

# Meadowbrook Baptist Church

102 North Park Drive

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**Sunday Morning Worship 9:00 AM**

**Fellowship Time 10:00 AM**

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**Sunday's Sermon**

**"Joy Comes from Trusting God"**

**Hebrews 11:6**

**Reach out to your Mothers this week any way you can. If she is in heaven, get down on your knees and thank God for her.**

## **JOY FROM OBEYING GOD**

**[A] Victory over Circumstances**

**Philippians 3:1 / 4:4;10-13**

**"I have learned to be content no matter what the conditions are. / Rejoice! I will say it again-rejoice!" / [Deut. 11:27 / Lk. 11:28]**

**"You will be blessed if you obey the commands of the Lord." / [Jesus said]**

**"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and practice it."**

I know what you want most because I want it and so does everybody else. We get married to find it and we get divorced. We start going to church to find it and we stop going to church. all want to be happy. God not only wants us to be a joyful person He commands and tells us to pray for it.

Sadly, few people find it. If we go after happiness as our main goal in life we will never find it, because life hurts us with its *troubles*[ Suffering] and Satan' gets us to hurt ourselves *with his temptations* [Sin].

Matt. 5-7 Joy comes from obeying and trusting God. The first century term for the highest form of happiness was "blessed".

In Jesus' summary of the Christian Life [Matthew 5-7] he begins it by saying if we obey his teachings we will be" blessed". He closes it by saying if we obey we will be like a person who builds his house [life] upon a rock and the wind and the waves of sin and suffering will not tear it apart. If we don't we are building our life on sand they on sand and they will tear our life apart.

**Circumstances:** The obedient life is the happy life because we never know what lies around the next corner. It can be big league suffering – the doctor says we have cancer or little league suffering- it rains every day we are on vacation.

A lady took her son to a child psychiatrist and said, "Doctor this kid is driving me crazy." The Doctor said, "Let me get this straight, did you say you have placed your mental balance and happiness in the hands of a four-year-old? This is what we let circumstances do to us.

The most joy filled book in the Bible is Philippians, and Paul did not write it sitting on a beach drinking Kool-Aid. He was in prison awaiting trial under the madman Emperor Nero, with a good possibility that he would be beheaded. He had lived through 20 years of beatings, being stoned, being put in jail, shipwrecks etc. And to top it off, he developed a chronic pain that he said, "tortured" him [2 Cor. 12-13).

**Philippians 1:1-26**How could he be joyful? {a}*He could pray.* The writer of Psalm 66 had a wonderful answer to prayer, and he said, "If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened to me."When we disobey, we face life on our own. God's love is unconditional but His help and blessings are not. One condition for receiving these