

- ◆ Brethren are reminded to check their Kitchen mail inbox for correspondence.
- ◆ Tomorrow is Yvon Almerol's birthday.
- ◆ While Friday is Audrey's birthday.



The Church of Christ meets here at
48 Convoy Avenue,
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How Can I be Happy?

By David Cariaga

People always seek happiness in life. We work hard to accumulate enough or even more than enough to sustain our needs. However, this thing that we gather are just temporary and oftentimes we are not satisfied with what we are looking for. So, who does not want to be happy? Is a question I would like to raise. We all do, but wanting something is not the same as finding it. We all strive after happiness, but how many people actually find true, lasting happiness? Of course for the Christian, we know this is a foolish quest.

We hear so many preaching about our own happiness and peace and satisfaction and having all our desires met. How can I be successful and happy and satisfied and prosperous? That is what we hear so often: it is all about self, self-satisfaction, self-fulfillment and personal happiness.

"Happiness is a trivial pursuit. We're living for things that don't really matter. You've got to focus not on what's current but what's eternal. When you live in light of eternity, you realize that the small things you're worrying about aren't going to matter in eternity, and instead of stressing out, you can be a happier person," Warren writes. (christianpost.com/news/rick-warren-saddleback-church-megachurch-happiness) So what he is trying to say is that being a Christian doesn't guarantee great success and happiness. Christians have their failures, too. But a relationship with God can enhance your self-concept, help clarify your goals, strengthen your determination and help you improve whatever you do. The personal satisfaction Christ provides can make a positive difference, too.

Even when Paul thought about his potential death, he was still full of joy. In verse 21 of **Philippians 1** he said, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." (New American Standard Bible) Matthew Henry Commentary says; "The apostle's difficulty was not between living in this world and living in heaven; between these two there is no comparison; but between serving Christ in this world and enjoying him in another. Not between two evil things, but between two good things; living to Christ and being with him."

Our Creator thinks we are very special, so special that He sent His only Son JESUS to die in our behalf. When you come to know Christ personally and realize the magnitude of His love for you, you can find strength to accept yourself and greater freedom to take prudent risks. You can face rejection with the security that even if everyone else turns on you, God still loves you. Knowing He wants the best for you can increase your determination to work hard for worthwhile goals. That's HAPPINESS! We can be happy living in this world as we continue to focus our minds on God. Look forward to that blessed promise made for us to receive. True happiness is the eternal happiness long offered to us by our Lord. Let's strive for that because it is an achievable offer. Be Happy in the Lord!

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Potluck 	2	3 Bible Class @ 7 with David	4	5	6 Vision Channel 9:30 am	7 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 9 am
8	9	10 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	11 B	12	13 Kwasi Asare B'day 	14 Women's Prayer Breakfast @ 9am
15	16	17 Shirley Taylor B'day 	18	19	20 Kv Rej B'day 	21
22	23 Yvon Almerol B'day 	24 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	25	26	27 Audrey Goud B'day 	28
29	30	31 No Bible Class	1	2	3 Vision Channel 9:30 am 	4 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 9 am

Bible Mad Gab: Jay Cop Tease Eve Delay Ben (See Genesis 31:20 for answer)

On for cleaning..... Shirley Taylor & Erma Gorman

Food Bank Items: Peanut Butter; Soup; Kraft Dinner; Condiments; Canned Meats/Fish/Fruit; Dry Spaghetti/Sauce

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Order of Worship

Bible Class



9:45-10:30am Sundays
David Cariaga (John Chapter 14)

7:00-8:00 pm Tuesdays
David Cariaga



Prayer Time

10:30—10:45 am Sundays



Worship

11:00 am Sundays

Leadership for Worship

Song Leader.....James Bortey
Worship Prayer.....Shola Komolafe
Presiding at the Table.....Dennis Peters
Assisting.....Jonah Simmons
SermonDavid Cariaga
Collection.....Dennis Peters
Closing Prayer.....Jeremy VanSlyke
Announcements.....Jeremy VanSlyke

John 4:24

**God is a Spirit: and they that worship
Him must worship in spirit and truth.**

Prayers for those we love...

1. Wisdom for the spiritual Leadership of all the churches.
2. Our bible class teachers and students.
3. Church evangelism, spiritual growth and unity.
4. Missionaries—Joel Osborne, Ruth Zimmerman and Ron and Karen Clayton.
5. Key to the Kingdom program, teachers and students.
6. Wisdom for the leaders of our country and the military.
7. Those not worshipping with us today.
8. All Brethren living in isolated areas.
9. That Sel's dad will be healed of his prostate cancer and that her mom will have the strength to live through the process.
10. That Jocelyn's Brother-in-Law will be saved and God will ease his suffering.
11. That the Evacuees of Fort McMurray will find homes, financial help or new jobs, and have their needs met.
12. That Corey and Claudia will become strong in the faith again.
13. Ann Landry is out of the ICU. Pray for her health.
14. Those of our congregation travelling.
15. That Gizel Attedjro would stay focused and grow in faith as she studies at the Great Lakes Christian college .
16. That Paul & Heidi Taylor would return to Jesus's Church.
17. Our sister Susan McLellan had a baby boy named Quintin. Although she was discharged, he is currently in the neonatal intensive care unit. Pray for Quintin's healthy development during this sensitive time.