

Crossville Church of Christ

P.O. Box 211

Crossville, TN 38557

Phone

484-5297 or 484-2960

Fax 707-0025

COMPASS

Using God's Word to Chart The Course
Of A Congregation

www.crossvillechurchofchrist.org

Email: Office@crossvillechurchofchrist.org

Elders@crossvillechurchofchrist.org



Elders:

Frank Bohannon
Jiggs Killgore
Jonathan Loveday
Larry McDuffee
Brian McLaughlin
Jon Tatum

Deacons:

Jim Bell
Charles Evans
Kyle Fairman
Dale Hennessee
Mike Isaacson
David Kerley
Doug Loveday
Greg Maxwell
Don Napier
Tom Parham
Mark Roberts
Roger Smith
Jason Wyatt
Jerry Wood

Ministers:

Barry Kennedy
Ken Mears

Missionaries: (India)

Don Iverson
Jim Waldron

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM
	6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Ladies Bible Class	
Tuesdays	11AM
Prayer Meeting	
Tuesdays	10 AM
Joyful Generation (Youth Devotional & fellowship)	
1st Sunday	7:00 PM

June 21, 2015



SUMMER SERMONS

JULY

July 8: "My Joy & My Crown, an Introduction"

Ben Bailey, McMinnville, TN

July 15: "My Joy & My Crown in Grace & Peace" (Phil. 1:2)

Tom Holland, Brentwood, TN

July 22: "My Joy & My Crown in Prayer & Preaching" (Phil. 1:4, 15-18)

Jason Gann, McMinnville, TN

July 29: "My Joy & My Crown in Faith" (Phil. 1:25)

Brandon Parsley, McMinnville, TN

AUGUST

August 5: "My Joy & My Crown in Fellowship & Unity" (Phil. 1:5, 2:1, 2)

Bill Williams, Manchester, TN

August 12: "My Joy & My Crown in Christ's Return" (Phil. 2:16)

Tony Britt, Pikeville, TN

August 19: "My Joy & My Crown in Christian Service" (Phil. 2:17-22)

Paul Sain, Pulaski, TN

August 26: "My Joy & My Crown Being in the Lord" (Phil. 3:1-7)

Ralph Hart, Manchester, TN

SEPTEMBER

September 2: "My Joy & My Crown in Present & Future Things" (Phil. 3:13-14)

Stephen Law, Crossville, TN

September 9: "My Joy & My Crown in Right Thinking" (Phil. 4:8)

Tony Lawrence, McMinnville, TN

September 16: "My Joy & My Crown in Contentment" (Phil. 4:11-12)

Dale Barger, Wheeler Hill, TN

September 23: "My Joy & My Crown in Christ Given Strength" (Phil. 4:13)

David Lipe, Cookeville, TN

FAITHFUL FATHERS

Terry R. Townsend

“Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD; and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate” (Psa. 127:3-5).

What an awesome blessing, as well as responsibility, rearing children is! If only more fathers and mothers had a greater appreciation of this gift and took more seriously their God-given roles as parents (cf. Deut. 6:1ff; Pro. 22:6; 31:1ff; Eph. 5:22ff; 6:4).

“Father’s Day” is a day set aside each year to honor our fathers for a job well-done. In addition, it is a day to remind fathers of the influential impact they have on their children as well as society. It is true, “as the home goes, so goes the nation (society).” A strong nation is comprised of strong godly homes; homes led by strong and faithful fathers who...

1. ...love the Lord (Mark 12:30; Mat. 6:33).
2. ...love their wife (Eph. 5:25-26).
3. ...love God’s Word and shares it with family (2 Tim. 2:15; Eph. 6:4; Acts 10:33).
4. ...are faithful to the Lord and His church (1 Cor. 15:58; Rev. 2:10).
5. ...communicate well (Jam. 1:19).
6. ...provide for their family (1 Tim. 5:8).
7. ...pray fervently and without ceasing (Jam. 5:16; 1 The. 5:17).
8. ...non-abusively discipline their children when necessary (Pro. 13:24; 22:15).

May all men strive toward these teachings of scripture, and thus build strong homes and a strong nation!

FAITHFUL FATHERS

*The very first Father is the God of all creation,
His example has had an impact on every nation.
His faithfulness transcends all expectation,
His love for us was shown with the ultimate expression.
Many have fathers who follow God’s pattern,
They provide for us love, direction, and compassion.
For them on this day we express our appreciation,
By honoring their faithful, loving devotion.
And for those who will one day step up to this calling,
Remember the first Father is faithful watching.
Be what He wants every Father to be,
Faithful to GOD first and then family.*

— Barry Kennedy

SEVEN WAYS TO BE HAPPY

John Gurtler

Often people make their own lives miserable and other people help them to find misery. Abraham Lincoln said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be."

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HAPPINESS:

Trust in God: The person who puts faith in God has a source of strength and delight that a non-believer cannot understand (see Proverbs 3:5; 16:20). If we fuss and stew about everything, it shows a lack of trust. Jesus told Martha that she was "troubled about many things."

Relish the Scriptures: See Psalm 1:1-2. Psalm 119:104 says, "How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth." The Scriptures always shoot straight. Tax laws change, the weather changes, politics are ever changing, but God's Word never changes. (See 2 Timothy 3:16-17.) The sacred pages give hope, comfort, gladness to the lovers of the truth.

Live Righteously: "Many sorrows shall be to the wicked, but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about, be glad in the Lord and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart..." (Psa. 32:10-11). Titus 2:12 shows that clean living contributes to deep-rooted joy and contentment. People may mock you and deride you, but you possess something they do not have.

Worship God with Regularity: In Acts 20:6-7, the brethren traveled so they could worship with other Christians. In Acts 2, it describes the disciples as having all things in common among them: "great joy" and "praising God." David said, "I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord..." (Psa. 122:1). (See also Psalm 95:1; 96:9-11.) Worship is for the glory of God and the happiness of man.

Keep a Clean Conscience: (Acts 24:16; 1 Timothy 1:19; 2 Timothy 1:3) There can be no happiness when one violates his conscience. See Genesis 42:21: Joseph's brothers' consciences made them miserable.

Learn Contentment: The grass is not always greener on the other side. Some people continually fret and complain about the cost of living, their job, wife, husband, weather, politics, etc. Christians grumble. Philippians 4:11 states that a contented person is a happy individual, without contentment, joy is only superficial.

Stay Busy and Constructive: Idleness breeds displeasure, restlessness, despondency, mischief. Happiness comes to him who works persistently, consistently, and diligently. (See Romans 12:11.)

Effort expended and accomplishment materialized brings inward fulfillment. Beneficial work keeps the mind from thoughts that are negative and destructive. First Corinthians 15:58 says, "...abound in the work of the Lord."

How did Paul find joy? Paul found joy in seeing and hearing about other Christians doing good. Read Philippians chapters 1-3 and count the times you read the word "rejoice" or "joy."

