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## JOY IN THE JOURNEY—A STUDY THROUGH PHILIPPIANS

*“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” –  
Philippians 4:13, ESV*

When one thinks of Biblical books with “theological impact” they might think of epistles like Romans or Galatians, because of their clear depiction of Law and Gospel. This was particularly essential at the time of the Reformation back in the 1500’s when theological errors were threatening the foundation of the Church. But when thinking of books that have “personal impact” ... a little closer to home ... the book of Philippians may come to mind. Think of some of your favorite Bible verses. Chances are good that one or more of them come from the book of Philippians. It contains such great verses like:

- *He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (1:6)*
- *For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. (1:21)*
- *I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (3:14)*
- *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice. (4:4)*
- *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (4:6)*

# JOY

*IN THE JOURNEY*



A STUDY OF PHILIPPIANS

- *I can do all things through him who gives me strength. (4:13)*

Now it’s probably not productive to try and “rate” Bible books against each other. But the idea is that Philippians has verses throughout it that impact our hearts and have a sort of staying power in our personal lives. But it does also have theological impact as well. Chapter 2 of Philippians, for example, challenges us to understand the depths which Christ went to in order to empty Himself for our sakes. This is a big part of

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# REDEEMER SERVES! JUNE 3, 2017

A day of service!

Redeemer friends and members spent the morning going to areas of the community to serve in various areas of need. These were: cooking breakfast for men who were heading out for work at Interfaith in Carlsbad, playing games and doing crafts with children at Solutions for Change, cleaning out the refrigerator at the Community Resource Center, spending time

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*"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."*

Galatians 5:13





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singing and playing games with the seniors at Sunrise, filling in the trail at Leo Carrillo Ranch, making breakfast and lunch for the Redeemer serves volunteers, and then some of us stayed at Redeemer and made Goody bags for the Sunrise Seniors and Interfaith workers. Thrivent Financial provided \$1250 of the seed money to support these projects!




**You're invited to join us for a special Breakfast!**

Redeemer by the Sea is hosting a special breakfast in your honor! They will provide breakfast burritos with all of the fixings, fruit, and drinks.

When: Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:15-11:15 a.m.  
Sign-up today!!



*"But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.."*  
Galatians 5:13

## MISSION SAN DIEGO

July 9-14th, 10 people from Redeemer will be heading to San Diego to serve in various ministries of our community. Please pray for them and the people that they will be serving, that the love of Christ would be evident. Pray for Pastor Augie, Chris Hofer, Rae Lee, Belinda Lanois, Maddie Lanois, Sophia Hofer, Tessia Iadicicco, Bain Ecarius, Jonah Glassman, and Gabriel Mekis.

Scripture to meditate on during the week along with them: **7/9:** Genesis 1:26-31 & John 10:10, **7/10:** Psalm 139:1-18, **7/11** John 10:9-15, **7/12** Philippians 2:3-8, **7/13:** John 13:1-7, **7/14:** John 10:10





## GROWTH GROUPS

*Our Growth Groups continue to provide people an opportunity to connect with other believers and do life together in a supportive and faith-nurturing cluster of friends. Visit our web site for a complete listing and information concerning our Growth Groups.*

## GRIEF GROUP

We will meet July 20th, 1:30 P.M. at Norma's house looking at Chapter 12.

We welcome anyone who has lost a loved one to join us and let us share your grief.

- Norma Russell

## BRIDGE GROUP

The ice cream man\* arrived, served up the strawberry, along with the Brownie Bars, and we enjoyed dessert served by our hostess, Evelyn Meyer, on the 23rd of June.

Bridge was eventful when, in the final play, Alice Lehmann's opening bid of 5 Clubs went on to a Slam Bid, a successful bid, played and made.

The humorous play of the day was recovering cards from the floor when Lois O'Donnell and Marie Voien were both on the floor playing "Pickup"!

Evelyn Meyer was High Scorer followed closely by Marie Voien and Jo Voertman enjoyed bridge even if the cards dealt were not the 'pretty ones'!

The next bridge date will be July 28th at the home of Marie Voien. This group meets on the 4th Friday of each month with the exception of November play when we meet on the 3rd Friday. December is dark as we prepare and celebrate the Birth of Jesus.

Please contact me if you would like to be a part of the Bridge Group, whether as a regular or as a substitute. [baconfaye3@gmail.com](mailto:baconfaye3@gmail.com) or call 760-707-6677. I look forward to hearing from you.

*\*Lyle Meyer*

- Faye Bacon  
Bridge Coordinator

## BIRTHDAY GROUP

At the combined May and June celebration at Dini's Bistro the May birthdays of Stella Berrier and Audrey Wickstrand and the June birthdays of Russ Hanthorn and Mickey Scoffin were honored and two hundred ten (\$210) dollars was contributed to "Solutions for Change".

The July birthday celebrants are Jim Brunner, BJ Lahr, Lois O'Donnell, Lois Palmer, Patricia Sax and Marie and Earl Voien and we will celebrate them at Bistro West, 4960 Avenida Encinas in Carlsbad on FRIDAY, July 7 at 11:30 a.m. The restaurant opens at 11:30 so there is no seating before then. The restaurant policy is a four check maximum per party so you will need cash to settle up with your table mates who, in all probability, do not accept credit cards.

In addition to your lunch we request a one dollar per celebrant contribution that will go to Lutheran World Relief.

Everyone is welcome to join us but reservations are needed. To make yours, contact Jo Voertman, 1-760-721-6674, [jvbythesea@cox.net](mailto:jvbythesea@cox.net).

- Jo Voertman

## BAPTISM—JUNE 25, 2017

### MADELINE MAE HINTON





# SALT & LIGHT

We have just completed the third segment of the Truth Project Lesson 10, titled the 'American Experiment: Stepping Stones'. In that journey (as the study leader characterizes it) Dr. Dell Tackett presented the story in three parts. First he reviewed how dramatic and complete the picture of America is when you look at all the icons on permanent display in Washington DC. They are all profoundly religious and profoundly Christian. Next, he complained that throughout his education, he has been lied to about the religious foundation of our country. Not only are the symbols Christian, but as he studied the Founders and their writings, he saw that the Bible was the source or reference for most all of the founding documents. One of the least religious of the Founders (Benjamin Franklin) still stood on religion and Christianity as the only basis for our government that will withstand time. As John Adams said, "our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other". During a critical time in the writing of the Constitution, Benjamin Franklin stood and admonished the others because they had gotten away from beginning their sessions in prayer. He said that he believed the only reason they won the war with England was because they were daily in prayer for their cause and that God had blessed them. This is the Founder that today is referred to as a Deist! Last, Dr. Tackett talked about where

America is headed. He painted two pictures, one very dark if we do not change our ways and the other hopeful, if we repent and turn back to God. He wondered if it is necessary for a nation to go through the cycle of being blessed by God, then forgetting Him, enduring His judgment, and finally repenting so as to be blessed again.

As far as the role of Salt & Light, we will continue to look for ways to elevate the importance of what we do, including promotion / visibility of our efforts and future studies, like the Truth Project we just completed. We will be providing educational material to the congregation, like a Planned Parenthood fact sheet we developed (we did hand out a preview copy to the Truth Project attendees.) The voters' guide will be on our agenda again for the 2018 election and as always, we will be stressing the Biblically important issues and the candidate's position on them. We are not seeking to help one political party, but simply to highlight where the candidates stand on the issues important to the Church.

If you are curious about our group, all are welcome to join in. Currently we meet twice a month at 10:00 am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, but we are looking at a summer recess and possibly changing the meeting time, so check first. We want to find the best fit for all who are interested and with the busy people at Redeemer it's not easy. You can contact me or Jerry Meyer for more information.

Your Salt & Light Co-Leader,  
- Dan Bitner

## JR. HIGH FAMILY KICKBALL

A fun afternoon was had by everyone! Parents vs. kids faced off on the field. Afterwards an awesome meal cooked on the grill !





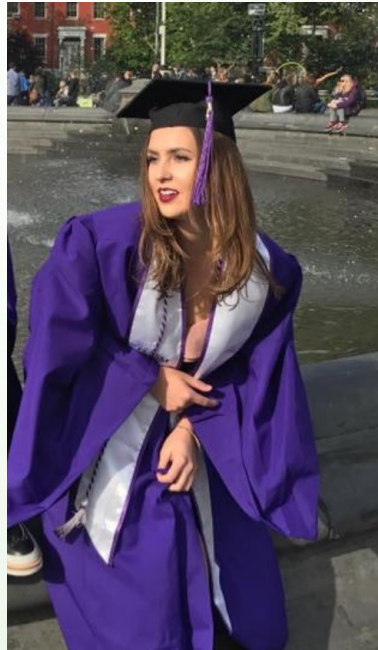
# GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS TO OUR 2017 GRADUATES



**Lauren Riendeau** graduated from Trevecca Nazarene in Nashville, TN with a degree in Organizational communications with a music business minor. She was recently got hired at a local company. I want to pursue a career in the music industry in the future but for now I'm enjoying life in Nashville because it's an amazing city!!



**Susie Schmaltz** graduated from Winona State University in Rochester, MN with a degree in: Master of Science in Nursing. Her major was in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. She was recently selected for Mayo Clinic's Cardiology Nurse Practitioner Fellowship in Scottsdale, AZ.



**Rachel Fulton** graduated from New York University Class of 2017 this May with a major in Marketing, with emphasis on fashion, and a minor in Business. She plans on living and working in NYC once she returns from her grad trip abroad!



**Liam Iadicicco** graduated from Pepperdine University with a Bachelors Degree in Economics and a minor in Marketing. He is working at Pepperdine University as their Call Center Program Manager.

## PRESCHOOL GRADUATION



**Tessia Iadicicco** graduated from Capistrano Connections Academy. She will be attending Palomar College in the Fall and study Theater Arts.





# JULY BIRTHDAYS

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Doris Springer     | Jul 1  |
| BJ Lahr            | Jul 2  |
| Luann Goedert      | Jul 3  |
| Lois O'Donnell     | Jul 5  |
| Ed Meinardus       | Jul 5  |
| Gene Overway       | Jul 6  |
| Robin Zale         | Jul 6  |
| Lois Palmer        | Jul 6  |
| Marie Voien        | Jul 7  |
| Jim Brunner        | Jul 7  |
| Janet Woods        | Jul 8  |
| Hayes Hemphill     | Jul 9  |
| Blake Bolton       | Jul 9  |
| Mary Ann Meinardus | Jul 10 |
| Liam Iadicicco     | Jul 16 |
| Chris Shourds      | Jul 17 |
| Kathy Ferrell      | Jul 17 |
| Pam Sandow         | Jul 17 |
| Jordan Redl        | Jul 20 |
| Rhonda Sutherlin   | Jul 24 |
| Arthur Bunke       | Jul 25 |
| Patricia Sax       | Jul 25 |
| Amelia Rutan       | Jul 26 |
| Earl Voien         | Jul 27 |
| Allison Liljegren  | Jul 28 |
| Jake Mancini       | Jul 29 |
| Daniel Oplinger    | Jul 31 |

# JULY ANNIVERSARIES

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| David & Elizabeth Taylor   | Jul 6  |
| Earl & Marie Voien         | Jul 16 |
| Ralph & Kathy Hemphill     | Jul 16 |
| Gilbert & Christina Fugitt | Jul 16 |
| Blake & Gretchen Bolton    | Jul 22 |
| Scott & Allison Liljegren  | Jul 24 |
| John & Monique Russell     | Jul 25 |
| Ed & Mary Ann Meinardus    | Jul 29 |

Proverbs 22:17

*"A merry heart does  
good like medicine"*

# FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION! JUNE 18, 2017



Thank you to  
everyone  
who worked  
to make this  
a great day!





# JOY IN THE JOURNEY—A STUDY THROUGH PHILIPPIANS, *CONT FROM FRONT*

the foundation of our faith. We believe that Christ “humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!” (Philippians 2:8) That has such theological impact as to make a difference for time and eternity!

But whether speaking more in the abstract, or in concrete life lessons, Philippians bears a constant message of joy. And we all need that, right? Our world is so good at robbing our joy – especially when you read the news. There are so many things that can challenge our joy; but Philippians is a countermeasure to that. The Apostle Paul, who wrote the book of Philippians, was a man filled with joy and thankfulness. And if anyone had good reason to NOT be joyful, it was Paul ... in fact, he wrote the book of Philippians while he was imprisoned! And yet, by the power and indwelling of the Holy Spirit, Paul experienced great joy – even in the midst of his circumstances. And He wants the same for you and me – to experience joy in whatever situation we find ourselves.

In Paul’s message to the church at Philippi, he uses the word “rejoice” or “joy” 15 times! He does this as he writes to a city that has so much wealth from the gold mines nearby. Further, as a Roman colony, Philippi had all the pride and culture of being affiliated with Rome. And yet, Paul needed to remind the people of that great city where true joy is found.

How about with you? Do you find that you can be surrounded by all kinds of riches, culture, entertainment, and achievements ... and still lack joy? Well, you’re not alone. That’s why we’re going to take 9 weeks this summer to learn the good news about the source of joy. We’ll discover that it’s not found in a place, a possession, or some power. But rather, joy comes from a person – the Lord Jesus Christ! He is the one who supplies all that we need. He is the one who fills us with joy regardless of our circumstances, relationships, status in life or our wealth.

Join us this summer as we learn the secrets to experiencing JOY ...

- 7/9 - in your Relationships
- 7/16 - in your Circumstances
- 7/23 - in your Attitudes
- 7/30 - in your Potential
- 8/6 - on the Job
- 8/13 - in your Accomplishments
- 8/20 - in your Future
- 8/27 - in your Thoughts
- 9/3 - in your Finances

Joyfully Joining Jesus with you,

Pastor Augie



## WHO ARE YOUR ELDERS?

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Your elders are a resource to you for your spiritual and ministry needs. Feel free to contact them with any needs or concerns – or just to say hello!

They are: Dave Berrier, Jim Brunner, Tom Burke, Matt Busch, Wayne Chapman, Carl Gehring, Otis Haarmeyer, Ed Meinardus, Jerry Meyer, Lyle Meyer, Joel Rabe, Ken Swick, Charles Um

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