

A MOTHER'S JOY John 15:9-17, "I have said these things to you, so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

Mothers, how do we lead our children to discover the gift of joy? By learning to share the deepest thing that is within us, the human heart. We do it by sharing our faith. By letting them into that Deep place where we encounter the presence of the living God.

Do your children know where you're inclined to turn to, to find God? Is it when you sit in the church sanctuary and hear the first notes of the organ, or is seeking God in the great outdoors more your style? Have you shared with them what it is you do most consistently, when you pray?

One of the time-honored definitions of evangelism is that it's one beggar telling another beggar where to find food. Have you turned to the children in your life and showed them where to find not a mere crust of bread, but a rich banqueting-table of God's grace?

Jesus says to his disciples in John 15:11, "I have said these things to you, so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." To know such joy is quite unrelated to the amount of happiness we may experience in this life. Some of the most deeply joyful people are those whose lives have been, in some ways, horrible. Their joy arises not from their personal circumstances, but from their relationship with Jesus Christ. As an anonymous writer has put it: "Joy is not the absence of trouble, but the presence of God,"

Joy is not something we summon up, but rather a wonder that comes to us as a gift from God. The host of that banquet is Jesus Christ. The question is, for those of us who have sons or daughters, or other young people with whom we are close: Do we love them enough to tell them?

Abridged from sermon by Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

URGENT PRAYER

- **Johnny Williams family**, death of Mr. Williams (helped 25 yrs in Comm Svc)
- **Cobbs family**, death of mother of Don Cobb's children
- **Daisy Hunt**, surgery recovery
- **Pascal Habineza**, surgery and recovery
- **Drexall Larry**, health
- **Zelma Johnson**, health
- **Lola Matthews**, health
- **Cindy Cobbs**, recovery
- **Doris Adams**, recovery

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LET'S CHAT!

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SHARON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

May 4, 2019



I felt cheated as a youth because I went to church while my friends were allowed to watch cartoons and play games outside. As an adult, many people don't consider the benefits of having a faith community. As I matured, I realized that there are some perks in being in a faith community. I will share some for the next few weeks. The Bible admonishes us to remain in the faith and to do the work of the church no matter how difficult it may become. "... not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another..." Hebrews 10:25.

Here are some of the benefits of having a church family:

The fellowship or Gatherings.

Chasing a dream career and the next opportunity can become difficult and lonely. Sometimes wealth is accumulated, but few people or no one is there to celebrate the success. Having a church family allows a person the opportunity to spend time with people who actually care.

Genuine friendships.

The church has its issues and some people in the church can be cold as ice. However, many Christians know how to be great friends. They will pray and visit you when you are hurt. They will support you in times of hardship and celebrate your achievements. Only because they consider you a friend.

Clean Fun.

Who wants to be drunk and high all the time. Every social outing shouldn't diminish quality and quantity of life. Christians know how to party and remain sober at the same time.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 CINCO DE MAYO 6 Bible Study 12p 7 Pray for Our Children (866) 478-7729 7p EST 8 Mid-week Prayer Meeting 7p 11 Sabbath School 9:45a 11 Divine Worship, Mother's Day 11:15a 11 Fellowship Lunch 1:30p 11 Bible Study 2:15p 11 Oakwood University Graduation 8:30p 12 MOTHER'S DAY 12 Elder's Meeting 10:30a 13 Bible Study 12p 15 Mid-week Prayer Meeting 7p 16 Convocation—Gladstone OR Conf 17 Convocation—Gladstone OR Conf | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 Convocation—Gladstone OR Conf 18 *** No Church Service at Sharon Church *** 18 ARMED FORCES DAY 18 Community Services Food Pantry 2p 19 Convocation—Gladstone OR Conf 19 Church Board Meeting 10:30a 20 Bible Study 12p 22 Mid-week Prayer Meeting 7p 25 Sabbath School/Divine Worship 9:45a 25 Community Services Food Panty 2p 25 Bible Study 2:15p 26 Brunch Cruise—Portland Spirit TBD 27 MEMORIAL DAY—HOLIDAY 27 *** Sharon Church Office Closed *** 29 Prayer Meeting 7p |
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