

June 13, 2021



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4 Most Repeated Commands in Scripture

“Praise the Lord,” “Do not fear,” “Rejoice,” and “Give Thanks” are four of the most often repeated commands in Scripture. These four commands also have something very joyous in common—joy itself. Consider the following:

Are you able to truly “praise the Lord” without experiencing some semblance of joy? Praising the Lord beyond the lip service that Isaiah mentions in Isaiah 29:13, where the people drew near with their lips while their heart remained far from him. This heart-filled praise is an elevation beyond what has descended around us to the God who has transcended above us! It brings joy.

When we fear we are the worst version of ourselves, aren’t we! Fear causes me to second guess becoming my own worst enemy. Fear paralyzes me and restricts Christian service. Fear weakens my faith. However, if I heed the Lord’s command of “Do not fear,” I am jolted into action without a second thought. I become emboldened in faith and serve sacrificially. I then am able to comfort others where God has comforted me (2 Corinthians 1:3–4)! Isn’t that where true joy is anyway?

Biblical rejoicing is a resting in the sovereign rule and provision of God. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38–39). For because of the joy that was set before him, Jesus endured the cross, despised the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of God (Hebrews 12:2). Therefore we have a great high priest who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses as he has been exactly where we are (Hebrews 4:14–16)! So we rejoice with a joy that is unspeakable and full of glory (1 Peter 1:8).

And “give thanks”. We give thanks in any and all circumstances. One preacher said, “God wants us to look past the things that frustrate, anger, disappoint, discourage, sadden, and depress us, and to see his grace—his all-sufficient, abounding grace (2 Corinthians 9:8)—the grace flowing to us right now, whatever our circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18).”

As one author said, “I in no way mean to trivialize the trials you may be experiencing. The suffering may be exquisite, the sorrow almost drowning, the fear near paralyzing. The Bible is as real-life as it gets. God says a lot about sin, sorrow, grief, pain, betrayal, failure, fear, horror, and wretchedness. But if you can believe it, God’s dominant theme is joy.” How do we become joyous? We live out the 4 most oft-repeated commands in Scripture: “Praise the Lord, Do not fear, Rejoice, and Give Thanks”!

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Worship: Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm; Bible Class 10:15 am

Wednesday: 6:30 pm

Sermon Titles:

Sunday AM: In His Image, pt. 1 (Genesis 1:26-27)

Sunday PM: In His Image, pt. 2 (Genesis 1:26-27)

SICK/PRAYER LIST

Lane Baker, Colton Clifton (deployed overseas), Marjorie Cox, Rhoda Gist , Mary Garrett, Eleanor Martin, Leo Martin, Helen Parker, Larry Phillips, Paul Richardson, Shelby Trousdale

FAMILY/FRIENDS: **Brian Allen** (son of Dwight & Linda Allen), **Willie Bird** (brother of Mary Garrett), **Bill Hogue** (brother of Elizabeth Prosser), **June Jones** (mother of Kaye Holderfield), **Larry Martin** (son of Leo & Hazel Martin-brother of Deb Harrington), **Virginia McCaleb** (mother of Beth Jordan), **Vance Pitts** (husband of Patsy Pitts), **Brett Wyatt** (10 year old son of friend of Amy Dickson-has leukemia)

CEDAR VIEW ASSISTED LIVING: Doug Webster, Room 111;

LAUDERDALE CHRISTIAN NURSING HOME:

Mary Nix, Room 6; **Glen Gist**, brother of Rayford Gist, Room 13

WEDDING SHOWER

All ladies are invited to a wedding shower, honoring AJ O'Daniel, bride-elect of Tony Tucker Jr, TODAY from 2:30-4 pm in the Family Room. Registered at Target and Amazon. Shower Team # 1 will serve as hostesses.

WEDNESDAY SUMMER SERIES

June 16th: Ricky Berger “Jars & Pots in the Bible” (John 2:6-10; John 4:28)

June 23rd: VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20th-23rd

6-8 pm

Age Birth-6th Grade; Adult Class

JUNE MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Evands Pierre

C/O Jean-Claubert Belton

Carrefour Michaud #46 Route Malpasse

Entrée Double Harvest

Croix des Bouquets

Haiti

CONGRATULATIONS

Buddy Smith & Margaret Fields were married on Saturday, June 5th. Please congratulate them on their marriage.

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PLACED MEMBERSHIP

Seth & Olivia Crocker have desired to place membership here at Florence Blvd. Their information is: 2710 County Road 30, Florence, AL 35634; Seth # 256-810-6044; Olivia #:256-335-1082. Please welcome them into the Florence Blvd family.

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SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Reba Coats and her family, in the loss of her sister, Libby Berry. Her funeral was conducted last week.

We also express our sympathy to Jeneane Ezell and her family, in the passing away of her sister, Brenda Beckham. Her funeral was conducted on Friday, June 11th.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 275 / On Line Views: 267

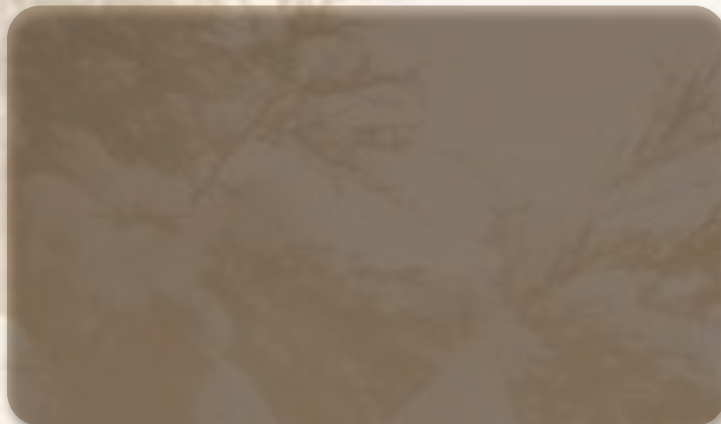
Sunday School: 217 / On Line Views: N/A

Sunday PM: 189 / On Line Views: 229

Wednesday: 177 / On Line Views: 154

Budget: \$13,300

Contribution: \$ 14,021



Sermon Titles:

AM:

PM:

Assignments

Morning Worship

Scripture Reader:

Evening Worship

Scripture Reader:

Leading in Communion:

Prayers

First –

Last –

Prayers

First –

Last –

Youth Led: (4:55pm)

Song:

Scripture:

Prayer:

Sermon Notes

Key Words:

Outline: