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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Sundays at 10:30am 3836 S Madison Ave, Norwood, OH 45212

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The Valley Kids Christmas Program

The Valley Kids will be leading a Christmas program during the opening part of our worship gathering on Sunday, December 19th. Bring the family out to celebrate the truths of Christmas from a kids point of view. This will be a fun, joyful program.

Blue Christmas Service

Are you or somebody you love suffering with grief this Christmas season? We are hosting a Blue Christmas service on Monday, December 20th at 7:00pm. Join us for a night of testimonies, singing, and a reminder that Christ is faithful even in our suffering.

Christmas Eve Service

Our annual Christmas Eve service will be on December 24th at 4:00pm. Join us for the singing of carols, the reading of the Christmas story, the lighting of the Christ Advent candle, and a candlelight communion as we celebrate the arrival of Jesus. Children will be with us during that hour-long service.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING TOTAL: \$2,431.85

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It is Well Joy Prevails

Christian joy is marked by gladness, an excitement about belonging to Jesus and is present during all emotional seasons of life.

Luke 2:22-38 gives us the story of Simeon and Anna and reveals what genuine joy at the arrival of Christ really looks like.

- **1. Christian Joy is born of the Holy Spirit** a. Vs 25, 26, 27 all reference this
- 2. Christian Joy is rooted in Christian Hope

a. Simeon was WAITING for the consolation of Israel

- **3. Jesus shows the weight that God puts on His Word** a. Vs 22-24 shows the first family bringing Jesus to the temple to fulfill the requirements given by the Word of God
- 4. Christian Joy aches, longs, and desires

a. Christ already came but our Joy makes us long for His return

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5. Christian Joy Heralds

a. Joy leads to gratitude and gladness. Gratitude and gladness draws people in.

Our world is so dark right now, the bar of apologetics is low. Displaying genuine joy in Christ is enough light to draw people in for the glory of God as so many are void of true joy in anything else.