

WELCOME
to the
Mallory Church of God
PO Box 63
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October 15, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * If you are interested in going to the Ark Encounter, in May 2018, there will be a meeting, after morning worship in the Connect Kids room.
- * Tonight, we will have Corporate Prayer at 6:00. Plan to be with us.
- * Senior's meeting, Tuesday night, at 6:00.
- * Next Sunday the youth from the Family Worship Center, in Beckley will be with us in morning worship.
- * We will be having a Fall Festival, Wednesday, October 25th. We are looking for volunteers to work in it or prepare things for it. We will also need candy donations and/or small trinket toys. If you are interested, please see Delores, Lisa or Michele.

"You shall go out with joy."
~ Isaiah 55:12 NKJV ~

BE JOYFUL!

Every morning say, "Today I will go out with joy." That will set your attitude straight! Generally speaking, there are three kinds of people: (1) Those who feel bad about feeling good. They believe

we're not supposed to be happy, just "responsible." (2) Those who rain on your parade because your joy bothers them. Often these folks have been hurt by life and anger simmers just beneath the surface. (3) Those who lift your spirit and breathe life into you. You say, "But doesn't the Bible tell us believers are supposed to be different from nonbelievers? Yes, but not negatively different—positively different. And unless you commit yourself to walking in the joy of the Lord, you'll find negative ways of distinguishing yourself from nonbelievers. Paul writes, "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4 NIV). If you're thinking, "That's easy for Paul to say; he doesn't have my problems," think again! When Paul wrote those words, he was in prison with no chance of getting out. For him joy was a decision, not a reaction to circumstances. You ask, "How could Paul be joyful in prison?" Because he understood that true joy comes from devoting yourself to something bigger than your own interests. The Bible says, "The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). True joy calls for three things: (a) Making a conscious choice to focus on God's goodness every single day. (b) Reaching out to bless others every chance you get. (c) Understanding that joy produces strength, which explains why your joy is the Devil's primary target.

If you are joining us for the first time, **we appreciate you choosing to worship with us.** We pray that you experience the presence of God in a special way.

Opportunities to Worship

Sunday School
10:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship
10:45 AM

Connect Kids Worship
10:45 AM

Wednesday Night
7:00 PM
Adult Bible Study
Connect Kids Ministries
Youth Service

When you lose your joy you lose your strength, and he wins—so be joyful!