

PARTYING TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES, COME ON!

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Our happiness is one measuring stick for our obedience. God, in His Word, gives us numerous commands to rejoice, celebrate, and be happy in Him, and He would not give these commands if He also did not make it possible to do so. Yet, somewhere along the line, we have made a separation between the pursuit of happiness and the pursuit of holiness. But this is not what we see in Scripture.

As part of the Jews pursuit of holiness, God ordained festivals, holy days, and celebrations to commemorate and help them appreciate and revel in what God has done.

- 7 Holidays equated to 30 days per year combined
- Weekly Sabbaths brought 50 more days
- Add in later feasts such as Purim and Hanukkah, plus occasional weddings (which were a week long) and birthdays, now you have well over 3 months per year given to celebration and feasting.
- Eating, meals, food, and wine are mentioned more than 1000 times in Scripture, with “feast” mentioned 187 times.

Ecclesiastes 9.7-10 // Psalm 104.14, 15 // Deuteronomy 12.7 // Proverbs 15.15
Ephesians 5.17-21 // Isaiah 25.6 // Luke 22.18 // Revelation 19.9

**All of life should be a festival since the
Son of God has redeemed you from death.**

-John Chrysostom (c. 349 – 407)

Isaiah 1.11-21

COMMUNITY WORSHIP AND CHRISTIAN LIVING

So often we see Sunday mornings as a time to “fill up” and “get” from the Lord, or people, such as the pastor, the worship team, etc. But Sunday morning is meant to be a “worship service,” a time where we render a service of worship unto the Lord. For the believer, this should be the culmination of an overflowing of daily and weekly worship, a time of celebration, joy, thanksgiving, and exuberance because we now get to celebrate the God we love.

**Above all things see to it that your souls are happy in the Lord.
It is of supreme and paramount importance that you should
seek above all things that you are happy in God Himself.**

-George Mueller

1 Corinthians 13.2, 3

NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

1 Peter 1:18-19

Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Will You Pray With Us?

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. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** 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 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.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about 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

Before starting group, see if anyone can recite the memory verse for the week.

Read **Deuteronomy 16:11-15**. What was most impactful from the sermon on Sunday or stuck out to you in these verses? _____

Read **Ecclesiastes 9:7-10, Psalm 104:14-15, Deuteronomy 12:7** and **Ephesians 5:17-21**. What do these verses communicate about what God commands of us? What words, ideas and thoughts in these verses jump off the page and stick out to you and why? _____

If we are called to be a people celebrating, rejoicing, being glad but currently not doing this, why not? What's blocking you from simply being in awe of God and enjoying Him? A disbelief? Disobedience? Maybe something else? _____

Throughout the week, if you are seeing God for who He is and what He's done, spending time in the Word, prayer and with your church family friends then going to church should build in you an excitement. This excitement should be one of our happiest moments in life, no? Similar to how happy we can be when we go see our favorite sports team, favorite band play, see a much anticipated movie, birthday party or any other joyful event in your life. If other things seem a lot more exciting than coming to church, explain how you can grow in being joyful about coming to church to celebrate. On a typical Sunday morning, when you wake up to come to church do you ever think "why am I doing this?" Or "do I really have to?" Or "it would be so much more fun if _____?" Or are you always excited to come to church? Something else? _____

Read **Titus 2:14**. Because of what Jesus did on the cross, who we are as a redeemed people, and what He has allowed us to be a part of, we should be the happiest, most joy-filled people on the planet.

What are some practical ways that you can remember, believe and celebrate what God has done for you throughout your week so that a greater excitement will be build inside of you when coming to church? _____

End group and your personal study time with prayer. Pray using the **P.R.A.Y.** model. **Preach** the Gospel, reminding one another of the beauty of Jesus, who gives ultimate joy and happiness to those who seek Him. Confess and **Repent** of any sin blocking you from experiencing joy. Then **Ask** for the Holy Spirit, who is your Helper and with you to continue to increase your joy. Ask Him to help you turn to prayer more, the Word more and your Gospel-centered friends. Lastly, **Yield**, with thanksgiving.



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Who are Saved, Equipped, and Sent by the Gospel.**



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