



Gospel “E”

Weekly Email Newsletter

April 23, 2014

Weekly Devotion: ‘Oh, The Joys’

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob. (Psalm 114: 7)

It is difficult not to laugh when I catch my three-year-old daughter in the act of making mischief. She visibly trembles when she realizes she’s been caught doing something naughty. Often this reaction is followed by throwing an off-limits object on the ground, and running away to hide. Occasionally, this object is breakable and we have another matter on our hands altogether. Oh, the joys of being a parent!

The unexpected presence of someone who has power and authority over us can cause us to tremble, especially when his or her presence brings to light an error of our ways. In the presence of the Lord, who can turn a “rock into a pool of water” (v. 8), it is good and right to tremble when we are brought face-to-face with our own weakness and shortcomings. But what we always must remember is that like a loving and patient parent, God loves us and delights in us all the same. God never gives up on us, even in our worst moments. God’s patience never ceases. Oh, the joys of being God’s child!

O God, it is such a gift to be your beloved children through Jesus Christ. Grant us your grace and patience today. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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God’s Amazing Race

A new summer event is being planned for all ages of children to learn, grow and have fun! There will be three race nights: June 11, July 9 and August 13, 6:30—8:00 p.m. On a race night, there will be games/challenges, Bible study/devotions, crafts/art, music, snacks and plenty of fun. Cost is \$15 and includes three nights of fun this summer and a sweet t-shirt. If a parent signs up to volunteer, their child’s entry fee will be waived. Registration forms are available on the children’s bulletin board.

Spring Clean-Up

Many hands are needed to make the Spring Clean-Up Day a success. Come for as long as you are able on Sat., May 3, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

Spring Craft Retreat

Attention crafters! We will hold the Spring Craft Retreat on Sat., May 17, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Wold Hall.

Each crafter will get at least four feet of table space, lunch, dinner, beverages, and a fun time! This is a time to come and work on those unfinished projects or start a new one!

The cost is \$35 and all proceeds go to the St. James Youth Group. Sign-up sheets are outside the church office.

Mark your Calendar

- 5-3 *Spring Work Day*
- 5-4 *Spring Flower Fundraiser Pick Up*
- 5-11 *9:57 End of Year Celebration*

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