

SERMONNOTES

“THE JOY OF THE LORD” | LUKE 2:8-12
JAKE HUFFMAN

Happiness is external based on situations, events, people, places, and things. Happiness is linked to that some day when I.... Happiness is fleeting, temporary.

Joy comes from within. It can't be bought. It does not depend on anything external in order to exist. Joy comes from an eternal fountain that springs up within every believer.

The “good news of great joy” is Jesus. He is for “all people”. V.10

Luke 1:44,47

God is joyous and happy. He has made His home with us. He brings really good food and drink and says “I’ll come in and eat with you and you with me.”

The joy of the LORD is the gladness of heart that comes from knowing Him.

John 15:11

What connects us to the God of “good news” and “great joy” or distances us from Him?

The desires of our heart ultimately determine the state of our soul. Mark 4:19

1. Empty your heart of inordinate worldly desires.
 - They are a virus to our soul. They eventually cause us misery. Purge them.
 - Psalm 126:5
2. Cultivate a singular desire for God. He is Life to your soul.
 - Psalm 73:25; Revelation 22:17
 - Place your faith and hope in Jesus. Then love Him with all your heart.

THISWEEK

TODAY, DECEMBER 17:

8:30 am: Worship Service
9:50 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: Worship Service
4:15 pm: Youth Pastor Search Committee
5:00 pm: Adult Bible Study
5:00 pm: Summit Kids
5:30 pm: Special Called Business Meeting
6:00 pm: Birthday Party for Jesus (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19:

7:00 am: Men’s Prayer Breakfast, Famous A’s

WORSHIPATTENDANCE

1st: 136 2nd: 155 Sunday School: 184

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TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19-20

Trip to Washington, MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20:

5:30 pm: Youth Leadership Team
6:30 pm: Youth Christmas Party
6:30 pm: Young Adults Bible Study
No other evening activities.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 24, 5-5:45 pm

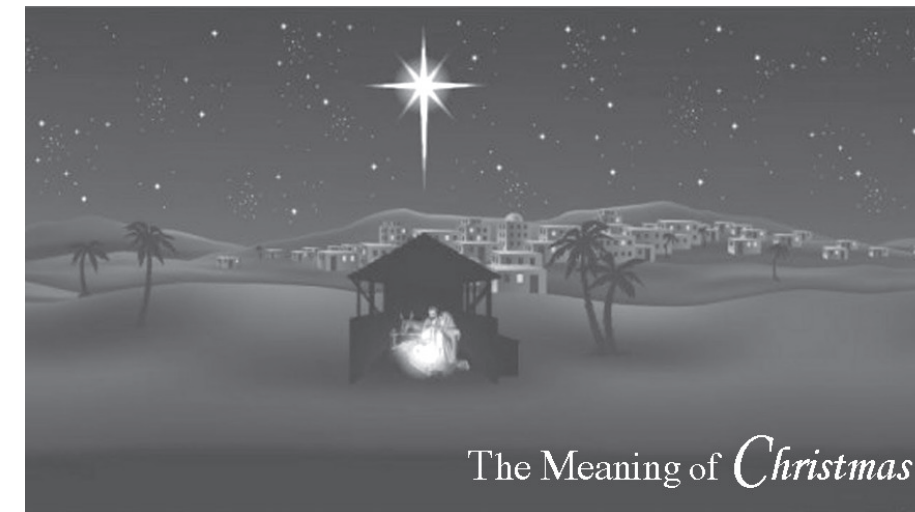
Following the service, Jake & Dana will host a Christmas Eve party at Katie Berkeley’s home (40 Turtle Rock Ridge, Blue Ridge). All are invited.

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The Meaning of *Christmas*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017