

Good Morning!

**Welcome to Meadowlark
Church of Christ!**

**Visitors please fill out
an attendance card ... thank you!**

Gifts brought by Jesus!



The gift of JOY:

*And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great **JOY** which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."
--(Luke 2)*

Instances of Joy:

- *When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with **great joy** (Matt 2:10)*
- *And they left the tomb quickly with fear and **great joy** and ran to report it to His disciples (Matt. 28:8).*
- *(Elizabeth meeting Mary): For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb **for joy** (Luke 1:44).*
- *..there is **joy** in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents (Luke 15:10).*
- *..These things I have spoken to you so that **My joy** may be in you, and that **your joy** may be made full (John 15:9-11).*

Instances of Joy (cont.):

- *And the disciples were continually filled with **joy** and with the Holy Spirit (Acts 13:52).*
- *..fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the **joy** set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2).*
- *Consider it all **joy**, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance (James 1:2).*

Biblical Points About Joy:

1. JOY is not the same as Happiness.
2. JOY is not promised to those outside of Christ.
3. JOY comes from an on-going connection with Christ (Gal. 5:22).
4. JOY is present even in times of struggle or persecution (Psalm 23).

What do you need to find JOY?

God's blessing to you:

*Now may the God of hope fill you with all **JOY** and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)*