

GOD WITH US

Isaiah 7:14

THE JOY GIVER // THE JOY ROBBER

Genesis 1:26-27 // Genesis 3:1-13

Sometimes, as Christians we remember that God designed us to Glorify Him, but forget that in doing this we are to be joyful and happy. To rejoice and be glad! God created us and then didn't set us up for failure, sadness or sickness, but for joy! To rejoice in Him and be glad, but something went terribly wrong.

**"To live for anything else but God leads to breakdown and decay.
When a fish leaves the water, which he was built for,
he is not free, but dead.
- Tim Keller**

THE ENEMY CRUSHER

Genesis 3:14-15

What is God's reaction to us putting false idols and other things above Him? Immediately God declares war on the enemy by proclaiming the Protoevangelion, which is the first time the Gospel was preached.

GOD WITH US - TRUE HAPPINESS AND JOY

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How is this happy news? How does hope build in us joy? How does Immanuel offer better happiness than what I'm already chasing after? Do you know the full meaning of that name, Immanuel, "God with us"?

Joy doesn't ignore suffering, sadness, sickness, death, depression, everyday struggles and pain. Real, true Joy is the presence of God staring it down, right in the face, proclaiming "God with us!"

For further study, read "Happiness" by Randy Alcorn and check out "Good News of Great Joy" a devotional by John Piper



NOTES:

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at katie@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Our **High School students** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at casey@lifemission.tv

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read Isaiah 7:14. What stuck out in this verse or was impactful from Sunday's message? _____

In **Genesis 1:26-27** we see that we were created to be joyful and happy with God. Now read, **Genesis 3:1-13**. How was joy ruined? Last, read **Genesis 3:15**. Why are these three passages so important to remember when talking about joy and happiness? _____

Fill in the blank. If I only had _____ then I would be happy. What fills in the blank for you? By what you think about, or spend your time doing, what do you believe will make you happy? _____

Ask a few of your closest Christian friends this question. "Do I appear to be a happy, joy-filled person?" Or ask this, "can you tell by my demeanor, tone and actions that I am joyful about Jesus and the things of God?" _____

Exodus 20:3-4. As broken, flawed, cracked mirrors attempting to glorify God, we still run to false idols believing they have more to offer than God. List the idols that rob your joy and confess to your group so that you can start worshipping the true God instead of fake-looking gods that make you happy for a moment, but ultimately leave you unhappy.

How does knowing the simple truth "God with us" make you joyful? _____

And a special request: please pray for Pastor Jobey and his wife, Katie, and their two boys, Micah and Liam, as they are in Zambia this week visiting Breath of Heaven Orphan Village in Lusaka, Zambia. They will be there for three weeks ministering and being with the kids, as well as getting a deeper understanding for the needs of Breath of Heaven.

Pray that they would get rest and stay healthy, but also pray for their discernment and hearts as they encounter many different things that will be new to them, particularly for Katie and the boys.



Making Disciples Who Make Disciples Locally and Globally,
Who are Saved, Equipped, and Sent by the Gospel.



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SUNDAYS AT 10AM

Life Mission Church Meets at Classical Academy High School
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