

SCHEDULE

Live-streaming **Sun. 10:00 am**
Prayer Event **Wed. 6:30 pm**

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the family of Sandy Fry, (Laura's friend). She passed away on Saturday.

RETURNING TO *Livestreaming*

The high infection rates have resulted in a change in regulations: **gatherings must not exceed ten people**. Our Sunday Service will once again be livestreamed on JCC Facebook.

Sunday Livestream 10:00 AM

We apologize for the inconvenience, but we need to be flexible during this season. Thanks for your understanding.



THE CHRISTMAS PLEDGE

- 1. To remember those people who truly need my gifts.*
- 2. To express my love for family and friends in more direct ways and friends in more direct ways than presents.*
- 3. To rededicate myself to the spiritual growth of my family.*
- 4. To examine my holiday activities in light of the true.*
- 5. To initiate one act of peacemaking within my circle of family and friends.*

from Unplug the Christmas Machine | by Jo Robinson and Jean Coppic

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Continue to pray the weekly prayer for the healing of our lands and for a spiritual awakening among the nations. There is power in unified prayer!



THE GIFT

exchange

Dec 06 » Sadness for Joy
 Dec 13 » Emptiness for Fullness
 Dec 20 » Shame for Acceptance
 Dec 27 » Trouble for Peace

PRAYER REQUESTS

► SALVATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jason G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ray H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Gearen Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Stein Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick L. | <input type="checkbox"/> Kirk Aricioglu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheyenne W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike F. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave S. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan K. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tyler M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tom M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Bato R. |

► HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Suzie S. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Don H. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Frank » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kenny D. » Nuerological | <input type="checkbox"/> Tommy P. » Anxiety | <input type="checkbox"/> Robbie P. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley K. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Noe F. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Emma G. » COVID-related |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sam H. » Cardiac Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley P. » Restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandra V. » COVID-related |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth H. » Health Issues | of health | <input type="checkbox"/> Randy F. » Immune disorder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phyllis L. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Addison G. » Fibrosis | <input type="checkbox"/> Travis » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Macario A. » Dialysis | <input type="checkbox"/> Ramos fam » Loss of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michael D. » MS | <input type="checkbox"/> Herlinda R. » Health Issues | Pastor Edith |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Craig B. » Leukemia | <input type="checkbox"/> Juan A. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill W. » Heart aneurysm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art B. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Angela A. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Linda/Jay » Battling COVID |

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The kingdom of God must never be reduced to talk, ideas and principles. The kingdom of God is power.” —**Bill Johnson**

METRICS THAT MATTER (11/29/20)

ATTENDANCE ► 3

GIVING ► \$1,560

GUESTS ► 0

VOLUNTEERS ► 3

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0

*He will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. **Isaiah 61:3 (NLT)***

LOSSES LEAD TO SADNESS...



Childhood Losses



Teen losses



Loss of a childhood friend
Loss of a favorite pet
Loss of a grandparent
Closed schools

Loss of a parent
Loss of a teacher
Loss of a sports event
Cancelled proms



Adult losses

Loss of a job
Loss of a business
Loss of health
Postponed weddings

Unable to visit family and friends
Unable to mourn properly
Loss of a dream
Loss of a long-time friend

Our normal plan for dealing with sadness
—wait silently.

- We deny our losses.
- We delay our pain.
- We distract ourselves.



God's plan for our sadness is to talk to him about it.

- To acknowledge the reality of our pain.
 - To tell him about our pain and losses.
 - To hear from him about his comfort.
- Sadness is actually a gift.

David wrote Psalm 30 as a song for the dedication of the temple, and he again bares his heart before God and reflects on his own life experiences...

Remember that David had lost his best friend, Jonathan; his mentor, Samuel; his first wife, Michal's, affection; the first baby that he had with Bathsheba; and much more...



PSALM 30 NLT

A psalm of David.

A song for the dedication of the Temple.



I will exalt you, LORD, for you rescued me. You refused to let my enemies triumph over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you restored my health. You brought me up from the grave, O LORD. You kept me from falling into the pit of death. Sing to the LORD, all you godly ones! Praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime! Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning. When I was prosperous, I said, “Nothing can stop me now!” Your favor, O LORD, made me as secure as a mountain. Then you turned away from me, and I was shattered. I cried out to you, O LORD. I begged the Lord for mercy, saying, “What will you gain if I die, if I sink into the grave? Can my dust praise you? Can it tell of your faithfulness? Hear me, LORD, and have mercy on me. Help me, O LORD.” **You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy, that I might sing praises to you and not be silent.** O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever! **Isaiah 61:3 (NLT)**

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**WHEN YOU GIVE GOD YOUR SADNESS,  
GOD GIVES YOU HIS JOY.**

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ISAIAH 53:3 NLT

He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.



JOY IS A CHOICE...

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*Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.* **Habakkuk 3:17-19**

