



# Welcome!

## October 28, 2018

“If the Son sets you free... you are free indeed!”

-John 8:36

Nursery (up to 2 years) is available during the entire service.  
Kids (3 years old through Kindergarten) are dismissed after music.

### Our Worship Gathering

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship

Worship

Your Grace is Enough  
Blessed Be Your Name  
Cornerstone

Offering

Dismiss for KidzKorner

Preparatory Worship

Living Hope

Prayer

Message: “A Fruitful Life: Joy”  
Pastor Scott

Closing Song

Joy to the World

Prayer

*Please join us for fellowship and food in the foyer.*

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# Prayer Matters

*I will be glad and rejoice in your unfailing love,  
for you have seen my troubles,  
and you care about the anguish of my soul.*  
Psalm 31:7 (NLT)

## Families

Chantal

Mike & Verda

## Berean Church

Auburn Berean Church; Auburn, NE (Kent & Leslie)

## LEAD Team

Scott & Lyndsey, Trent & Caryn, Ray & Rosi, Rebecca, Jerry, Ted & Judy

## Other

Upcoming elections

Safety for kids during Halloween

## Upcoming Events:

10/31 (Wednesday): No meeting at the church facility. Be on mission to your community!

11/7 (Wednesday): Prayer @ 6:30 pm

## **Announcements:**

\*Are you receiving the weekly emails from Pastor Scott? If not, let him know and he will add you to the list.

\*You can also give online ([www.ColoradoFreedomChurch.com](http://www.ColoradoFreedomChurch.com)) or through the FC mobile app (App Store & Google Play)

October 28, 2018  
Colorado Freedom Church – Scott Maxon  
**Fruit of the Spirit 1: Joy**  
**Galatians 5:16-25**

**JOY**

Webster's 1828: "The passion or emotion excited by the acquisition or expectation of good; that excitement of pleasurable feelings which is caused by success, good fortune, the gratification of desire or some good possessed, or by a rational prospect of possessing what we love or desire; gladness; exultation; exhilaration of spirits"

**John 15:1-17**

The Vine (Jesus); The Vinedresser (God the Father); The Branches (Us); The Fruit (Holy Spirit)

Acts 5:41, James 1:2-3; Hebrews 12:2; Romans 8:28

*Stumbling Blocks to Joy*

-Sin (Psalm 51:12; Psalm 32:3-4)

-Misplaced Confidence (Philippians 3:1)

-Discipline

-Trials of Faith

*Common Joy*

-Times of Celebration

-Times of Achievement

-Relationships

-Unexpected Joy

ALL OF JOY LISTED ABOVE IS TEMPORARY

*Unique Joy for Christ-followers*

-Rejoice because you are sure of your salvation (Colossians 1:13-14; Colossians 2:13-14)

-Realize how present-day battles can contribute to your eternal destiny (James 1:2; Romans 5:3-5)

-Rejoice when God is glorified (1Corinthians 10:31)

*Stepping Stones to Joy*

-Bible and prayer

-Confess and forsake sin (1 John 1:9)

-Trust in God

-Give Thanks (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

*Practical Applications.*

1. Write a note of encouragement to one person who has brought you joy.
2. Cultivate joy in relationships.

Marriage	Family	Work
Finances	God	Friends
Church	Neighbors	Self

Lord, do you want me to add more \_\_\_\_\_ [fruit] to this relationship?

*Joy:* notice the good, the encouraging, the positive in the other person, relationship, or situation

Am I:

- positive and grateful,
- deepening my key relationships?

John 14:6; Romans 15:13

Fruit of the Spirit and Verses to Meditate On:  
1 Corinthians 13 (Love)  
Psalm 16:5-11 (Joy)

Questions for further study:<sup>1</sup>

In what kinds of experiences have you found real joy?

**Read Numbers Psalm 33:1-11, 20-22**

- Who is to sing to the Lord in praise?
- How are praise and joy related?
- Do you think it is always fitting to praise God? Why?
- The psalmist described several ways of expressing joy in verses 1-3 and 20-21. How do you express joy in your relationship with God?
- Verses 6 and 7 show God as creator. Give some examples of how God can use creation to stimulate joy in the believer?
- What connection does hope have to joy (verses 20-22)?
- What trustworthy aspects of God's character do you note from this Psalm?
- How does this knowledge affect your joy as a Christ-follower?

**Read 1 Peter 1:3-9**

- What does our new birth in Christ give us (verses 3-5)?
- Why could these first-century Christians have joy despite persecution?
- Why does God sometimes allow Christians to suffer (verses 7-9)?
- How can Christians retain a joyful faith in difficult times?
- What might this kind of joy in the midst of suffering look and feel like?
- How does your faith compare with the descriptions in this passage and in Psalm 33?

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<sup>1</sup> Questions adapted from "The Fruit of the Spirit" by Stuart Briscoe