



Lewiston Church of Christ

August 1, 2021

Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sun. Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 6:30 PM

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Grounds – Cody & Doyle Dawes

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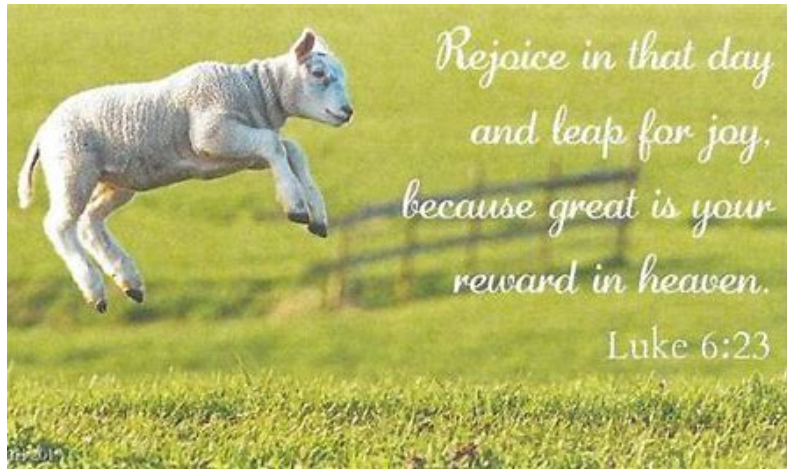
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“Jump for Joy!”

In the gospel of Luke, Elizabeth is described as a daughter of Aaron, the wife of Zechariah (a priest), and as “righteous in the sight of God.” But she was also old and barren.

Then, the angel Gabriel told Zechariah that his wife would bear a son named John. Gabriel added, “You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice over his birth.” (Luke 1:14). When Elizabeth did conceive, she rejoiced over God’s favor.

Gabriel was not done. He brought the same news to a younger relative of Elizabeth named Mary who was not barren but was a virgin. To inspire Mary’s confidence, the angel told her about Elizabeth and Mary humbly consented. Then she went to visit Elizabeth and when Mary arrived, Elizabeth’s baby jumped for joy inside her womb.

For both mothers, however, the rest of the story was not always so fun. Both of their babies grew up to be executed by governing authorities. The forces of evil were strong back then just as they are now.

But those evil forces were no match for the forces of joy that God had put into motion. John prepared the way for Jesus and Jesus paved the way for all who follow Him to overcome the forces of sin and death and end up in heaven forever.

Until then, we must endure hardships as overcomers. Jesus told His followers that when hatred, exclusion, and insults come our way (and they will), we should, “jump for joy!” Was Jesus kidding? No. He added, “...for behold, your reward is great in heaven.” (Luke 6:23).

I plan to stick with the mighty forces of joy, come what may.