

DECEMBER 5, 2021

BAPTIST CHURCH

Greater  
Christ



From Pastor Perkins

## JOY TO THE WORLD



One of the best known and best loved hymns of the Christmas season is Joy To The World. You have sung this hymn since you were a child. Come on you know the words: Joy to the World, the Lord is come..." And, so on and so forth.

I sometimes wonder if we actually think about the words of these songs and the message they convey or do we just kinda go through the motions and sing them.

All of these "gospel set to melody" messages communicate a powerful message that, if heeded, can radically transform our lives. Take this hymn for instance. Its message is that Jesus brings joy to the human heart. What wonderful news! What a powerful experience if you have it!

Joy is not giddiness. It is not silliness! It is ones phony happiness. It is the spiritual quality in our spirit that causes us to be a intensely pleasant, upbeat and hopeful person. Joy is more than happiness. By comparison, happiness is a shallow fleeting experience. Happiness is based upon having one's way. When one has his or her way, it is presumable he or she is happy. Happiness goes and comes, again depending upon whether or not ones circumstance is as one desires.

Joy, on the other hand, is a personality trait. It is the way one is in his or her heart irrespective of one's circumstance. It is not fleeting. It is what sweet is to sugar. It is what wet is to water. It is what color is to the rainbow.

In Galatians 5:22, Paul lists joy as the fruit of the spirit. "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy..." It is sweetness in the heart. It is the first gift we receive when we receive Jesus into our heart. And what a joyless, sad and unhappy experience life would be without Jesus. Receive Him into your heart. It is the reason He came into the world.

Now sing that song: Joy to the World... Having joy makes a difference even in our singing.

Be blessed

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# NEWS AND NOTES

## DECEMBER 5, 2021

### Sunday Study Hour

8:15 am - 9:15 am

w/ Sharon Smith - Conference # 605 468 8870 Code: 2632276#

8:45 am - 9:45 am

w/ Rev. Dr. Cynthia Miller

Call the church office & leave email address or cell number

Experiencing God w/ Janice King - meet.google.com/pev-vuzc-gld

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

w/ Penny Covington & Gytina Roy - Dial: 425-436-6341 ID: 7447507

6:00 pm - 7 pm

w/ Deacon Jeanette Stewart - Dial: 605-475-4858 Code: 896661

### Wednesday Noon Study Hour

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

w/ Rev. Dr. Cynthia Miller - Dial: 774-220-4000 ID: 721 9004

### Saturday Study Hour

9:00 am - 10:00 am

w/ Rev. Leroy Heard

Call the church office, leave your email address; link will be emailed

### COVID-19 VACCINATION

Ages 5 and up

Greater Christ Baptist Church  
Activity Center

3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Wednesdays

December 8, 15, 22, & 29

Parents must accompany children

Sponsored by Wayne County Health Department and  
the Michigan National Guard

### Free Computer Coding Classes

Mondays, 5pm - 6pm

Ages 7-17

Call (313) 924-6900 or  
email: greaterchrist@ameritech.net  
to register!

## 6 WAYS TO GIVE to Greater Christ Baptist Church

CALL FOR PICK UP BY A DEACON

MAIL TO THE CHURCH

IN PERSON @ CHURCH OFFICE

ONLINE @ WWW.GREATERCHRISTCHURCH.ORG

THROUGH THE  APP

TEXT-TO-GIVE

TEXT "GCBCGIVE" TO 54244

## 24/7 prayer

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

## 313.924.9599

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask  
for in prayer, believe that you have  
received it, and it will be yours.

- Mark 11:24

## GCBC Prayer Call

Wednesdays, 7:00 am - 7:10 am

Dial: (701) 801-1211

Access Code: 954-484-868



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POWER  
OF PRAYER**