

Unfortunately, this void is inescapable because it is caused by sin and "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." We all suffer from the same root disease. The disease rears its head differently in your life than mine and differently in the person across from you. But sin's goal is two-fold and not always the same for each of us every time. For some, sin will seek to remove your happiness and make you miserable and for others sin will seek to replace infinite happiness with temporal happiness. The result is the same, however oftentimes we do not realize it. It is utterly alarming some persons can believe they have the secret to happiness while others are starving for happiness and in a Biblical worldview neither have the happiness which brings eternal peace and contentment. There are thousands of books about finding happiness and the bestselling one is the Bible. God says, "[Bring] everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made" (Is. 43.7). If you want to be happy, give your life to the reason God gave you life: His glory. He knit you together in your mother's womb — every fiber of every muscle, including your heart. He knew every single one of your days before there was one. Thousands of years ago, he knew every detail of your day today. He hears every thought you think — every question, every temptation, every desire. (Ps.139) Don't you think he might know what will make you happy?

The source of happiness is declared to us as God Himself. God in the flesh, Jesus who demonstrated a life of happiness because He demonstrated an obedient life set exclusively upon doing the will of God which was serving others, not being served. So, the question of happiness may simply come down to whether or not we understand that life is best lived risking it for someone else. That's the core message of the gospel: "to love your neighbor", "to lay down your life", "to be a servant", to love every single person you see with the peace, contentment, and happiness you have because of faith in Jesus. So be happy because faith in Christ is the source of all happiness and it is available in its fullness to you and everyone else by sharing the gospel. Those who are the happiest in Christ are those who are sharing the most of Christ!

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SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

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1 Cor. 10:23-24/Eph. 5:8-11

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WESTERN CULTURE OF VIOLENCE

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Today's message (sermon) is on responding to the violence in our culture from a Biblical worldview. What are we to think and how are we to act? I wanted to cover the topic of peace, contentment and happiness in this article to ensure it gets adequate coverage. Sometimes as humans we do things, even destructive and harmful things, because we are seeking happiness. I know it doesn't make sense but don't we often "hurt the ones we love the most"? Now this may not play out in our life as a public violent act or even a private one. Our mode of choice to carry out our craving for happiness and the place we perceive our happiness to come from may be jealousy, sarcasm, arguing, excessive work, being overly lazy, disengaging ourselves, engaging ourselves to the extreme, desiring others (our children) to succeed in our place. Many things mask our desire for happiness but deep inside we all, each of us, have a desire for happiness. One of the barriers to that happiness is our own heart. Jeremiah 17.9 reminds us, "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" The heart is out to trick us because the heart is easily distracted and thus easily deceived. Many things will compete and too often win the affection of our heart; a girl or boy, even a husband or wife, a TV show, a hobby, success, all can set themselves up in our heart as more satisfying than Jesus. Thus we pursue these things for our happiness. What is complicated is these things, are not inherently bad, in fact they are neutral. Here's a important statement: many things if in life are inherently neutral but what we as humans, individuals, cultures and societies do with them assign these neutral things as evil or good. Husbands and wives are good things, if you have one it should be one of the best things but it cannot be the source of your happiness. Hobbies are good things. Opportunities for a rest from life's work and opportunities for the gospel unless the hobby becomes a source of happiness. So we can make these things beneficial and holy or cause them in our deceitful heart to be distracting and sinful.

We live in culture which is rife with amenities to create in us a feeling of happiness and yet more and more people are discovering they are not happy. The reason is because finite things cannot continue to make us happy, only the infinite love of Jesus can fill this void in our lives.

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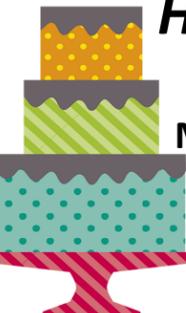
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March 29th
Donnie & Renee
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Happy Birthday!

TODAY-Sara Ballard
March 20-Lacy McClenithan
March 23-Chela Calves
March 24-Chic Cook



Sunday Services

Nursery.....
Children's Church...14
Morning Worship..147
Evening Worship....39

Giving Record

Tithes & Offering\$4,733.00
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March/April 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
18	19 6pm Stewardship Meeting	20	21 Business Meeting 6:30p	22 Meal Delivery: Linda Smith	23	24
	26	27	28	29 Meal Delivery: Helga Shackelford		31
	2 7pm Deacon's Meeting	3 House & Grounds Meeting 7PM	4	5 Meal Delivery: Margaret Bennett	6	7
8 Guest Speaker Mel Heal	9 6pm Stewardship Meeting	10	11 Business Meeting 6:30p	12 Meal Delivery: Cyndi Fischer	13	
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COUNTING COMMITTEE - MARCH 2018
Margaret Bennett, Susan Robertson, Bud Wilson

WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Sundays

9:30 A.M. Media Center Open
9:45 A.M. Sunday School - Education Building
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service - Sanctuary
Kids' Church K-5
6:30 P.M. Evening Worship - Sanctuary

Wednesday

5:00 P.M. Women's Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Live (TUPOS)
G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Mission Friends - Kids Bldg.
Women's Bible Study
Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study - Ed. Bldg.

USHERS OF THE WEEK
Adam Bunch
Damon Hughes
Scott Henderson
Jake Pendergrass

DEACON OF THE WEEK
March 18-24
Damon Hughes 781-0679
March 28-31
David Moore



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We're so glad you're here!

If you'd like information on joining the team going to Nicaragua in late July, See Pastor Marc Or Pastor Chris



MARK your CALENDAR
UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL


APRIL 1st

April 8th— Guest Speaker Mel Heal
Global Outreach Mission


SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2018

April 22nd—25th—Revival

MAY

Mother's Day
May 13th



March 25th
Kids Grades 5 & Under
Lunch will be provided.
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CANDY IS DUE BY WEDNESDAY NIGHT!

