

# JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

We are a congregation on mission for Christ!

## AUGUST

### MINISTRY OF THE MONTH:

  
**Mission  
Lexington**

Thank you, Joy, for helping to feed our neighbors in need!



## SEPTEMBER

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Our financial gifts will help our neighbors to get prescription medications they need. Thank you!

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN FAITH

THANK YOU to those who keep our building and grounds beautiful!



- **Life-to-Life Discipleship Training** offered on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. & Wednesdays (on Zoom) at 7:15 p.m.
- **Women's Bible Study: Symbols of Our Faith** will meet every Thursday (except Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> & Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>) at 10 a.m. *starting Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>*.
- **Monday Bible Study** meets (usually) on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 7 p.m.
- **Lutheran Men of Joy** meets each 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6 p.m. – *TBD*
- **Our Women's Group** meets each 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
  - **Choir** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 6 p.m.
  - **Brass Ensemble** meets on 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 6 p.m.

**Congratulations!** Col. Frank Chapman received the Order of the Palmetto Engineer at the Army Engineer Association Castle Rally Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>. What an honor!



## Upcoming Worship Services & Events:

- Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals (outside)
- Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 12:15 p.m. Called Congregational Meeting
- Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. Reformation Sunday (**Wear red.**)
- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. All Saints Sunday (DST ends.)
- Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service/Meal
- Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Advent Services
- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 9:45 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting
- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. Last Sunday of Advent  
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
- Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols Service

**Everyone has something to offer!  
How has God gifted YOU to serve?**

- Worship Team: Pr. Paulette (803) 767-7231.
- Fellowship Team: Karen Price (803) 206-5423.
- Discipleship Team: Pr. Paulette (803) 767-7231.
- Property Team: Steve Teer (803) 513-4399.

**Is God calling you to become a member missionary disciple of Joy?  
Contact the pastor for more information.**

# 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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*"Have I not commanded you?*

*Be strong and courageous.*

*Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed,  
for the LORD your God is with you  
wherever you go."*

*Joshua 1:9*

Moses – great deliverer and leader of the Israelites - had died. His successor, Joshua, stood gazing hopefully into the Promised Land. The people were poised to receive God's blessings, but entering the land and taking possession of it would not be easy. It would take effort and sacrifice.

To say there was some trepidation and fear, is an understatement. The people were ready for something new. They were excited for God's promises to be fulfilled, but they were also fearful and distressed. They had far more questions about the endeavor than they had answers.

So spoke the Lord, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed..." Why not? "...for the Lord your God is *with you* wherever you go."

Jesus also reminds us many times not to be afraid or dismayed – even when the future feels uncertain or the way forward is not yet clear. A total of 365 times in God's Holy Word, Jesus instructs us to, "Fear not." How's that for a daily reminder of His provision and care?

When we walk with Jesus and follow Him in His way, we should not be afraid or discouraged. We can trust that because Jesus calls us, He will also lead us, guide us, and provide for us all that we need to faithfully answer His call. He is with us every step of the way.

Let's pray about that.

Lord Jesus, you are our way. Thank you for walking with us. Show us your way. Teach us to trust your leading, so that no matter what challenges and uncertainties we face, we may always be strong and courageous. We ask this to the glory of God and in your holy name. 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)*

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This is why we exist - to: **Love God. Love neighbor. Serve with joy in Jesus' name.**