

What Is True Happiness?

Introduction. The average person probably thinks of happiness as feelings of pleasure and cheerfulness. However, according to the Bible happiness is much more substantial and lacking the whimsical nature so often associated with shallow happiness. For example, the Christian can even be happy while suffering and being reproached (1 Pet. 3: 14, 4: 14). There are five Hebrew and two Greek words translated "happy". They essentially mean to be at rest and safe. One translation reads, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (KJV, John 13: 17). Another reads, "...blessed are ye if ye do them" (ASV). Happiness, then, is blessedness - blessedness based on obedience to God's commandments.

The Bible pronounces certain ones as happy.

Those who have mercy on the poor are happy according to Solomon (Prov. 14: 21). Those who acquire wisdom, trust in the Lord, and keep God's law are said to be happy (Prov. 3: 13-18, 16: 20, 29: 18).

Those who do not fall away, but endure are happy (Jas. 5: 11). You have probably already noticed that external conditions do not determine happiness. Hence, Paul could be content (happy) while in prison for Christ (Phili. 4: 11-13, 1: 7).



Doing God's will produces an atmosphere which is conducive to true happiness. Children are taught to obey their parents in the Lord (Eph. 6: 1). Two reasons are supplied: "For this is right" and "that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Eph. 6: 1-3). Not loving life, guilty conscience, and nothing to look forward to all result from not being in covenant relationship with God (1 Pet. 3: 10-12, Eph. 4: 4, see Prov. 13: 15).

Conclusion. God wants to bless us (make us happy), but we must submit to Jesus' Lordship and do what God tells us in his word (Luke 6: 46, Jas. 1: 12). Such is true happiness.

Order of Worship

Reminder: Prayer Requests can be submitted via the "chat" feature on Zoom during the service.

Songleaders - Eric Cimuchowski
Welcome & Announcements
Opening Prayer

Song # 742 -
When Upon Life's Billows

Song # 800 -
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Lord's Supper
Contribution

Kids 4 Kids

Prayer Requests

Song # 869 -
We're Marching to Zion

Scripture Reading -
Galatians 5:16-26

Sermon by:
Darryl Darden

"The Fruit Of The
Spirit Is Joy"

Song of Invitation:

Song # 779 -
I Love You, Lord

Song # 484 -
You Are My All in All

Closing Prayer



This Week's

Schedule of Events

** (In person & Zoom)

Building Lock Up:
Stretch Suba

****9:00 a.m. - Bible Class**

****10:00 a.m. -
Sunday Worship**

****10:00 a.m. - En Linea Servicio de
Adoracion (via Facebook Live)**



Monday, July 15, 2024

**7:00 p.m. - Spanish Night
of Prayer (Zoom)**



Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Bible Study on Zoom

**7:00 p.m. - Bible Study
Jeremiah Baker presents
"The Faith that Endures"**

**7:00 p.m. - En Linea
Clase Biblica**



For all the calls, the love, and
support.

Thank you 

Tianna Smith &
Ida Crawford



Tyson Crawford



The memorial
service for
Tyson Crawford is
Saturday,
July 20th at 10 a.m.

JULY This Week's Birthday's

15th - Shirley Fales
18th - Joseph Zammit
19th - Rudy Munoz
19th - Orvella Stallings
19th - Susan Stallings
20th - Taylor Schow



Anniversaries

14th - David & Shonte' Crump
18th - Benjamin & Teresa Lopez
20th - Johnny & Stephanie Latham

**Bette Henderson's
Memorial Service
will be on
July 20th at 4 p.m.**



11877 Baldy Mesa Rd.
VV CA 92392

Bette's favorite color was Red.
One could also wear Purple for
Sarcoidosis Awareness.
Food will be provided. Feel free to
bring flowers, plants, or a small dessert
in a disposable pan or dish.

Welcome

**Leah
Amsale'
Darden**

Born July 5th

8 lbs. 3 oz. 19 1/2 in.

the daughter of
Jeremiah & Ga' Brielle
Darden



Teen Swim July 21st

12-4 P.M.

The Gruwell's
10614 Adobe Rd.
Oak Hill, CA 92344

Bring a Friend, snack
& drink to share!

The sign up sheet is
located in the lobby.



Prayer

Requests



Please pray for our church leaders; our congregation; the homeless, and the veterans. Also for our country's leaders, our troops; and the future of our country.

Shut-Ins

Barbara Tidwell; Mattie McCarthy;
Sandy Wooten; and Shirley Fales.

Continual Prayers

The Ahumada family; Anthony Avalos; Anthony Hale Jr.; Betty Thomas; Charlie & LaVonne Powell; Chris Lopez; Felicia Ganaway; Gennie Lorenz; Hosia Ford; Ida Crawford; Marie Guess; and Melanie Gammage.

General

Bailey Everly; Betty Thomas; Brandi's daughter, Kelly; Dorothy Condos; Dixie Murphy; Eva Wityczak; Ida Crawford; Rita Greene; Tiana Smith; and Vicki Brown.

Health

Jake Baca's mother, Lucia;
Marilyn Owens; and all who are ill.

Thanksgiving

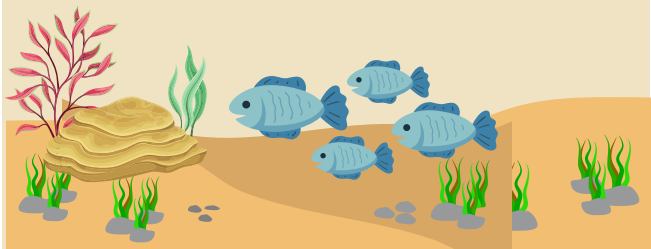
The Darden's; The Gruwell's; Tianna Smith & Ida Crawford.

Traveling

Tony & Lynn Rose; Yvonne Johnson;
and all who are traveling.

For Their Losses

Jan Hook and family with the passing of her mother-in-law, Dorothy Broughton.



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Deacons

Benjamin Lopez - Spanish Ministry

Craig Beck - Security

TBA - Benevolence

TBA - Greeters & Ushers

Chris Schow - Interior Bldg. Maint.

TBA - Men's Ministry, Disaster Relief

Mark Gruwell - Teens

Ministries & Coordinators

Audio Visual/Zoom

Jake Tess & Tim Gramling

AVPAC/Lucerne Valley

Johnny Latham

Building Décor

Tonja Patton

Calling Ministry

Carolyn Richardson &
Eva Wityczak

Call Out Ministry

M. Basnight; E. Cimuchowski;
T. Rose; & S. Suba

Song Leading, Singing

Jeremiah Darden

Children's Bible Hour

Claudia Beck &
Ga' Brielle Darden

Grief Support

Strech Suba

Historian

Kasie Schow

Kitchen

Pauletta Hobson

Ladies' Ministry

Kim Cimuchowski

Military

Pauletta Hobson &
Leisa Pond

Bulletin Mailouts

Marilyn Owens

Worship Coordinator

Jeff Najera

Savior's Kids

Jake & Danelle Tess

Teacher's Workroom

Nina Sutton

Youth Group

Mark & Renee Gruwell

Bernadett Gramling - Office Manager

Erica Lee - Bookkeeper

Staff

Andrea Barahona - Janitorial

Billy Caldwell - Auditorium Seating

Last Week's Statistics

Financial

Contribution 7/7/24	\$	6,292.19
Contribution 6/30/24	\$	3,295.97
Special Contributions	\$	623.00
Y.T.D. Contribution	\$	206,209.72
Teen Fund	\$	5,146.96
Mission Fund	\$	3,026.82
Scholarship Fund	\$	1,016.09
Kids 4 Kids	\$	103.00

Attendance

A.M. Bible Class	N/A
A.M. Worship	
In Person	127
Via Zoom	31
Wed. P.M. Bible Class	N/A
Mid Week Bible Studies	N/A