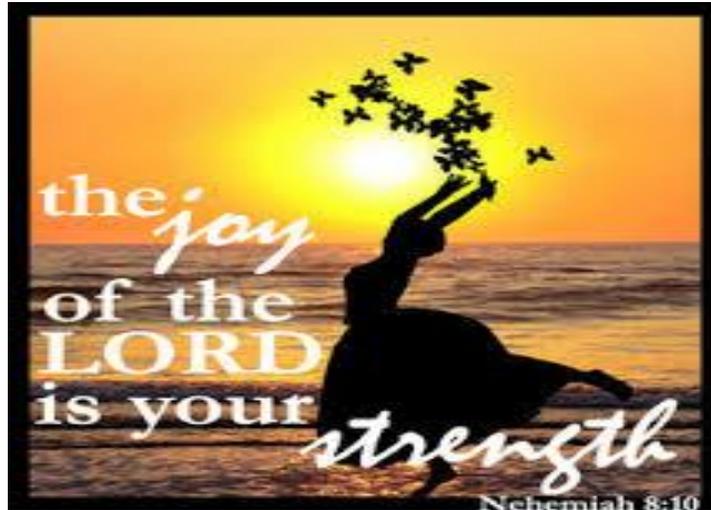


From the Family Room

**Creekwood Church of Christ
Mobile, AL**

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JOY TO THE WORLD



But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid! Listen, I bring you glorious news of great joy which is for all the people. This very day, in David's town, a Saviour has been born for you. He is Christ, the Lord."
Luke 2:10-11

People have hunted joy in life down every trail imaginable. Those hunting joy in worldly ways have failed to find it. Listed below are some territories of life that have failed to produce joy.

- Pleasure — Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure if anyone did. He wrote: "The worm, the canker, and grief are mine alone."
- Money — Jay Gould, the American millionaire, had plenty of that. When dying, he said: "I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth."
- Position and Fame — Lord Beaconsfield enjoyed more than his share of both. He wrote: "Youth is a mistake; manhood a struggle; old age a regret."
- Military Glory — Alexander the Great conquered the known world in his day. Having done so, he wept in his tent, before he said, "There are no more worlds to conquer."
- Unbelief — Voltaire was an infidel of the most pronounced type. He wrote: "I wish I had never been born."

Where then is real joy found? The answer is simple –
IN CHRIST ALONE.

If you keep my commandments you will live in my love just as I have kept my Father's commandments and live in his love. I have told you this so that you can share my joy, and that your happiness may be complete. John 15:10, 11

We pray that your family will discover real joy in Jesus during this holiday season. We pray that all of our families will view life through the lens of joy found in Christ. We pray that our joy will overflow as we live in Christ's love.

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