



Christian Caller

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Have you enjoyed the cooler weather this past week? Would you have appreciated its refreshing comfort if you had not felt miserable in the extreme heat?

Contrasts. Opposites. Differences. Can we understand one without the other?

It reminds me of something I read earlier; "You can't see the stars if it isn't dark!"

Darkness is the absence of light.

Cold is the absence of heat.

Evil is the absence of good.

One exists because of the other.

However, take the word joy. It is not the absence of suffering. Joy is the absence of hopelessness.

Joy is being in-tune with God. Hopelessness is ignoring God's promises.

Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my father's commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so my joy may be in you." (John 15:9-11 NIV)

What was His joy? He lived in His love towards His Father and in His Father's love toward Him.

The circumstances of this world did not change what He knew about His Father. Even on the cross, He trusted His Father's plan.

That is why we can have joy in the midst of suffering.

Romans 8:18 explains, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." No matter what this life deals us, we can be filled with the joy of knowing that our Heavenly Father will overshadow that with an unimaginable peace. His rod and His staff will comfort you all the days of your life, if you allow them too.

While sweating in the coming heat, you can bask in your knowledge that God will care for you.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

2265 meals were served during the month of July. A BIG Thank You to all the volunteers, your help is appreciated. The Soup Kitchen could use a volunteer to help with laundry on Monday's. Please contact Tony at 541-451-7667 if you can help.

The Soup Kitchen could use the following items:

Bic razors, Lysol wipes, baby wipes, lunch meat, bread, onion soup mix and brown gravy. This is the time of year that gardens are producing. If you have more fruits and vegetables than you can use, consider giving your extra to the Soup Kitchen. Tony likes to use fresh fruits and vegetables when he can. If you would like to donate these or other items to the Soup Kitchen they accept donations 11-3 Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Or contact either **Melissa, Tony or Julie and one of us would be glad to come pick up the items.**

COFFEE HOUR:

August 4 Potluck
August 11 Donna
August 18 Myra
August 25 Julie

WORSHIP LEADER:

August 4 Sharon
August 11 Colene
August 18
August 25

If you would like to help with **coffee hour** please talk to **Myra**, if you would like to be a **worship leader** please talk to **Julie**.

BIRTHDAYS

August 1 Jasper Swartz
August 10 Karen Vorderstrasse
August 11 Jesse LeSeur
August 16 Coury Gagne
August 17 Makenna Slavenski
August 22 Jessica Benitez
August 31 Kenny Gilmore

ANNIVERSARIES

August 8 Coury & Trysta Gagne

AUGUST EVENTS

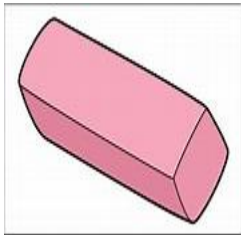
August 4 Potluck

August 10 Men's Group 8:00 am

August 18 Brian Gosser from Southside Christian Church will give the message

August 27 Movie Night (Soup Kitchen and Obria)

KIDS IN NEED BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM



We have been asked to collect pink erasers and glue sticks. Also, one subject spiral notebooks are always needed.

Please drop items off at the church or call Myra or Julie and we will pick them up. Myra is delivering the items the week of August 12th

Mission Statement

*To Praise and Worship God

*To foster Faith in Jesus Christ for the purpose of serving all people

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