

# True Happiness

**Introduction.** The average person probably thinks of happiness as pleasure and cheerfulness (common definition). Happiness, according to the Bible, is much more substantial and, therefore, lacking the whimsical nature so often associated with shallow happiness. The Christian can even be happy while suffering and being reproached (1 Pet. 3: 14, 4: 14). There are five Hebrew and two Greek words translated happy. They essentially mean to be at rest and safe. One translation reads, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (KJV, John 13: 17). Another reads, "...blessed are ye if ye do them" (ASV). Happiness, then, is blessedness, blessedness predicated on obedience to God's commandments.

**The Bible pronounces certain ones as happy.** Those who have mercy on the poor are happy, according to Solomon (Prov. 14: 21). Those who acquire wisdom, trust in the Lord, and keep God's law are said to be happy (Prov. 3: 13-18, 16: 20, 29: 18). Those who do not fall away, but endure are happy (Jas. 5: 11). Kind reader, you have probably already noticed that external conditions do not determine happiness. Hence, Paul could be content (happy) while in prison for Christ (Phili. 4: 11-13, 1: 7).

**Doing God's will produces an atmosphere which is conducive to true happiness.** Children are taught to obey their parents in the Lord (Eph. 6: 1). Two reasons are supplied: "For this is right" and "that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Eph. 6: 1-3). Not loving life, guilty conscience, and nothing to look forward to all result from not being in covenant relationship with God (1 Pet. 3: 10-12, Eph. 4: 4, see Prov. 13: 15).

**Conclusion.** God wants to bless us (make us happy), but we must submit to Jesus' Lordship and do what God tells us in his word (Luke 6: 46, Jas. 1: 12). Such is true happiness.



# Order of Worship

Reminder: Prayer Requests can be submitted via the "chat" feature on Zoom during the service.

Songleader - David W./ Jeremiah D.  
Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Song # 985 -  
When Morning Comes (DW)

Song # 294 - You're the One (DW)

Lord's Supper

Kids 4 Kids (DW)  
Children Dismissed for Bible Hour  
(3 yrs. old thru the 3rd grade)

Prayer Requests

Song # 528 -  
I Know That My Redeemer Lives (JD)

Scripture Reading -  
Proverbs 3:13-18

**Sermon by:**  
**Darryl Darden**

"Happy Holidays"

Song of Invitation # 712 -  
Jesus Is Coming Soon (JD)

Song # 881 -  
Mansion over the Hilltop (JD)

Closing & Contribution Prayer



## This Week's Schedule of Events

**\*\***(In person & Zoom)

### TODAY

**\*\*9:00 a.m. - Bible Class**

**\*\*10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship**

**\*\*10:00 a.m. - En Linea Servicio de Adoracion (via Facebook Live)**

### Today

**Distribution of Holiday Boxes following morning service.**



*Today Bridal Shower for*  
**Danielle Turner**  
*following morning worship service in the fireside room.*



### Monday, December 19, 2022

**7:00 p.m. - Spanish Night of Prayer (Zoom)**

### Wednesday, December 21, 2022

**7:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Study (Zoom)**

**"Life of Christ in Stereo"**

**7:00 p.m. - En Linea Clase Biblica (Zoom)**

**8:00 p.m. - Youth Bible Study (Zoom)**



## Office Holiday Closure

In observance of the holiday season, the church office will be closed from **December 26, 2022, thru January 2, 2023.**



## *This Week's Birthday's*

**18th - Tyson Crawford**

**21st - Mike Agnew  
Bonnell Poole**



**22nd - Butch Simpson**



**23rd - Marshall White  
Caleb White**

## *Anniversaries*

**19th - Javier & Laura Hernandez**

**20th - Pablo & Elvia Aguayo**



## **Bible Hour**

**There will be no Bible Hour  
Christmas Day,  
Sunday, December 25, 2022.**



## **PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**



Jose Alvarado; Brandon Applegate; Jeremy Armstrong; Matison Brown; Andre Canady; Zack Cantu; Danny Eickmeyer; Robert Farrell; Alexis Flanagan; Anthony Guess; Scott Hendrickson; Raymond Holguin; Christa Johnson; Phillip Kent; Shaquille Manuel; James Mitchell; Sarah Moore; Konnor Radewald; Robert Rygoza; Rachel Smith; and Zack Sostak.



Thank you, to **ALL** of the  
teachers that have taught the  
**WHOLE YEAR.**



**We are looking to give them a break.**

If you can teach or interested in  
teaching next quarter, please contact  
Eric Cimuchowski or Tony Rose.



## *Prayer Requests*

Please pray for our church leaders; our congregation; the homeless, and the veterans. Also for our country's leaders, our troops; the future of our country.

### **Shut-Ins**

Barbara Tidwell; Ida Crawford; Shawn Weeks; and Sandy Wooten.

### **Continual Prayers**

The Ahumada family; Anthony Avalos; Anthony Hale Jr.; Bette Henderson; Bonnie Klockenteger; Charlie & LaVonne Powell; Don Vencill; Dorothy Condos; Dudley Brewster; Gennie Lorenz; Hosia Ford; Marie Guess; Marvin Mason Sr.; Marvin Mason Jr.; Raymond Holguin; Shirley Fales; Tyson Crawford; and Yvonne McClinton.

### **General**

Christina Wityczak; and our sisters and brothers in Christ.

### **Health**

Bella Avalos; Carolyn Richardson; Dan Hook; Danny Eickmeyer sister, Breanna; and Tommye & Joseph Frelote,

### **Thanksgiving**

Claudia Beck; Steve & Rose Bliss; and Tonya Patton.

### **For Their Losses**

GaBrielle Patton's friend, Sierra who lost her mother.



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Darryl Darden - Pulpit Minister

Carlos Orrala - Spanish Minister

### **Deacons**

Craig Beck

Steve Bliss - Song Leading, Singing

Mark Gruwell - Teens

Dan Hook - Men's Ministry, Disaster Relief

Benjamin Lopez - Spanish Ministry

Chris Schow - Interior Building Maintenance

Gerald Thomas - Benevolence

Mark White - Greeters & Ushers

### **Staff**

Billy Caldwell - Auditorium Seating

Bernadett Gramling - Part-time Secretary

Coleen White - Bookkeeper/Janitorial

### **Last Week's Statistics**

#### **Financial**

Contribution	12/11/22	\$	3,330.40
Contribution	12/4/22	\$	4,968.27
Special Contributions		\$	471.00
Y.T.D. Contribution		\$	39,767.31
Teen Fund		\$	5,107.89
Mission Fund		\$	2,513.55
Scholarship Fund		\$	1,521.09
Kids 4 Kids		\$	96.00

#### **Attendance**

A.M. Bible Class	N/A
A.M. Worship	
In Person	96
Via Zoom	37
Wed. P.M.	
Bible Class	N/A
Mid Week	
Bible Studies	N/A