

## **Fairview Baptist Church**

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## **Church Service Schedule:**

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night Service	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Conference 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. night every quarter	7:00 p.m.
(January, April, July, and October)	•

Nursing Home: Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>, Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. **^** 

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 骨 Echoes of Mercy will be singing next Sunday night at 6pm.
- 霏 It's time again for the Georgia Baptist Children Homes Truck Loading.

This year they are collecting: Canned Fruit, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Rice, Corn, Mac & Cheese, and Liquid Laundry Detergent.

Gift Cards are always appreciated.

Items have to be brought in by September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Prayer Request: Please pray for Libby Burrell, Brannon Passmore, Pat Phillips, Karen Gillispie, Don Hood, Heidi Sosebee, Colby Duffey, JC Totherow, Dwain Potts, Jack Jones, Ella Mae Cook, Clara Adams, Continue to pray for Jimmy & Judy Thompson, Fred & Dessie Plott, WD Davis, Hattie Moon, Joe & Sara Dyer. Remember the families who have recently lost loved ones. Remember our troops and our country's leaders. Please pray for them.

Let's remember to pray for our church that we might be what the Lord would have us to be. Please pray for the LOST, as well as those in the Nursing Homes and Hospitals.

## Can you prove what you have is real?

Adrian Rogers - Saturday, August 4, 2018

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Philippians 4.4

"Don't worry, be happy." Everyone thinks that's good advice because we live in a generation seeking happiness. That's terrible advice. You can't be happy all the time because happiness depends upon what "happens"—that's why it's called "happiness." If your "hap" is good, you're happy. If your "hap" is bad, you're unhappy. But if you put your trust in happiness, you'll be a victim of circumstances, because your happenstance will change.

The Bible doesn't tell us to rejoice in circumstances but "Rejoice in the Lord." Circumstances change; God never changes. Since He never changes, we can "Rejoice evermore" (1Thess. 5:16).

What's the difference between happiness and joy? Happiness is like a cosmetic whereas joy is like character. Happiness comes from outside circumstances. Joy comes from within. Happiness meets surface needs. Joy meets your deepest needs. Happiness is a thermometer—it registers conditions. Joy is a thermostat—it regulates conditions. Happiness evaporates in times of suffering. Joy frequently intensifies in times of suffering. In fact, it's often intertwined with suffering.

It's cruel to tell sorrowing people, "Smile and be happy." We're not expected to paste a smile on our face and be happy all the time. Jesus was "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" (Isa. 53:3). Yet the Bible spoke of the joy of the Lord, and that He was "anointed with the oil of gladness above His fellows" (Heb. 1:9).

Dear friend, this is a life of tragedy, sorrow, heartache and pain. Yet in that sorrow, you can have joy when you base it upon who God is in your life. Happiness is an outside job. Joy is an inside job.

Joy is the proof that what we have is real and that it satisfies. Joy is necessary in bringing unsaved people to Jesus Christ. We have nothing more winsome and attractive than the joy of the Lord. We're told to serve the Lord with gladness (Psalm 100:2), for "The joy of the Lord is our strength" (Neh. 8:1). It is joy that lubricates life.