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I Choose Joy!

Joy. Is that the happiness I have when things around me are fine? Doesn't it go away when life isn't working out the way I want?

Across the Bible - both in the Old and New Testaments, joy relates to victory. Remember David returning home from winning a battle and the joyful dancing that met him? The response to the reality of victory was joy! The more important the victory, the greater the joy.

Consider the joy Montreal Canadiens fans have now that they are victors over the Vegas Golden Knights and headed to the Stanley Cup final. If they win the Stanley Cup, in Old Testament terms, their joy will be even greater, eh?

Now though, as in the early New Testament church, real joy isn't connected with victory in national wars - or hockey games. Joy has a deeper meaning for us Christians today. In our relationship with God, joy is a response to the victory that Jesus Christ has won over sin and death. Better than an emotion that depends on external circumstances, joy for us is a state of being that is secure in Jesus' permanent, never changing victory! We can remain in this confident state such that even when life events shake us, our anchor in Christ's victory will hold us firm and secure. He never was, never is, and never will be defeated!

This summer we explore this joy in the book of Philippians. May we at the end agree with that old hymn, no matter what, "When I think of the goodness of Jesus and what He's done for me, my soul cries out, "Hallelujah! Praise God for saving me!" Will you choose joy?

Pastor Sabrina

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Memories

As I've been thinking back on my time spent at Kingsview I have some special memories that come to mind:

- men's retreat – getting lost and rescued in the snow

- youth retreats in October – lots of fun and good teaching
- communion times – especially Wesley Covenant Service
- book clubs and small group discussions
- Chilibowl and International Dinners
- playing games in the church with the youth – I believe I am still the hide and seek champion!
- my ordination
- picnics in the park
- bocce ball evenings with the men

Know that our time together has been very meaningful for me as

you've allowed me to grow as your Co-Pastor and in how you welcomed us as friends in the Lord Jesus. Kingsview will always be a part of our story and we are privileged to be a part of yours.

Pastor John-Mark

Meet Our Summer Interns

Deborah

I am a Registered Nursing student at Ryerson. I am very interested in giving back to my community and helping others. As I work in this community program I am looking forward to learning more about different cultures, educating others and gaining more experience with communicating with others.

Michelle

I have completed my high school education this year and will be attending University in the fall of 2021. The thing that I am looking forward to the most this summer as I work in the community program are the newly formed connections and possible friendships that will be created among the interns and the students as the program progresses.

Sippora

I have completed my first year as a Social service worker at George Brown College. My parents..*see pg.4*

A Blessing
From Pastor John-Mark

May God the Father, the author of all good gifts, shower you with all you need to thrive and grow and become his holy people.

May the love of Jesus live in you, and his teaching take root in you, so that you place your full life in his hands and make him the measure of what it means to be fully human.

May the unity of the Spirit be evident in you, with all humility and grace toward each other, relying ever more fully on his power to complete the work begun in you.

All this is possible because the Triune God has created us, loved us and saved us in his plan to renew all things in Christ.

Amen.

Special Feature

Cockram Family Farewell picture collage

(Interns cont'd) Jones, and Augustina, attend Kingsview Free Methodist Church with me. I am absorbed in supporting and helping my local community. What I am looking forward to in this summer community program is building connections with people from different cultures and backgrounds.

Yuvraj

I am a 16 year old High school student. Both my parents came from India but I was born and raised here in the city of Toronto and have had the pleasure to grow up in such a diverse environment. I enjoy watching TV shows, reading and playing music. Spending time with friends and family is of top priority to me. Through this opportunity to work as a tutor over the summer, I am hoping to improve my ability to explain certain concepts and the ability to tailor resources for a variety of individual needs.

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