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Causes of Unhappiness

In 1 John 1:4 John wrote that "your joy may be full", or that "you may be full of joy". This tells us that God wants His people to be happy (Phil. 4:4). However, we do not have to look very far to see the fact that there is much unhappiness in the world around us. Why is there so much unhappiness in the world around us? Why aren't our people as happy as they could, or should, be?

The problem of sin. (1 John 1:5-6; 2:1)

Sin brings sorrow and suffering. In Genesis 3:16-19, we find that Adam and Eve had to endure sorrow after they sinned in the garden. Sin did not make their lives any better. Satan is very good at getting us to believe that sin is fun and is worth it. However, the Hebrew writer tells us that the pleasures of sin last for only a moment (Heb. 11:24-25). Once the initial thrill and excitement of sin is gone, it is replaced with condemnation and guilt. Let's go back to the garden. After the initial thrill of eating of the forbidden tree, Adam and Eve hid themselves due to shame. The reality is that all sin leads to the same place; death (Rom. 6:23). Sin also brings with it consequences. Heartbreak after heartbreak unfolded after David's sin (2 Samuel 12). Sin robbed David of joy, just as it robbed Judas of joy (Matt. 26:75).

The problem of loving the wrong things. (1 John 2:15-17)

A fundamental problem in life is learning what to love and what not to love. We live in a very materialistic world, which makes it easy for our priorities to get misplaced. If our lives are based upon things, we will surely be miserable (1 Tim. 6:10). During the Sermon on the Mount Jesus tells us that life is more than stuff (Matt. 6:25). Material things are only temporary (Matt. 6:19-20). This means that we will never truly be satisfied in life if that is our focus. We must love the right things. If we are truly going to be happy, then we must love God with everything we have along with our fellow man (Mark 12:30-31).

The problem of selfishness. (1 John 3:17)

The philosophy of the world that "happiness comes from getting" is false. To truly be happy is to be selfless. The greatest love that can be shown is for one to give his life for another (John 15:13). Pure religion is to help others (James 1:27). Paul instructed us that we are to help bear one another's burdens, and in so doing we "fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2). It is exhausting being selfish. One has to spend all their time making sure that they have it all and that no one else has anything. We notice how unpleasant it is to see a child who is selfish. How much more unpleasant is it to see such a childish attitude in adults.

We need to be aware of the things which rob us of joy. God has a remedy for all of these problems; His will. If we find ourselves struggling with unhappiness, let us examine ourselves closely to see what the problem really is. A child of God should be the happiest person on earth, due to the fact that we have forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternity.

Jimmy



January 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR'S DAY	3	4 Bible Study Men's Morning Coffee at Jack's North @ 8am Ladies' Coffee @ 8am	5	6	7
	9	10	11 Bible Study <i>Men's Morning</i> <i>Coffee at Jack's</i> <i>North @ 8am</i>	12	13	14
5 PM Worship Q & A	16	17	18 Bible Study <i>Men's Morning</i> <i>Coffee at Jack's</i> <i>North @ 8am</i>	19	20	21
2 PM Worship in Pray- r & Song	23	24	25 Bible Study Men's Morning Coffee at Jack's North @ 8am	26	27	28
Julie Green — migraines Betty Hawes — waiting of Ann Houston — health is Jackie Kirby — health is Lacey Kirby — has Osgoo Katrina Laney — migrai Sandra Scott — sick Donna Sharp — has had Lynn Strange — recoveri Rachel Strickland — car Jimmy Stubblefield — ha Donna Terrell — health Reba Turner — heart pro Wayne Williams — health Gaynell Woodall — wait Barbara Arsenault — De Jim Couch — former mer Ava Lee Estes — Lottie O Tucker Gregory — a you David Groat — Anne Ho Isaac Harrell — brother	on report from CT sca ssues od-Schlatter's Disease nes — has a badly spr 2 epidurals for a large ing from surgery on a accer — on medication as Guillain Barre Synd issues oblems and other heal th issues — shortness ing for surgery to be s ebra Dawson's Aunt — nber/Elder — has dia Campbell's Aunt — in ng boy who is friends uston's cousin — loos -in-law to Derek & Tir	n of the knees — tryin ained wrist — taking bulging disc — if th broken fibula and dis for low-grade cancer rome — still having i th issues of breath cheduled for rotator - Alzheimer's stolic heart failure — hospital for health re of the Durham's — F ing blood, running to a Burke & Wayne &	physical therapy is does not help with he splaced tibia — taking t until further test are co intense pain at times cuff repair in her right there is nothing else th easons — not doing well ad the flu, pneumonia a est to determine the sou	er back pain, she will h herapy ompleted shoulder — has been s ney can do for him — i l and now has COVID urce of the problem	ave surgery sick s very weak — pray	

Pray for our country that God will not turn His back on us; that good, God-fearing leaders will lead us back to Him!

Today is Sunday, January 1. 2023 Those Blessed To Serve The Church Family

Prayer for the Sick Lord's Table Read Scripture/Prayer Offering Prayer Closing Prayer Announcements Oversee Men to Serve Song Leader Sound Booth Building Lockup Building Security

MORNING SERVICE

Randy Turner Jason Akins David Martin David Derrick Raymond Boyd Ken McDonald Derek Burke Tommy Laney Chris Travis Chris Travis Shane Wright

EVENING SERVICE

Randy Turner Bradley Green Caleb Holland

Jonathan Gentry Ken McDonald Derek Burke Tommy Laney Chris Travis Chris Travis Shane Wright

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Invitation Song Leader Closing Prayer Sound Booth Building Lockup Building Security Jason Akins Chris Kirby Caleb Holland Chris Travis Chris Travis Shane Wright

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Record of Attendance December 25, 2022

Bible Class	60
Sunday Morning Worship	97
Sunday Evening Worship	40
Hispanic Evening Worship	3
Wednesday Bible Study	41
Contribution	\$4743

What Must I DO To Be Saved?

Hear	Romans 10:13-17
Believe	Mark 16:16
Repent	Acts 2:38
Confess	Matt. 10:32
Be Baptized	Mark 16:16

This Week's Lessons

Sunday Morning Sermon: *The Search For Happiness* — Psalms 1:1-3

Sunday Evening Sermon: Let's Get To Work — I Corinthains 15:58

Daily Bible Reading *"As refreshing as the morning SON"*