

JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

We are a congregation on mission for Christ!

January Ministry of the Month: Congo Mission International – Freeing babies
We will donate \$500 plus many, many individual donations and send crosses to children in Congo.



Soup Supper



Strategic Planning Workshop



THANK YOU,
strategic planners
& champions!

Join us for
SENIOR MINISTRY
on the first Sunday of
each month at 4:00 p.m.
Lakeside Place Senior Living
(487 Hwy. 378 Lexington)

February Ministry of the Month:
NALC Disaster Response Hygiene & School Kits
See the sign-up page under the message board or
Sunday's insert for ways in which you can help out.

Lent & Holy Week Worship Schedule:
2/14 Ash Wednesday Service 12 p.m. & 7 p.m. –
Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion
2/21, 28; 3/6, 13, & 20 Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m. –
the Passion Symbols Speak with meal to follow
3/24 Palm Sunday 11 a.m.
3/28 Maundy Thursday 7 p.m.
3/29 Good Friday Tenebrae 7 p.m.

How are you growing in faith?

We have opportunities to grow that suit any schedule!

- Sunday School
- Monday, Wednesday, & Women's Bible Studies
- & monthly Prayer Ministry.

Visit joymission.church for more information.

Is God calling you to be a missionary disciple of Joy? Contact pastor to find out more.

How is God calling YOU to serve?

Worship Team: Pr. Paulette (803) 767-7231
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Discipleship Team: Pr. Paulette (803) 767-7231
Property Team: Steve Teer (803) 513-4399

Coming soon... Spotlight on Joy!

Each month we will feature a brief article on one of our Joy friends or members.

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

DISCIPLESHIP CORNER

Jesus says,

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

This verse was the theme for our clergy retreat this year. It is a good verse not only for busy and often heavily burdened pastors but for ALL the baptized. Regardless of the vocation in which we serve, we can all become weary from our labors. Those working full-time jobs and even those with part-time jobs, retirees, students, and stay-at-home parents can easily become overworked, overtired, and just plain worn out with the changes, challenges, and relentless demands of life.

It is important – vitally so – that we all study the discipline of resting – and yes, it most definitely IS a discipline. We have to work to schedule rest into routines, be purposeful and intentional to make that rest happen, and protect that time from encroachments of all those other things we could be doing. Those things can wait.

What cannot wait, is spending time with the Lord. We need this time every... single... day. And the rest to which Jesus invites is not simply kicking back and taking a nap (though naps certainly are a blessing from the Lord).

The rest to which our Lord invites is rest in Him - in His Word, in worship and fellowship, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, in prayer and praise, in the peace of His unfailing love and mercy.

We must discipline ourselves to leave behind, for a time, the worries, cares, and concerns of our daily lives; still our minds and quiet our hearts; and come away for a while into the joy of the presence of our Lord and Savior... And then, He WILL give us rest. He will renew us, restore us, and make us once again ready and able to face with confidence the labor to which He calls us.

Let's pray about that.

Lord Jesus, thank you for making rest available to us. Teach us to take time each day to just be with you, that we may receive the blessings that you alone can give. We trust you. We love you. Help us with every passing day, to trust you more and to love you more. We ask this to your glory 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)

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