearful as the Egyptian army pursued them, “Moses said to the people, ‘Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today...The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.’” (Exodus 14:13-14). When Jesus

and his Disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee and a big storm blew up, Jesus slept soundly in the stern. (Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:36-41; Luke 8:22-25) Later, Jesus invited His weary disciples to, “‘Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.” (Mark 6:31)

God's Word is clear. We don't always have to be DOING. Sometimes, we just need to BE, and let God take care of the doing.

I invite and encourage you to make some time every day to just be still and quiet. Perhaps you may reflect on these questions as you rest in the Lord:

- What fears and doubts do my busy-ness conceal?
- Does my doing sometimes keep me from noticing what *God* is doing in my life?
- Can we truly know God if we are not still?

Let's pray about that.

Lord Jesus, teach us to come away with you and rest a while, to let your Holy Spirit envelop us and drown our worries and fears. Give us your peace and show us how to do a little less doing, and a little more just being. 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



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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.** June 2023